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Statement by
FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DAVID HALSTEAD
Regarding the Oil Rig Fire off the Coast of Louisiana

“The State of Florida Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has been closely monitoring the reports regarding the oil rig fire on Vermilion Block 380 off the coast of Louisiana. The Coast Guard is reporting that the facility is a fixed platform and not a floating rig (like the Deepwater Horizon) and it is not believed that the platform does any drilling. The State Watch Office located in the SEOC operates 24 hours daily and will continue to monitor this situation. The SEOC is currently at a Level 3 with Operations and Plans staff monitoring the situation and providing updates as needed.”

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