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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **President Randolph Declares State of Emergency for Lafourche Parish; Issues Statement on Potential Flood Risk**

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph has declared a State of Emergency today, effective at 7:00 A.M., due to the flood risk to Lafourche Parish caused by the potential opening of the Morganza Spillway in association with the cresting of the Mississippi River.

President Randolph also issued the following statement regarding that potential flood risk:

“Lafourche Parish Government has been monitoring this entire situation for some time now, and we are well aware of the potential flooding risks if the Morganza Spillway is opened. As we continue in our efforts, we are hoping to have more detailed inundation maps in the very near future. At this time, Lafourche Parish residents simply need to continue to monitor emergency information through the Lafourche Parish Government website as well as local media, and stay informed as the situation continues to develop. Lafourche Parish Government and the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office are continuing to monitor the situation and we will immediately update the public as information becomes available.”

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