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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Division

Annual Quarantine Listing 2000

In accordance with LAC 7:XV.107 and 109, we are hereby publishing the annual quarantine.

Sweetpotato Weevil

(Cylas formicarius elegantulus Sum)

(a) In the United States: the states of Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and any other state found to have the sweetpotato weevil.

(b) In the State of Louisiana:

1) The entire parishes of: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Natchitoches, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana.

2) The property of Lera Bridges in Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 3 East.

Pink Bollworm

(Pectinophora gossypiella Saunders)

Pink bollworm quarantined areas are divided into generally infested and/or suppressive areas as described by USDA-PPQ.

Arkansas

- (1) Generally infested area: None.
- (2) Suppressive area: The entire county of Poinsett.

Arizona

- (1) Generally infested area: the entire state.

California

(1) Generally infested area: The entire counties of: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

(2) Suppressive area: The entire counties of: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Benito, and Tulare.

Nevada

(1) Generally infested area: The entire counties of Clark and Nyle.

(2) Suppressive area: None.

New Mexico

- (1) Generally infested area: The entire state.

Oklahoma

- (1) Generally infested area: The entire state.

Texas

- (1) Generally infested area: The entire state.

Phytophagous Snails

The states of Arizona and California.

Sugarcane Pests and Diseases

All states outside of Louisiana.

Lethal Yellowing

The states of Florida and Texas.

Tristeza, Xyloporosis, Psorosis, Exocortis.

All citrus growing areas of the United States.

Burrowing Nematode (*Radopholus similis*)

The States of Florida and Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Oak Wilt (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*)

Arkansas

Infected counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Craighead, Crawford, Franklin, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Nevada, Newton, Poinsett, Pope, Randolph, Scott, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Washington, and Yell.

Illinois

Entire state.

Indiana

Entire state.

Iowa

Entire state.

Kansas

Infected counties: Anderson, Atchison, Cherokee, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, and Wyandotte.

Kentucky

Infected counties: Adair, Allen, Ballard, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Graves, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Harlan, Hart, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Logan, McCracken, McLean, Magoffin, Marshall, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren, Wayne, and Webster.

Maryland

Infected Counties: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington.

Michigan

Infected counties: Barry, Barrien, Calhoun, Cass, Clare, Clinton, Grand Traverse, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Livingston, Manistee, Missaukee, Muskegon, Oakland, Roscommon, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wyne, and Menominee.

Minnesota

Infected counties: Anoka, Aitkin, Blue Earth, Carver, Cass, Chicago, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Le Sueur, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Ramsey,

Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Winona, and Wright.

Missouri

Entire state.

Nebraska

Infected counties: Cass, Douglas, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, and Sarpy.

North Carolina

Infected counties: Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Jackson, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, and Swain.

Ohio

Entire state.

Oklahoma

Infected counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Rogers, Sequoyah, and Wagoner.

Pennsylvania

Infected counties: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Clinton, Cumberland, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland.

South Carolina

Infected counties: Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, and Richland.

Tennessee

Infected Counties: Blount, Carter, Coker, Cumberland, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hardeman, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, Lincoln, Loudon, Montgomery, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Sevier, Sullivan, Union, Washington, and White.

Texas

Infected counties: Bandera, Bastrop, Bexar, Blanco, Basque, Burnett, Dallas, Erath, Fayette, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kendall, Kerr, Lampasas, Lavaca, McLennan, Midland, Tarrant, Travis, Williamson.

Virginia

Infected counties: Aleghany, Augusta, Bath, Botetoust, Clarke, Frederick, Giles, Highland, Lee, Loudoun, Montgomery, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Warren, Washington, Wise, and Wythe.

West Virginia

Infected counties: all counties except Tucker and Webster.

Wisconsin

Infected counties: Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Lincoln, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, St. Croix, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood.

Phony Peach

Alabama

Entire state.

Arkansas

Counties of Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Columbia, Crittendon, Cross, Desha, Drew, Hempstead,

Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Miller, Monroe, Nevada, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, St. Francis, Sevier, Union, and Woodruff.

Florida

Entire state.

Georgia

Entire state.

Kentucky

County of McCracken.

Louisiana

Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Red River and Union.

Mississippi

Entire state.

Missouri

County of Dunklin.

North Carolina

Counties of Anson, Cumberland, Gaston, Hoke, Polk and Rutherford.

South Carolina

Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Edgefield, Greenville, Lancaster, Laurens, Lexington, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York.

Tennessee

Counties of Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Hardman, Hardin, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, and Weakley.

Texas

Counties of Anderson, Bexar, Brazos, Cherokee, Freestone, Limestone, McLennan, Milan, Rusk, San Augustine, Smith, and Upshur.

