More Information for Louisiana   July 2010

While the EPA would like to answer all of your concerns and strives to help in every way we can, some areas of the Gulf response are not controlled by the EPA. To ensure all your questions are answered, we've included some frequent questions below, as well as the appropriate contact information.

What steps are being taken to ensure the workers in the Gulf are safe?
Please contact the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration at www.osha.gov/oilspills, or 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). You can also call your local OSHA office: Baton Rouge, LA – 1-225-298-5458

What will happen to the response efforts if there's a hurricane? How should I protect myself?
Please contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.fema.gov or
1-800- 621-FEMA (3362).

I'm out of work because of the oil spill. How can I get help?
President Obama arranged with BP on June 15 to compensate workers and business owners who have been harmed as a result of the spill.. The next day, BP began a $20 billion claims fund that is being controlled by an independent party to ensure claims are paid out quickly and fairly. This process is free of charge. You can file claims online at www.bp.com or over the phone at toll-free 1-800-440-0858.

How can I help the response efforts?
- General volunteer opportunities: 1-866-448-5816
- Report injured or oiled animals: 1-866-557-1401
- Report oiled shorelines: 1-866-448-5816
- Register boats to assist with response or submit technology: 1-866-279-7983

Local resources
To receive updates or sign up to volunteer visit www.volunteerlouisiana.gov, or call 2-1-1, (or 1-800-755-5175 out of state). If your question was not answered above, please contact the Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center at www.restorethegulf.gov or 1-985-902-5231.