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### **LDEQ approves trial of evening debris removal operations**

**BATON ROUGE** – LDEQ today authorized DRC to begin a trial of evening operations to move debris staged at the North Sherwood Forest temporary location to the Ronaldson Field Landfill. DRC is the emergency services company contracted by East Baton Rouge Parish to handle debris removal after the severe weather event in August. The trial run begins Friday, Sept. 2, at approximately 6 p.m. and will continue each night for four nights.

“By allowing these limited night operations, we can speed up the debris removal even more,” LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown said. “We want to move the debris to the landfill as quickly as possible. As we work on this, safety is our top concern. We want to minimize the impact on traffic and use a route that avoids neighborhoods wherever possible.

“We ask the public to be patient. You may get held up a few minutes on your daily commute or on a trip to the grocery, but this is a necessary inconvenience. This debris has to be removed now.”

Mark Stafford, DRC vice president for response and recovery operation, said the route of the night hauls will be from Sherwood Forest to Choctaw Drive to Airline Highway to Interstate 110 to Scotlandville-Zachary Road and Thomas Road to Leisure Road to Rafe Mayer where Ronaldson Field is located.

“If all goes well with the trial, we will continue until the operation is complete,” Stafford said. “We realize the added traffic is going to have an impact,” he said. “We are meeting with the school board to make sure we accommodate school bus routes and times and to have the least impact on the students.”

“This will optimize operating parameters,” Brown said. “We want to do this quickly, but do it right. All white goods (stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers, etc.), e-goods (TVs, stereos, computers, etc.) and household hazardous waste (kitchen cleaning chemicals, paint thinners, paint, oil and fuel containers, etc.) will be separated out at curbside, staging area and landfill. These items will be removed from the waste stream and properly managed. This will also reduce the volume of debris headed to the landfill and speed up operations.”