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**Louisiana Inspector General to Monitor Emergency  
State Expenditures Related to Gulf Oil Spill Response**

*Members of public with concerns may call toll-free hotline: 1-866-801-2549*

**BATON ROUGE** – Louisiana Inspector General Stephen Street has announced that, at the direction of Governor Bobby Jindal, he has designated a member of his staff to monitor the state's emergency expenditures related to the response to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. To ensure a rapid state response to the spill, the governor issued an Executive Order relaxing the state's rules that normally govern state purchasing. The Executive Order includes a mandate that the Inspector General monitor transactions conducted under the emergency rules to ensure they are directly related to the spill and handled prudently.

Inspector General Street noted: "Our mission under law is to root out fraud, corruption and abuse in state government, and that will be our main focus in complying with the Governor's directive. We recognize that state agencies must have the flexibility to make decisions and respond quickly in an emergency situation. At the same time, anyone

who tries to take advantage of this emergency for personal gain will be right in our crosshairs.”

The Inspector General has already reached out to all state agencies to facilitate two-way communication between them and his office in this effort. Many state agencies have been actively responding to the oil spill for several weeks.

Any citizen with reason to suspect fraud, corruption or abuse in connection with the oil spill is encouraged to call the Inspector General’s toll free hotline at 1-866-801-2549. Alternatively, the public may also email such information by going to the Inspector General’s website, <http://oig.louisiana.gov/>.

The Governor’s Executive Order is number BJ 2010 – 8, issued May 6, 2010.

For more information related to the oil spill, visit [www.emergency.louisiana.gov](http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov).