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LDEQ encourages securing of household chemicals and items in preparation for Morganza Spillway opening

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality encourages residents and business owners in the affected area of the Morganza Spillway to safely secure or remove household chemicals and materials in advance of the Spillway opening June 2.

Household chemicals can float and/or become inundated with flood water and present a hazard to human health and the environment.

Secure or remove items in and around your home or business. Hazardous or potentially hazardous materials include:

- Household chemicals, paint, herbicides, pesticides, caustic and flammable liquids
- White goods (refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves and similar appliances)
- Electronic appliances (computers, laptops, televisions, stereos, etc.)
- All other solid, nonhazardous wastes/debris (building materials, furniture, etc.)

• Drums, containers, propane bottles, waste tires, boats and any other items that can float and potentially cause damage

For more information, go to <u>www.getagameplan.org</u>

For information on securing livestock, visit: <u>http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/news/strain-prepare-livestock-for-possible-opening-of-morganza-spillway/</u>

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