Citrus Canker [*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*]

Any areas designated as quarantined under the Federal Citrus Canker quarantine 7 CFR 301.75 et seq.

Pine Shoot Beetle [*Tomicus piniperda* (L.)]

Illinois

Counties of Boone, Bureau, Cook, Champaign, De Kalb, DuBage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, La Salle, Lake, Lee, Livingston, McHenry, McLean, Ogle, Piatt, Platt, Putnam, Stephenson, Will, Winnebago and Vermillion.

Indiana

Counties of Adams, Allen, Benton, Blackford, Carroll, Cass, Dekalb, Delaware, Elkhart, Fountain, Fulton, Grant, Hancock, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Johnson, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marshall, Miami, Newton, Noble, Parke, Porter, Pulaski, Randolph, Shelby, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Wayne, Wells, White and Whitley.

Maryland

Counties of Allegany, Garrett and Washington.

Michigan

Counties of Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kalkasa, Kent, Lake, Lenawee, Lapeer, Leelanau, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette,

Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Clare, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

New York

Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Cortland, Erie, Genessee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Ohio

Counties of Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Belmont, Cameron, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fulton, Geauga, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyndot.

Pennsylvania

Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland.

West Virginia

Counties of Brooke, Hancock, Ohio and Tyler.

Wisconsin

County of Grant.

Any other areas designated as quarantined under the Federal Pine Shoot Beetle quarantine 7 CFR 301.50 et seq.

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Bob Odom
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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Division of Environmental Planning

8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Nonattainment Areas

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:1051 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 30:2058 et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the process to recommend to the EPA designation of parishes as attainment or nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) has been initiated. The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires that all areas not meeting the 8-hour ozone standard be designated as nonattainment.

The U.S. EPA requires states to submit to EPA their recommendations for area designations and boundaries by June 30, 2000. EPA's designation of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS will be based on the most recent three consecutive years of monitored air quality data, which are the years of 1997, 1998, and 1999. The air quality data for this period show that the following parishes do not meet the 8-hour ozone standard: Ascension, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston and West Baton Rouge.

The EPA recommends that any parish with an ozone monitor showing a violation of the NAAQS and any nearby parish contributing emissions need to be designated as nonattainment. Further, the EPA recommends that the MSA/CMSA serve as the presumptive boundary for the 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. Parishes that may receive that ozone nonattainment status are: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Terrebonne and Webster.

The LDEQ is seeking comment on the establishment of geographic boundaries for the 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. The public comment period begins on April 20, 2000 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on June 10, 2000, CST. Public hearings will be held as follows:

- (1) May 22, 2000, St. Tammany Parish Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA, at 10:00 a.m.
- (2) May 22, 2000, (Orleans Parish) State Office Building, 325 Loyola Avenue, 4th Floor, Room 409, New Orleans, LA, at 3:00 p.m.
- (3) May 22, 2000, (Jefferson Parish) Joseph S. Yenni Bldg., 122 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 509, Harahan, LA, at 6:00p.m.
- (4) May 25, 2000, LDEQ, 2nd Floor of the Trotter Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, LA, at 1:30 p.m.
- (5) May 26, 2000, Livingston Parish Courthouse, 20180 Iowa Street, Livingston, LA, at 10:00 a.m.
- (6) May 26, 2000, Ascension Parish Courthouse, 828-202 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA, at 3:00 p.m.
- (7) May 26, 2000, West Baton Rouge Parish Library, 830 N. Alexander, Port Allen, LA, at 6:00 p.m.
- (8) May 30, 2000, (Webster Parish) Minden Courthouse, 520 Broadway Drive, Minden, LA, at 9:00 a.m.
- (9) May 30, 2000, Bossier Parish Courthouse, 204 Burt Blvd., Benton, LA, at 3:00 p.m.
- (10) May 30, 2000, Caddo Parish Courthouse, 4th Floor, 501 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA, at 6:00 p.m.
- (11) May 31, 2000, St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 Hwy. 18, Hahnville, LA, at 3:00 p.m.
- (12) May 31, 2000, St. John the Baptist Parish Courthouse, 1801 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, LA, at 6:00 p.m.
- (13) June 5, 2000, (Terrebonne Parish) E. Houma Library, 778 Grand Calillou Road, Houma, LA, at 10:00 a.m.
- (14) June 5, 2000, (Lafourche Parish) Stark Municipal Complex, 2nd Floor Court Room, 1309 Canal Blvd., Thibodeaux, LA, at 6:00 p.m.
- (15) June 6, 2000, (Calcasieu Parish) Lake Charles Courthouse, 326 Pujo, Lake Charles, LA, 10:00 a.m.
- (16) June 7, 2000, St. James Parish Courthouse, 5800 La. Hwy. 44, Convent, LA, at 10:00 a.m.

