



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 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
08/10/2012	Water from Wells (industrial)	12	LDEQ	Bromide, Sulfate	08/22/2012

To date, no completed exposure pathway for the general public has been identified. The response efforts mounted by state and local officials are ongoing and the situation remains fluid. Other potential public health hazards may exist and DHH will continue to work with state and local officials to identify chemical and physical hazards and prevent or mitigate any risks.

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,

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