Southeastern Louisiana University's Independent Monitoring of Lake Maurepas

Air Products is supporting a **three-year**, **nearly \$10** million project for independent biomonitoring research of Lake Maurepas by **Southeastern Louisiana University**.



Monitoring Process

- Southeastern Louisiana University is conducting a multi-phase research project, which began in 2022 where the team gathered baseline data to build a basis for its future biomonitoring activities.
- The next phase of monitoring runs from 2023
 through 2025, when SLU's team will continue to watch for any chemical or biological impacts on Lake Maurepas' wildlife or wetlands and aquatic environments.
- Southeastern deployed real-time monitoring buoys in early February, which will ultimately feed data to a public dashboard so members of the public can also monitor the health of Lake Maurepas. This data will allow other independent researchers to highlight any changes in the lake over time.



February 2024: SLU researchers real-time monitoring buoys into Lake Maurepas.

Learn more about Southeastern's research using the QR Code or below URL:



southeastern.edu/lakemaurepas

What will Southeastern monitor?

Aquatic and wetlands environments



Lake temperature, chemical levels, and pH levels





Animals including catfish, frogs, alligator nests, rangia clams, and crabs







About the Funding

- Air Products is committed to protecting the environment of Lake Maurepas, and it has engaged multiple third-party experts to independently monitor the environmental health and safety of the lake during the construction and operation of the Louisiana Clean Energy Complex.
- Southeastern's researchers have studied Lake Maurepas for years and are the leading experts on the lake's environment, and this

- independent biomonitoring research will further support and expand their efforts.
- Southeastern has **full control** over the funding, which will go toward research, data collection, and publicly provided analytical results.
- Southeastern will monitor the aquatic and wetlands environments of Lake Maurepas to include wildlife and other species that live in this ecosystem.

Air Products' Long History in Louisiana

55+

years in operation

18

operating facilities

330

Louisianans currently employed

