Paris Road Landfill Fire

St. Bernard Parish, LA

January 1, 2006

Happy New Year!
Regulatory Authority

- National Disaster – Stafford Act
- Air Release – CERCLA
- Fire Emergency – Local Authority
- Local Political Issues
Parish President’s House

New Years Day!
Health & Environmental Assessment / Impacts

- Debris from Katrina Demolition/Cleanup
- Smoke Plume across Paris Road
- Impacting I-510 Bridge to Orleans Parish
Health & Environmental Assessment / Impacts

- Response causing a response
- Continuing debris issues
- Political issues between Parish and federal government
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

• Stationary Monitors - unmanned
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

- Stationary Monitors – manned
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

• Heavy Equipment
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

• Separate and Cover
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

- Air Drops
Suppression Techniques & Tactics

• Night Ops
The Unknown
Safety & Communications

• Monitoring Equipment
• Know what you need to know
• Communications
Safety & Communications

• Safety of walking
  – Around piles
  – On piles
Lessons Learned

• Available and needed resources, tactics & strategy are often different
  – Monitoring equipment
  – Fire Suppression equipment
  – Technical resources

• Competent review of data is essential

• Coordination, communication, coordination