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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,

As of Monday, August 13, 2012, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health has received and reviewed the following naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) water and soil/solid/sludge data related to the Bayou Corne event:

DATE (S) SAMPLED	DESC.	# of SAMPLES/ READINGS	SAMPLED BY	PARAMETERS ANALYZED	DATE(S) REVIEWED BY OPH
08/09/12	Water	4	LDEQ	Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM)	8/13/2012
08/09/12	Soil/Solid/Sludge	1	LDEQ	Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM)	8/13/2012

Based on the limited data reviewed to date, it does not appear that exposure to naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) poses an increased public health risk to individuals in the immediate area of the slurry for the time period sampled. Other potential public health hazards may exist and DHH will continue to work with state and local officials to identify those chemical and/or physical hazards and prevent and/or mitigate any risks.

We will continue to review environmental data as it is made available to DHH. If you have any question, please call me at 504-458-5428.

Sincerely,

Raoult Ratard, MD, MS, MPH, FACPM
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