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DEQ monitoring for odor concerns in Chalmette

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has deployed its Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory and other resources to the Chalmette area in St. Bernard Parish in response to odor concerns that began yesterday evening.

An inquiry was called into DEQ on Thursday night by the St. Bernard Fire Department regarding strong odors and a plume emitting from the vicinity of the Valero Refinery, Rain CII plant and Chalmette Refinery in Chalmette. DEQ environmental staff teams were deployed and are conducting air monitoring within the neighboring community in order to determine the origin of the odor as well as its chemical composition.

Monitoring by both DEQ and facility teams are ongoing at this time.

To report an environmental issue or concern, citizens may contact DEQ's SPOC line at 1-888-763-5424, or submit an inquiry online through the DEQ Web site at: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/forms/irf/forms/>.