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Ascension Parish Government Signs Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LDEQ and L'Alumina, LLC

Donaldsonville, Louisiana – Ascension Parish Government is pleased to announce that a significant Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and L'Alumina, LLC (formerly Almatris Burnside, LLC) will be presented for review and potential approval at the regular Parish Council meeting tonight at 6 PM at the Parish Courthouse in Donaldsonville.

The Cooperative Agreement addresses the management and eventual closure of the L'Alumina site, an 864.80-acre property in Ascension Parish that includes spent bauxite stacks. The agreement outlines a closure plan to mitigate the effects of particulate matter currently impacting adjacent properties which has been a nuisance to residents for years.

Parties Involved:

- **LDEQ:** Provides oversight of closure planning and fund expenditure.
- **L'Alumina, LLC:** Responsible for the closure plan and maintaining the site post-closure.
- **Ascension Parish Government:** Supports closure activities by providing necessary fill material.

Closure Plan and Funding:

- Approximately \$5.5 million is held in trust for closure activities.
- L'Alumina will cover any additional costs if trust funds are insufficient.
- Ascension Parish will provide dirt or fill material and be reimbursed for transport costs.

Goals and Terms:

- The primary goal is to close the site and prevent bauxite particulate matter from affecting nearby properties.
- All closure activities require approval by LDEQ.
- L'Alumina will maintain the site post-closure to prevent health or environmental risks and hold Ascension Parish and LDEQ harmless for closure activities.

The Ascension Parish Council will hear details of this Cooperative Agreement tonight and may sign it into effect, demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship and community health.