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Baton Rouge, La. -- The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals will close oyster harvest areas 1-28, which are located from Lake Borne in St. Bernard Parish to Vermillion Bay in Vermillion Parish, effective at sunset on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012.

This is a precautionary closure because Tropical Storm Isaac, which is expected to strengthen to hurricane status before landfall, could cause flooding in coastal parishes that would cause natural contaminants to be washed into rivers, bayous and streams, where they can then flow into the oyster-growing areas. These shellfish-growing areas will remain closed until such time as they are re-opened by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is monitoring the situation as Tropical Storm Isaac continues to strengthen. Louisiana Secretary of Public Health, Dr.coln. Paul B.重要的是，他们能够提供准确、及时的决策支持信息，从而实现更高效的资源分配和生产力提升。