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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **DEQ to remediate and crush vehicles for recycling at Almonaster location**

**What:** The Department of Environmental Quality and its contractor, DRC, Inc. will remediate and crush a large number of vehicles at its storage facility in New Orleans East. After the hurricanes of 2005, DEQ towed more than 10,000 vehicles to this location.

**When:** 12 – 1:30 pm, Wednesday, June 27

**Where:** 7800 Almonaster Blvd.  
New Orleans East

**Why:** These measures are being taken to prevent harm to the environment. Before the vehicles can be recycled, they are remediated on site. Mercury switches and Freon are removed first. Then the vehicles are lifted on to a rack so all essential fluids (oil, transmission, gas, antifreeze, etc.) can be removed. Once all the fluids are removed, the vehicles are then crushed for recycling. A single vehicle can be remediated and crushed in less than 20 minutes.