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Office of Emergency Preparedness Moves Operations Back to Mathews *Parish Will Continue to Monitor Oil Spill Cleanup Operations*

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) has moved personnel back to the main office in Mathews in an effort to resume normal operations in addition to oil spill cleanup operations.

“This is in no way a sign that our job is done with regard to the oil spill in Lafourche Parish,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “We will continue to work with the Coast Guard and BP going forward to make sure our Parish is returned to the state it was in before this disaster.”

Parish OEP Director Chris Boudreaux echoed those comments. “We are going to continue to monitor the cleanup efforts and strategies being used here,” said Boudreaux. “There is no timeline for when this entire cleanup process will end, and we simply have to get back to some sense of normalcy.”

Boudreaux noted that we are still in the midst of hurricane season and that while this oil spill cleanup is the top priority now, his office must always be working to be prepared in case any storm threatens the area.

The parish has also replaced the link to its Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Emergency Information page with a link to the Bayou Area Readiness and Recovery (BARR) Resource Guide. (<http://tinyurl.com/spillguide>)

“We actually worked hand-in-hand with this group (BARR) to include any and all resources and information pertinent to Lafourche Parish residents,” said Public Information Officer Brennan Matherne. “We had recognized a need for such a resource early on in this disaster, which is why we included much of this information previously on our website. We were happy to see it come together for multiple parishes like this.”

The Parish’s emergency information page can be always be found at any time on the OEP section of the website, though it is not updated on a frequent basis as during emergencies.

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