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Well Blowout

On Saturday, August 14, 2010, an assessment was made of the well site and a second attempt was made to perform a control burn. Due to the integrity of the well casing and/or well head, a second control burn attempt was not a success.

Several strategies and/or missions are being conducted: Continue to plan for a control burn to make the immediate well site safer for the working environment and capping of the well, lay mats down around the well site for equipment to be placed when it is considered to be safe for work to be performed, and preparing for a relief well to be brought onto location to assist in the work process for capping.

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

Roadway Closure: 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.

Evacuation: Only 6 homes and 1 business have been evacuated due to 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.