



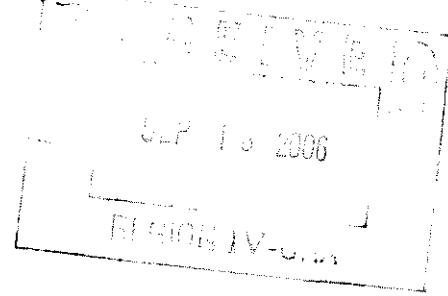
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Lisa R. Hammond, RAC Chairman
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Chemical and Nuclear Preparedness and Protection Division
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Dear Ms. Hammond:

The State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), is writing to confirm receipt of official notification of an identified Deficiency resulting from activities at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the 2006 State of Louisiana/River Bend Station Evaluated Exercise. The State of Louisiana understands that remedial actions must be taken to correct the Deficiency within 120 days of the exercise date, August 16, 2006.

Preliminary actions have already been taken by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOSHEP) to further clarify procedures, in order to ensure that EAS messages are transmitted in the proper sequence and in accordance with the established guidance. Demonstration of the remedial actions to correct this Deficiency will be completed on October 25, 2006, at the State EOC. The time of this re-demonstration will be determined at a later date. During the re-demonstration, the Information Technology Division Chief of the GOHSEP will demonstrate the revised procedure to play the EAS message one minute after the sounding of the sirens, after an interjected siren sounding time is communicated to him.

If you have any questions, please contact Nan Calhoun at 225-219-3621.

Sincerely,

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