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**State Agencies Continue Response Efforts to Assist
Communities Impacted by Hurricane Isaac**

BATON ROUGE, La. – State agencies responding to Hurricane Isaac offered updates today about their efforts.

HOMELAND SECURITY

- GOHSEP continues to schedule Preliminary Damage Assessments with parish leaders and to coordinate the state requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). GOHSEP's Disaster Recovery Division will be the lead the agency's coordination with local leaders as they begin their long-term recovery efforts;

COASTAL

- CPRA is coordinating de-watering activities in St. John Parish where three 12-inch pumps and one 8-inch pump are running today and will continue until this evening.
- The LaPlace Park area of St. John Parish has been successfully de-watered to the point where pumps in that particular area are no longer needed.
- CPRA, DOTD and the Corps are working with St. John Parish to provide HESCO baskets to aid in storm proofing parish water-supply pump stations.
- CPRA picked up one 24-inch pump from Bayou Gauche in St. Charles Parish after successful de-watering operations there. That pump has been transported to Braithwaite Park in Plaquemines Parish to expedite de-watering operations.

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COASTAL

- CPRA engineers on site in Plaquemines Parish report the Louisiana National Guard will complete its operation to drop up to 900 sandbags into a 230-foot opening in a back levee near the communities of Braithwaite and Scarsdale. Sandbags weighing approximately 3,000 pounds each are being airlifted by helicopter and dropped into the breach.
- CPRA and the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board are continuing to assist the Plaquemines Parish Public Works Department by providing manpower to aid the parish in manning pumps de-watering Plaquemines Parish.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Since Wednesday, 27,105 households have been approved for \$11,359,098 in DSNAP benefits. Yesterday 14,468 households were approved for a total \$6,020,995 in DSNAP benefits, up by 1831 households and \$686,892 in DSNAP benefits from Wednesday.
 - Ascension – DSNAP cards: 693, Total amount: \$326,262;
 - Jefferson – DSNAP cards: 4657, Total amount: \$2,070,123;
 - Lafourche – DSNAP cards: 777, Total amount: \$340,391;
 - Livingston – DSNAP cards: 736, Total amount: \$353,551;
 - Orleans – DSNAP cards: 4474, Total amount: \$1,535,915;
 - Plaquemines – DSNAP cards: 311, Total amount: \$135,157;
 - St. Bernard – DSNAP cards: 670, Total amount: \$282,104;
 - St. John the Baptist – DSNAP cards: 825, Total amount: \$357,986;
 - St. Tammany – DSNAP cards: 1325, Total amount: \$619,506.
- In total, 255,154 DSNAP pre-applications have been submitted. Of these, 23,206 were submitted within the last 24 hours.

SHELTERS

- As of 6:00 a.m., there were an estimated 385 people registered at parish run and Red Cross shelters around the state. This is a reduction of 55 people in 24 hours. There are seven ARC shelters in Ascension, Jefferson (3), Livingston, St. John, St. Tammany and Washington reporting populations. The St. John Civic Center, which opened Tuesday night, reported a population of 61. There are no evacuees in state-run CTN and MSN shelters.

SHELTERS

- The only parish-run shelters with a census were the St. Bernard Recreation Center with 17 evacuees and Good Hope in St. Bernard with 69 evacuees.
- The Louisiana Workforce Commission continues to assist nonprofits, faith-based relief groups and volunteer organizations to ensure evacuees receive meals. By Thursday night, the LWC had helped to coordinate 450,452 hot meals for evacuees and communities hit by Isaac.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

- As of the end of the day yesterday, there are 38 water systems in the affected parishes under boil advisory.
- Public health strike teams will be going into some Red Cross and parish shelters today to do preventive influenza vaccinations in shelters that pose an influenza outbreak risk..

CORRECTIONS

- There are currently 174 inmate evacuees at Department of Corrections' facilities.

NATIONAL GUARD

- The Louisiana National Guard has 2,918 Soldiers and Airmen on duty in support of the response effort.
- The Guard is currently operating six POD sites. In terms of POD operations, the National Guard reports that 3,258,073 meals, 5,502,320 bottles of water, 1,412,042 bags of ice and 104,870 tarps have been distributed. The National Guard reports that the burn rate for the last 24 hours was 147,680 meals, 246,430 bottles of water and 7,903 tarps.

FEMA

- FEMA has opened a total of 10 Disaster Recovery Centers, with two more scheduled to open today. In total, there have 4,454 visitors to DRCs.

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