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BATON ROUGE – Governor Bobby Jindal flew over the dam at Percy Quinn State Park and met with local officials in Tangipahoa Parish to assess ongoing evacuations as a result of the potential breach of the dam in Mississippi. Later in the day, Governor Jindal traveled to Madisonville today where he toured the damage done there by rising water levels as a result of Hurricane Isaac.

Governor Jindal said, “I talked to Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant and the folks in Mississippi are beginning the process of intentionally breaching the dam over in Mississippi. The intent is to allow approximately 8 feet of water to come out and then reinforce the structural integrity of the dam. They estimate that if the process is successful, and I want to emphasize that this is very preliminary based on rough modeling, that it would not have significant impact on water levels in Louisiana.”

“We talked to the National Weather Service and without a breach of the dam we are looking at water levels being at 15 feet down river. If a controlled breach is not done and the dam breaches then all that water would increase water levels to 17 feet down the river. That’s close to what happened in 1983 and 1990 and just below the record levels of 17.5. Make no mistake; it would be a significant flooding event for Tangipahoa Parish.”

“We have a lot of commercial buses here, we have a lot of high-water vehicles here, we have a lot of boats here, we have a lot of ambulances here, and we’ve got a lot