Oil Spill Responders to Hold Terrebone Parish Community Open House

Key contact numbers

Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816

Submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511

Submit your vessel for the Vessel of Opportunity Program: (281) 366-5511

Submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858

Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

Medical support hotline: (888) 623-0287

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HOUMA, La. – Representatives from BP, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Wildlife and Fisheries, the Environmental Protection Agency and other state and partner agencies responding to the Deepwater Horizon incident, will host an open house Friday, June 11, 2010 in Terrebone Parish at the Houma Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd. in Houma starting at 6 pm.

The open house will offer Terrebone residents the opportunity to engage one-on-one with experts about the techniques, strategies and materials being used in the spill response.

"We want to keep the local communities informed with the most accurate and timely information we have," said Coast Guard Capt. Roger Leferriere, Coast Guard unified commander at the Incident Command Post in Houma, La. "We want to communicate with the public and provide them with first-hand information on the topics that concern them most."

The open house will feature experts and representatives from responding agencies who will answer questions and provide visual information on the various tools, equipment and strategies that are being used in the response, including booms, burns, sand berms, skimming and dispersants. Agencies will be available to address concerns about environmental quality, wildlife, safety and resources available to residents. Information will also be available on the Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and volunteer and employment efforts.

Claims representatives will be available for any questions or concerns residents might have on the claims process.

For more information contact Lisa Burns at: (985) 209-8082

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