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Linda Mayer, vice president of corporate marketing for Rexnord, parent company of Rexnord/Falk Geared Products Group, today released the following statement regarding lawsuits filed by the families of three employees killed in the Dec. 6 explosion at Falk's Canal Street facility:

"It was expected by many that this terrible tragedy would end up in court, and it's likely to be complex litigation. As the legal proceedings play out over time, we intend to keep our focus on our employees, our customers and our products, while never losing sight of the fact that we lost three valued employees and had many employees suffer injuries."