



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Provides Update on Current Fire Situation

Westlake, Louisiana – July 2, 2024 - We would like to provide an update on the current fire situation. As of now, the fire at BioLab is 75% under control, and we are actively working to ensure full containment.

Key updates are as follows:

- **Chlorine Levels:** Plant monitors have reported non-detect chlorine readings, indicating that chlorine levels are within safe limits.
- **Road Closures:** There are no road closures at this time. However, winds are currently coming from the North-northeast, and we will reassess the situation as winds are expected to change.
- **Shelter in Place:** The Louisiana State Police (LSP) advises that the Golden Nugget and L’Auberge du Lac casinos shelter in place for their safety.
- **Air Monitoring:** LSP is actively monitoring the air quality at Westlake Chemical. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is en route to conduct air monitoring along I-210.
- **Ship Channel Precautions:** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has temporarily shut down mile markers 33-36 of the ship channel as a precautionary measure until further updates are available.

We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to provide updates as necessary. The safety and well-being of our community are our top priorities.

For more information, please contact: LDEQcommunications@la.gov.