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WHO: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

WHAT: Mercury Workshop which is open to the public free of charge.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 28
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mercury in Schools
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mercury in Hospitals
3 to 5 p.m. Mercury Management for Local Governments.
The public is invited to any and all of the workshops.

WHERE: CHRISTUS Schumpert St. Mary Place Auditorium
One St. Mary Place
Shreveport, LA 71101

WHY: The workshop is part of DEQ's public outreach program to inform interested entities, such as schools, hospitals, local government and the public, about the dangers of elemental mercury. Mercury is commonly found in thermostats, mercury thermometers and in other items around homes. It can be found in school chemistry labs and in many devices used at hospitals. Mercury is a poison and can be extremely dangerous to those who come in contact with it.

Mercury advisories have also been issued for water bodies in Louisiana. There will be a discussion and an environmental scientist at the workshop to answer any questions concerning mercury advisories on area water bodies.