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***** HEALTH ALERT ENDS *****

Final Water Results In from Crosby Well Samples

Effective July 12th, Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) has removed the Health Alert for residents in the Crosby evacuation area regarding their drinking water. Analyses of the water samples collected from the wells in the evacuation area revealed no evidence of known health risks associated with accessing or drinking water from wells. Therefore the use of bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes is no longer necessary.

The water analyses were based on two rounds of sampling of the water wells. The water was tested for total petroleum hydrocarbons, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, and heavy metals that could pose a health risk. The samples were also tested for methane (which in certain amounts could pose a risk of explosion).

Residents are still asked to notify Louisiana Gas & Development Corporation (713-770-0735) and HCPHES Environmental Health Services (713-439-6260) if:

- the water appears milky, cloudy or bubbly. Call even it becomes clear after a few minutes;
- the water has a different odor;
- a noise like air is heard in the water pipes;
- the water is seen flowing to the surface at the water well;
- the faucet coughs and spits when first turned on or while running the water; or,
- the pump stops pumping and/or the well goes dry.

As always, HCPHES will update the public should public health conditions regarding the Crosby Well change.

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