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STATEMENT

RE: Beaird Industries Contamination Area

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has notified several residents in Shreveport, Louisiana about nearby groundwater contamination at Beaird Industries.

The department recently received test results from three monitor wells in the area of the Beaird site located at 601 Benton Kelly Drive. One of the wells showed Trichloroethene at 14 parts per billion (ppb) and 1-1 Dichloroethene at 31.5 ppb. Both of these results are above the Safe Drinking Water Act standards of 5 and 7 ppb, respectively.

Due to the direction of ground water flow in this area and the possibility that chemicals may have migrated off-site, the department issued written and verbal notification to residents who depend on well water in this vicinity and provided information on potential health effects of the chemicals. LDEQ has already contacted several of the property owners closest to the contamination and has sampled their drinking water wells. The final analytical results indicate that these wells are clean.

In the early 1990's, LDEQ became aware of ground water contamination at the Beaird Industries site and began working with Trinity Industries to clean up the site. As part of this activity, Trinity cooperated with LDEQ by installing numerous ground water monitoring wells and a ground water removal and treatment system.

Beaird Industries is a steel fabrication facility that manufactures, among other things, pressure vessels, railway cars, and steel towers. Beaird has been owned by several different parent companies such as American Machine and Foundry, Riley Co., Ashland Oil Company, and Trinity Industries, Inc.

The department will continue its investigation of the contamination and will keep nearby residents informed of any new developments.

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