



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-131

***RENEWAL OF STATE OF DISASTER
SMITTY'S SUPPLY FIRE***

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters;

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 29:274 (B)(1), Governor Jeff Landry declared a state of emergency on October 10, 2025, in JML 25-117, which is in effect through Sunday, November 9, 2025;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency or disaster to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster;

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency or disaster activates the state's emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is responsible for determining the requirements of the state and its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities and supplies in a designated disaster area;

WHEREAS, Smitty’s Supply Inc. in Tangipahoa parish caught fire on August 24, 2025, resulting in a fire that burned for several days and released thousands of gallons of petroleum products into the surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, soon after the fire began, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) took the lead on both fire suppression and measures to prevent the spillage of additional pollutants into the environment;

WHEREAS, cleanup crews continue active operations across multiple sites, employing containment booms, skimmers, and vacuum trucks to capture and remove recoverable waste from the Tangipahoa River and affected ponds, while ongoing work at the Smitty’s Supply facility focuses on containing and recovering waste on-site;

WHEREAS, the EPA has served as the lead agency for remediation in the affected area and has utilized its federal contractors to execute cleanup and recovery operations;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party’s failure to reach a federal funding agreement has resulted in a shutdown of the United States Government as of October 1, 2025, and the White House has indicated that the shutdown will impact federal contracts;

WHEREAS, the White House has announced that funding for all cost-based federal contracts will cease during the government shutdown;

WHEREAS, the EPA has communicated that it will cease all on-site activities effective October 15, 2025;

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish requires assistance from the State of Louisiana to continue active operations to capture and remove recoverable waste from the Tangipahoa River and affected ponds and to contain and recover waste.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of disaster is hereby declared to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the property of Louisiana.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724 (A)(3), the designated emergency area is the Parish of Tangipahoa.

Section 3: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which they deem appropriate in response to this declaration.

Section 4: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(I), the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551. et seq.) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq.) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this disaster, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

Section 5: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732. during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 6: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this disaster.

Section 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Friday, November 7, 2025 until Sunday, December 7, 2025 unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 7th day of November, 2025.


Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF
STATE


Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE