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MULTI-PARISH BURN BAN REVISED FOLLOWING HURRICANE LAURA

BATON ROUGE- State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning and Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain have lifted the cease and desist order for all private burning, pursuant to authority under R.S. 40:1602, for the following parishes: Allen, Beauregard, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, Jackson, Jeff Davis, LaSalle, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Union, Vernon and Winn.

The cease and desist order remains in place for Calcasieu and Cameron parishes. Private burning shall only be allowed by permission of the local fire department or local government. This revised order is effective as of 8 a.m., September 15, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

This ban shall not apply to prescribed burns by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, by those trained and certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or by those who conduct prescribed burning as a "generally accepted agriculture practice" as defined by the Louisiana Right to Farm Law (R.S. 3:3601 et seq.).

Violation of this Fire Marshal order could result in criminal and/or civil penalties.

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