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***STATE SENATOR MILLS JOINS SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN AREA ON CHICOT AQUIFER***

District 22 Senator Fred Mills (R-Parks) is joining the Senate Environmental Quality Committee to hold a public hearing in New Iberia to discuss the affects of the Jefferson Island Storage & Hub on the Chicot Aquifer.

The committee will address the many concerns that have been raised about using water from the Chicot Aquifer, which provides drinking water to over 20 parishes, to hollow out caverns for the storage of natural resources. Sen. Mills and members of the committee believe that the proposal made by AGL Resources to expand their Jefferson Island Storage & Hub by using millions of gallons of drinking water in a time of severe drought is an issue that deserves a thorough investigation and in-depth consideration by all affected parties.

"It is always in the best interest of the people to have public hearings to hear all sides of the debate on this issue," said Sen. Mills. "The decisions that are made today may have an impact on our environment for generations to come."

Sen. Mills, along with State Representatives Simone Champagne (R - Jeanerette) and Taylor Barras (D - New Iberia), encourage all local and regional officials and concerned citizens to attend. The hearing will be held:

CHICOT AQUIFER PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH
5:30 PM
SLIMAN THEATER
129 EAST MAIN STREET
NEW IBERIA, LA

For more information on the hearing or on other important issues please visit <http://senate.legis.state.la.us/Mills/default.asp> or call Senator Mills' office at 337.845.4240.

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