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## The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality encourages planning now for hurricane season

Baton Rouge, LA — Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is asking that all of Louisiana begin preparing now for hurricane season and not to put off what could be lifesaving measures.

As the 2025 hurricane season commences, LDEQ is urging all residents to begin their preparation efforts now. At a June 3 press conference with Gov. Jeff Landry and the Governor's

Office of Homeland Security and **Emergency Preparedness** (GOHSEP), experts highlighted the importance of early action.

"Most of you are aware that the forecast for the upcoming season calls for normal to above-normal activity," State Climatologist Jay Grymes said. "It is likely to be a very active season."

Attendance at the conference included: LDEQ, Louisiana State Police, as well as the Louisiana National Guard, which now oversees GOHSEP.

The conference included displays of the technology and vehicles used by state agencies during emergencies, ranging from air

Courtney Burdette, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, views new drone technology that will allow for more efficient inspections and monitoring before, during and after a state emergency. Daniel Lambert, Senior Environmental Scientist for Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, left, and Jerry Lang, Assistant Secretary for Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Compliance, accompany the secretary.

boats and mobile command centers to emergency response vehicles to help care for animals.

"Preparedness is critical as we enter hurricane season. At LDEQ, we work closely with industry, local officials, and emergency responders to ensure environmental safety plans are in place and ready to activate," Assistant Secretary for LDEQ's Office of Environmental Compliance Jerry

Lang said. "Being proactive helps protect not only our environment but the health and safety of our communities across the state."

For more information on preparing for hurricane season please visit:

<u>Disaster Response Information | Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality</u>

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