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Subject: Fwd: SpaceX Tank Explosion - Feb 28, 2020
Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 8:50:44 PM

FAA should be advised. I spoke with Shelby Bassette today who oversees UTRGV Coastal Studies Lab on the island. She told me she was on Boca Chica beach doing a dolphin necropsy til 8pm that night and that there was no road closure when she left--2hrs before the explosion
Bryan
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From: David Newstead <dnewstead@cbbep.org>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: SpaceX Tank Explosion - Feb 28, 2020

Bryan, Kendal,
Looking over the emails about closures and revocations, it looks like they originally called for a closure window for testing on the 27th which they later revoked, and said they would use fall back date of the 29th. This incident happened on the 28th though, correct? At about 10 pm. At 10:44 pm the notice of revocation of the closure for the 29th was sent out, which would have been after the explosion. They never announced a closure on the 28th at all, as far as I can tell yet they went ahead with it? You can see from the one video that auto tail lights appear headed down the highway right before the explosion (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYeVnGL7fgw&fbclid=IwAR3tgpuAgqgRRE4-4SUA3X9524fhcSOgAs4LfVVh9wTcdIcT4mZrwk7VtJ4>).
Did I miss something? It is mind-blowing what they are getting away with out there.
David

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I received a voicemail from Davis Libbey with SpaceX At 10:04 pm last night on Feb 28 (Friday evening). I missed the original call. At 8am this morning I took a call from Randy Rees with SpaceX informing me they had a tank explosion during their test last night. He requested permission to walk in to identify debris. He asked to use ATVs as well. He stated the largest piece they could see was again NW of the launch site--same as when the top flew off the rocket last test. My staff will follow up on this event to better determine any nesting impacts from the explosion/ATVs and make recommendations for a least-damaging method to remove the debris. Randy stated some smaller pieces of the explosion were in the wetlands south of their launch site. CBBEP is monitoring nesting Wilson's and Sniwy Plovers already so they may have more specific nesting information. I will be in further communication with SpaceX about the locations of the debris field this afternoon. Bryan
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