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ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE \$832,600 USDA GRANT FOR LASALLE PARISH

WASHINGTON, D.C.--U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-Louisiana, today announced that a \$832,600 USDA grant has been secured for LaSalle Parish.

According to the USDA, this grant (Rural Development funds) will be used to upgrade an existing water system. Upgrades include constructing 55,932 linear feet of 10-inch water line and 30,992 linear feet of 8-inch water line, installing meters and valves, constructing a new 33,800-gallon standpipe, and cleaning the existing standpipe. As a result of this funding, the rural residents of LaSalle and Catahoula parishes will continue to have access to safe, potable drinking water. This project is in a special emphasis parish located in the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Initiative.

Alexander said, "**LaSalle and Catahoula Parish residents need their water systems and supplies improved. This federal funding will address those needs.**"

"I'm pleased that USDA Rural Development made this grant available to upgrade and expand the water system in LaSalle Parish," said Vitter. **"This federal funding will ensure that residents of the parish will continue to have access to a dependable supply of drinking water."**