

# ESRD NETWORK 13

Serving Arkansas, Louisiana & Oklahoma Renal Communities



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Dear Louisiana "At-Risk/Coastal" Dialysis & Transplant Providers,  
(Nurse Managers, Administrators, Medical Directors)

The Network has been asked to share the following information in regards to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill with Louisiana ESRD health care providers. Please share the information as applicable within your organizations.

## **REPORTING OF OIL SPILL-RELATED ILLNESSES & INJURIES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS**

The Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals/Office of Public Health/Section of Environmental Epidemiology & Toxicology (OPH/SEET) is tracking and evaluating **all acute health effects related to the BP Oil Spill**. Potential complaints include exposure to odors/fumes, skin contact with contaminated water or objects, heat stress, in addition to injuries such as lacerations/fractures resulting from clean up or containment activities. **All patients treated for an oil spill-related injury or illness should be reported to OPH/SEET as soon as possible**. This information is critical to state agencies monitoring the health impact of the oil spill on Louisiana residents and workers.

### **What to report:**

Patient name and contact information, name of reporting facility, name and telephone number of person reporting event, and brief description of health complaint and treatment. OPH/SEET will follow-up if more information is needed.

### **How to report:**

- Reporting may be done by telephone, email or fax. Please use the telephone hotline for afterhours and weekend reporting.

Telephone: 888-293-7020	(24 hours a day/7 days a week)
Email: <a href="mailto:oilspill.injuries@la.gov">oilspill.injuries@la.gov</a>	(Mon – Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm)
Fax: 225-342-8117	(Mon– Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm)

- For treatment information, call the Louisiana Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222. The Poison Center is staffed 24-hours a day and can provide medical management advice.
- For information on potential health risks related to the oil spill see [http://emergency.cdc.gov/chemical/oil\\_spill\\_qm\\_2010.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/chemical/oil_spill_qm_2010.asp)

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*Mission Statement: " To assess and improve the quality of care provided to individuals with End Stage Renal Disease "*