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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Parish President Randolph to Address National Oil Spill Commission**

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph will address the newly appointed National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling on Tuesday morning in New Orleans. President Randolph was selected as one of only three local elected officials as a panel to address the commission. Grand Isle Mayor David Camardelle and Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway will join her on the panel.

“This is our opportunity to express our concern with the drilling moratorium,” said President Randolph. “While we understand that this commission will not act on removing the ban, we will demand that our message be delivered to the White House immediately and that direct dialogue be scheduled with the proper authorities.”

The commission is convening its first public meeting in New Orleans July 12 and 13. The purpose of this meeting, as indicated by the commission, is “to hear directly from the people of the Gulf Coast whose lives and livelihoods have been so profoundly affected by the BP Deepwater Horizon spill.” They indicate those experiences will be the foundation for the commission’s recommendations to the American people, the President, and the Congress.

On May 22, 2010, President Barack Obama established the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. This week’s meeting is the commission’s first since its inception.

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