ST. CHARLES PARISH SUNDAY MORNING UPDATE

11:30 a.m. Sept. 2, 2012  |  Isaac Update #13

SEWER SYSTEM STATUS:
We continue to ask residents cut down on sewerage usage as widespread power outages are causing sewer backups. This includes activities such as taking showers, washing clothes, washing dishes, flushing, etc. As residents return and the system gets more use, backups will become more of an issue. We will continue to request this of our residents until power is fully restored across the parish. Tap water remains SAFE in St. Charles Parish.

POWER UPDATE:
As of this morning, 10,000 customers remain without power in St. Charles Parish. Entergy has 275 linemen in the area, 130 tree trimmers and 24 scouts. The current estimate to have power restored to the entire parish is Tuesday. Please note crews do not always have to be in your neighborhood to restore power to your home. Crews are working in all communities. We are posting areas where power has been restored at stcharlesgov.blogspot.com. The town of Montz is serviced by the LaPlace substation, which is still underwater in LaPlace. Crews are repairing lines in Montz so that when the waters recede power can be restored immediately. Entergy also has a 20-man crew working on a feeder out of Kenner into St. Rose. They are hopeful to get St. Rose through St. Rose Elementary powered today. Much of the damage to power infrastructure is in marshy areas, requiring specialized equipment to repair.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE:
FEMA damage assessment teams are in the parish today determining the parish's eligibility for individual assistance. Parish President V.J. St. Pierre has asked Gov. Jindal to intervene with FEMA to allow St. Charles Parish residents to seek for individual help for the damage they have suffered.