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Parish/State Agencies Begin Demobilization Following Geismar Industrial Incident
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GEISMAR— State and local agencies are conducting demobilization efforts following a day of emergency response efforts that followed an explosion at the Williams Olifins Geismar Plant.

Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Richard Webre said all response agencies are now demobilizing with exception of Louisiana State Police (LSP).

Webre said LSP is now the lead agency at the scene and in charge of Incident Command.

State Police earlier in the day reported one fatality occurred and 73 employees were transported to three area hospitals.

Lamar Dixon Expo Center's gymnasium served as a reunification center for more than 170 employees and their families and has since been closed.

Webre said family members who may be searching for relatives employed at Williams Olifins Geismar Plant may call the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) information line at (225) 756-3442.

Officials report all roads are open except La. 3115 between La. 30 and La. 75 (River Road).