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Cleanup of Marine Shale Processors site in St. Mary parish to commence in February

BATON ROUGE - Cleanup activities are set to commence again soon at the Marine Shale Processors site in St. Mary Parish. The cleanup will involve dismantling portions of the facility and disposing of all the waste contained in the tanks and equipment at offsite locations permitted to accept the waste.

DEQ, the Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency and the primary responsible parties have entered into a cooperative agreement which will conclude with the cleanup of the waste and equipment. The process could last up to 100 days.

Three companies will be working on the cleanup and there will be visible activity at the Marine Shale facility. DEQ plans to keep local officials updated on the progress of the cleanup.

When the Marine Shale Processors site is free of waste the next phase of work will be done. This phase will involve testing the soil and groundwater to see what environmental impacts still remain from former site operations. The testing will be analyzed and will be used to conduct a risk assessment and to determine a final remedy and what other actions need to be taken to bring the site up to return the site to commercial use.

To access more information on the Cooperative Agreement or the Marine Shale cleanup, go to <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Default.aspx?tabid=2755>.