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Oil Well Blowout

The operations of the Oil Well Blowout are expected to take anywhere from 5 to 10 days. Equipment is expected to arrive throughout the afternoon on Thursday, August 12, 2010. The company anticipates the beginning of the capping process to begin late Friday afternoon.

LA 70 between LA 1 and LA 996 remains closed due to the incident. Traffic is being re-routed via LA 996 and LA 1000.

Air space has been closed over and near the incident area. Wind directions and air monitoring are being monitored 24 hours around the clock. A slight oil smell is being noticed throughout the Paincourtville and Napoleonville areas. Authorities are aware and are addressing the issue. Preventive measures have been taken and are in place to avoid any damage to the water source. We do not expect to have any utility services interrupted.

A total of 6 homes and 1 business have been evacuated due to being within the 1 mile radius of the incident site.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at (985) 369-7386.

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