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State Agencies Continue Response Efforts to Assist Communities Impacted by Hurricane Isaac

BATON ROUGE -- The State agencies responding to Hurricane Isaac offered updates today about their efforts.

GOHSEP continues to schedule Preliminary Damage Assessments with parish leaders and to coordinate the state requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). GOHSEP's Disaster Recovery Division will be the lead the agency's coordination with local leaders as they begin their long-term recovery efforts;

CPRA is coordinating de-watering activities in St. John Parish where three 12-inch pumps and one 8-inch pump are running today and will continue until this evening;

CPRA, DOTD and the Corps are working with St. John Parish to provide HESCO baskets to aid in storm proofing parish water-supply pump stations.

The LaPlace area of St. John Parish has been successfully de-watered to the point where pumps in that particular area are no longer needed.

CPRA picked up one 24-inch pump from Bayou Gauche in St. Charles Parish after successful de-watering operations there. That pump has been transported to Braithwaite Park in Plaquemines Parish to expedite de-watering operations.

CPRA engineers on site in Plaquemines Parish report the Louisiana National Guard will complete its operation to drop up to 900 sandbags into a 230-foot opening in a back levee near the communities of Braithwaite and Scarsdale. Sandbags weighing