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**BATON ROUGE, La. -- It is possible that oil and oily material present in the environment as a result of the<br />**

**2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill will wash up on beaches, barrier islands, marshes, and other areas along<br />**

**Louisiana's coast during and following severe weather events. Members of the public should not handle any<br />**

**oil or oily material, including tarballs, tar mats, or other oily debris. Reports of any oil, oily material, or oiled<br />**

**debris should be made to both of the following numbers: (1) the National Response Center at (800) 424-<br />**

**8802 and (2) the 24-hour Louisiana Emergency Hazardous Materials Hotline at (877) 925-6595.<br />**

**Calls made to the National Response Center and the Louisiana Emergency Hazardous Materials Hotline<br />**

**will allow state and federal teams to respond to reports of remobilized oil or oily material once it is safe for<br />**

**personnel to resume work along the coast. It is important that all reports of oil, oily material or oiled debris<br />**

**be made directly to the state and federal response numbers.<br />**

**Health Information<br />**

**The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals advises residents to avoid areas affected by oil.<br />**

**Residents should follow the guidelines below.<br />**

**• Avoid direct skin contact with oil, oily material and oiled debris.<br />**

**• Do not drive your boat through oil slicks or oil sheens.<br />**

**• Young children, pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems and individuals with<br />**

**underlying respiratory conditions should avoid affected areas.<br />**

**• Do not let pets enter oil-affected areas.<br />**