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Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness  
Parish Directors Subcommittee

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Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Governor of Louisiana  
P.O. Box 94004  
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Dear Governor Jindal:

In accordance with L.R.S. 29:725.6, and on behalf of the Regional Directors, I am pleased to submit this report on the activities of the Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Parish Directors Subcommittee (Regional Directors Subcommittee). The Regional Directors' Subcommittee scheduled monthly meetings during this time period covering July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. A brief description of topics covered follows:

**GOHSEP Update:**

- The Director attended numerous parish-sponsored hurricane preparedness meetings throughout the state.
- Louisiana received a Public Assistance declaration, from FEMA, for five (5) parishes related to the Red River flooding incident. In addition, Hazard Mitigation grant assistance related to the flooding incident was received as well.
- There were discussions regarding the possible opening of the Morganza Floodway to divert flood waters from farmland. The U.S. Corps of Engineers decided against opening the floodway. The Corps does pay the farmers for land flooded by such decisions. Farmers lost an approximate \$2 million of soybean crops due to flooding.
- Louisiana sent disaster recovery managers to Texas, Colorado and South Carolina through the EMAC program to assist with the severe flooding aftermath.
- GOHSEP conducted multiple procurement and school emergency planning workshops.

**Shelter Task Force:**

- The State Shelter Task Force conducted a workshop on August 4<sup>th</sup> to identify new shelter sites. Information gathered during this event is being used to improve sheltering capabilities statewide.

**Regional Updates:**

**Region 1-**

- Shell and the U.S. Coast Guard conducted an exercise replicating aspects of the BP Oil spill for two days in New Orleans. This exercise afforded an opportunity for response teams and industry liaisons to gain interface experience.
- A DHS exercise, "Crescent Shield" was conducted simulating a HAZMAT event at the Michot plant in New Orleans. This exercise was also conducted in three additional locations in the United States. This event assisted DHS with creating operational guidelines for large chemical releases in multiple urban areas.

**Region 2 -**

- A building, to serve as a base for 1<sup>st</sup> responders in the south east, was completed at the Lamar Dixon complex as a DHH project.
- Active Shooter and mass casualty exercises were conducted in the region during this report period.
- A Chinese vessel suffered an explosion and hazmat release during this report period. The vessel's products were cross loaded to barges by salvage contractors.

**Region 3 -**

- A TEPW event, conducted in Terrebonne Parish, went well.
- The annual Waterford III nuclear plant exercise was completed during this report period.
- Parish officials and the Bureau of EMS met to discuss one point of contact for requesting medical special needs ambulances.

**Region 4 –**

- A Haitian delegation visited Iberia, St. Martin, & St. Landry Parish EOCs during this report period.

**Region 7 –**

- The Camp Minden M6 disposal contract with Explosive Services International has been signed. A third party contractor will build

the burning chamber in Oklahoma and ship it to Louisiana. The install is expected to take approximately 6 months. The burning process is expected to be a 6-8 month process. The expected 40,000 pounds of non-hazardous ash will be delivered to a landfill; location to be determined.

**Region 9 –**

- A TEPW event was successfully conducted during this report period.
- GOHSEP conducted a Public Assistance Outreach Workshop in St. Helena.
- A planning meeting was held with Canadian officials regarding a future train derailment exercise.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl J. Eues, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Earl J. Eues, Jr. REM  
Chairman, Regional Directors' Subcommittee