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Several groups to assist owners/operators of storm-damaged water and wastewater facilities

What: Several groups will hold an open house for owners and operators of wastewater and drinking water systems that were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The forum is an attempt to help these facilities get back into operation.

When: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13. There will be a panel discussion at 10:30 a.m. Afterward, participants will be available to answer questions and provide information until 3 p.m.

Where: Oliver Pollock Room
DEQ headquarters/Galvez Building
602 North Fifth St.
Baton Rouge, La.

Why: Many water and wastewater systems were damaged during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This session will allow owner and operators to ask questions of the many different agencies that could help them get their facilities up and running. Open House Participants:

Louisiana Recovery Authority
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Louisiana Public Service Commission
Army Corps of Engineers
Delta Regional Authority
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration
FEMA
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Environmental Protection Agency
Small Business Administration