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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lafourche Parish Officials Monitoring Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico**

Lafourche Parish Government is currently monitoring the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused by last week's explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig.

"At this time, it appears the spill will stay to our east," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. "The U.S. Coast Guard and BP are handling the clean-up operations offshore, but if this oil spill threatens Lafourche, we will be ready to respond to protect our parish."

Lafourche Parish Government has *pre-positioned* contracts in place for just such an emergency.

"We are coordinating with the state and with other parishes in the region just like we do for hurricanes and other disasters," said Chris Boudreaux, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness. "We have been monitoring the situation from the beginning so that if we have to respond at the local level, we will be prepared to do so."

Associated Marine & Industrial (AMI) Staffing, Inc. is one of the contractors assisting with the disaster response. AMI Staffing has been putting up flyers around Lafourche Parish looking for workers who possess a Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) and a Hazardous Waste Operations (HAZWOP) Card. Interested workers can contact AMI Staffing's New Orleans office at (504) 832-6999.

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