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**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of Public Health

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Mr. Martin S. Triche  
4554 Highway 1  
Napoleonville, LA 70390

Dear Mr. Triche,

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health (DHH) is reviewing environmental data collected in the vicinity of Bayou Corne to determine the potential for the general public's exposure to contaminants. If a completed exposure pathway is identified, available data will be evaluated to determine if exposure through ingestion, inhalation and/or dermal contact to measured levels could result in health effects.

The DHH has received and reviewed the following data related to the Bayou Corne event:

DATE (S) SAMPLED	DESC.	# of SAMPLES/ READINGS	SAMPLED BY	LABORATORY	PARAMETERS ANALYZED	DATE(S) REVIEWED BY OPH
9/23/2012	Air collected at Texas Brine Well	2	LDEQ	Accutest	Gases	10/2/2012
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9/25/2012	Air collected at Bubble sites	8	LDEQ	SPL	Gases	10/2/2012
9/25/2012	Air collected at Bubble Sites	4	LDEQ	Isotech	Gases	10/2/2012
9/26/2012	Water collected at 10 wells	10	LDEQ	Isotech	Gases	10/2/2012

These data are meant to characterize the gas in the bubbles and wells sampled. These type of analyses do not provide data that could be used for assessing public health implications.

DHH encourages local residents to heed evacuation orders issued, avoid restricted areas, and discuss any health concerns they may have with their physician. DHH will continue to monitor the situation for possible impacts on public health and review environmental data as it is made available to the agency. If you have any questions, please call me at 504-458-5428.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raoult Ratard', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

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