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**WHO:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**WHAT:** Ready for Reuse Ceremony

**WHEN:** June 30, 2004  
11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Former England Air Force Base  
OakWing Golf Course-Clubhouse  
200 Vandenburg Drive  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

**WHY:** DEQ and EPA will issue the first Ready for Reuse determination to a federal facility in Louisiana. The former England Air Force Base is the recipient of this distinguished honor. A Ready for Reuse determination recognizes when a property has been evaluated and the property is safe based on its current or planned future use. Ready for Reuse is a new long-term "measure of success" and a key element of the Environmental Protection Agency's National Land Revitalization Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to make land revitalization and reuse a fundamental element of all state and EPA programs. The project will also foster economic development and ensure that properties are ready for productive use for the benefit of the environment, communities and business interests.