



**Assumption Parish Police Jury**  
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

P. O. Box 520

Napoleonville, LA 70390



**JOHN BOUDREAUX**  
*Director*

**MARTIN TRICHE**  
*Police Jury President*

Press Release #6  
Tuesday, August 17, 2010  
2:00 p.m.

August 17, 2010  
Press Release  
Well Blowout

On Tuesday, August 17, 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.

Progress improved on Monday, 8/16/10, the weather continues to make impact on the progress at the well site (wind changes and rain). Residents probably observed large amounts of black smoke coming from the well site on Monday. This was due to equipment on site prior to the blowout that was not able to be removed and residue and/or hot spots around the site that ignited from the wind change. The removal of the blown out well from the immediate area should take place on Friday and/or Saturday and the setting up of the relief well should take place on Saturday and/or Sunday weather permitting. Approximately 300,000 gallons of waste product from the blown out well was retrieved from the vacuuming performed within the dike areas. Estimating time for work to be completed could be from 3 to 6 weeks if weather permits and no problems occur.

Several strategies and/or missions are being conducted: Plans for a control burn continues to be discussed, preparations and construction are continuing to make the well site safe for workers and the environment. Mats and dirt are being brought in and are being placed around the well site for equipment and 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 Klozville Ln. remains closed due to the incident. Traffic is being re-routed via LA 996 and LA 1000.

Evacuation: Only 6 homes, 1 business and No Problem Raceway 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.

X:\Kim\My Documents\WORD\Oil Well Blowout Aug 11 2010\Press Release #6.doc