



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

October 5, 2012

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	PARAMETERS ANALYZED	DATE(S) REVIEWED BY OPH
8/4/2012	Water collected from slurry pit	3	LDEQ	TPH-GRO, TPH-ORO, TPH-DRO, Chloride	10/3/2012
9/8/2012	Soil collected from slurry pit	1	LDEQ	TPH-GRO, TPH-ORO, TPH-DRO	10/3/2012

To date, no completed pathway for the general public has been identified that would affect public health.

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', written in a cursive style.

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