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Well Blowout

On Sunday, August 15, 2010, an assessment was made of the well site and preparations for placing a relief well and a staging area for capping the blowout well continues.

Several strategies and/or missions are being conducted: Plans for a control burn continue to be discussed, preparations continue to make the well site safer for the working environment and the capping of the well, mats and dirt are being brought in and placed around the well site for equipment to be placed for work to be performed.

Weather continues to be a problem (wind, rain, and heat). Safety is priority for workers and the community. Air monitoring is continuing 24 hrs. each day and there have been no readings outside of the immediate well site (1 mile radius).

Roadway Closure: LA 70 between LA 1 and LA 996 and LA 1003 between LA 70 and Klovville Ln. remains closed due to the incident. Traffic is being re-routed via LA 996 and LA 1000.

Evacuation: Only 6 homes and 1 business have been evacuated due the 1 mile perimeter that has been established around the incident site.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at (985) 369-7386 or the Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office at (985) 369-2912.