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DEQ issues penalty to Stolthaven for failure to notify in timely manner

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality issued a penalty today to Stolthaven in Braithwaite for \$12,189.61. The penalty was issued because the facility failed to notify DEQ of an emergency situation within one hour of the occurrence. DEQ was notified of a release of 1-octene and Ethyl Acrylate from the facility on Sept. 1. The release occurred on Aug. 30th in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac.

DEQ issued the Stolthaven facility a notice of potential penalty on Sept. 4 for failure to notify in a timely manner. By law, penalties cannot be assessed until after 10 days from this notification.

“During the first phase of the investigation into the incident at Stolthaven, we found the facility did not follow the regulations to report an emergency in a timely manner,” said DEQ Peggy Hatch. “We will continue to provide oversight to ensure Stolthaven cleans up the area properly. As the investigation continues, there could be additional enforcement actions with the possibility of fines up to \$32,500 per day for each potential violation.”

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