(17) June 7, 2000, Iberville Parish Courthouse, 58050 Merlam Street, Plaquemine, LA, at 6:00 p.m.

(18) June 9, 2000, St. Bernard Parish Complex Building, 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA, at 2:00 p.m.

(19) June 9, 2000, (Plaquemines Parish) Belle Chase Library, 8442 Hwy. 23-B, Belle Chase, LA, at 6:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed nonattainment designations and geographic boundaries. Written comments may also be submitted at the time of the public hearing or sent to Ms. Annette Sharp, Environmental Planning Division, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178. Faxed comments should be sent to Ms. Sharp at (225) 765-0617. Receipt of written comments must be no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 10, 2000. For other details, you may call Ms. Sharp at (225) 765-0244.

A copy of the designation information may be viewed at the Environmental Planning Division from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at either 7290 Bluebonnet, 5th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA or at one of the following regional offices:

(1) Southeast Regional Office, 3501 Chateau Boulevard – West Wing, Kenner, LA.

(2) Capital Regional Office, 5222 Summa Court, Baton Rouge, LA

(3) Acadiana Regional Office, 100 Asma Blvd., Suite 151, Lafayette, LA

(3) Southwest Regional Office, 3519 Patrick Street, Suite 265, Lake Charles, LA

(4) Northwest Regional Office, 1525 Fairfield, Room 11, Shreveport, LA

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

The Department of Environmental Quality announces the availability of the April 15, 2000, edition of the *Semiannual Regulatory Agenda* prepared by the Environmental Planning Division, Regulation Development Section. The current agenda contains information on rules that have been proposed but have not been published as final and rules that are scheduled to be proposed in 2000. The agenda is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.deq.state.la.us/planning/regs/index.htm>. Copies of the agenda may be purchased by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment, Regulation Development

Section, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178 or by calling (225) 765-0399. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of the agenda.

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Division of Administration Office of Community Development

FY 1999 Consolidated Annual Performance
and Evaluation Report
and

Consolidated Annual Action Plan For FY 2001

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies which administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana the four state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD-funded program administered by each agency include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (HOME Investment Partnerships Program), the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services (Emergency Shelter Grants Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program). A summary of the four programs follows.

The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides financial assistance to parishes of less than 200,000 persons and municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 in their efforts to provide a suitable living environment, decent housing, essential community facilities, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community infrastructure systems such as water, sewer, and street improvements, housing rehabilitation, and economic development assistance in the form of grants and loans. Projects funded under this program must principally benefit persons of low and moderate income.

The objectives of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program are: to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income persons, to stabilize the existing deteriorating owner occupied and rental housing stock through rehabilitation, to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients/subrecipients, and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

The purpose of the Emergency Shelter Grants Program is to help local governments and community organizations to

improve and expand shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families, to meet the costs of operating homeless shelters, to provide essential services, and to perform homeless prevention activities.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program provides localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families.

The four agencies implementing these programs are preparing their consolidated annual performance and evaluation report for the FY 1999 program year which ended March 31, 2000. The purpose of that document is to report on the progress the State has made in addressing the goals and objectives identified in its Consolidated Plan for FY 1995-FY 1999 and FY 1999 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

The four agencies administering these programs are also beginning to prepare the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2001. The Consolidated Annual Action Plan will include a one year action plan for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2001 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned four HUD programs.

The State will hold public hearings for a two-fold purpose regarding these programs.

The first purpose of the hearings will be to receive comments on the State's performance during the FY 1999 program year. Copies of the consolidated annual performance and evaluation report will be available for review and each agency will present a summary of its accomplishments as identified in the performance report. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, copies of the performance report will be available for review beginning May 8, 2000, at the Office of Community Development, State Capitol Annex, 1051 North Third Street, Room 168 in Baton Rouge, at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency at 200 Lafayette Street, Suite 300 in Baton Rouge, at the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services at 333 Laurel Street, Room 606 in Baton Rouge, and at the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program Office at 234 Loyola Avenue, Fifth Floor in New Orleans. Written comments on the performance report may be submitted beginning May 8, 2000, and will be accepted until May 26, 2000. Comments may be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

The second purpose of the hearings will be to obtain views on the housing and community development needs throughout the State; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2001. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted beginning May 8, 2000, and will be accepted until May 26, 2000. Written comments may be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

The public hearings will be held on May 8, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 101 in the West Baton Rouge Governmental Building, 880 North Alexander Street, Port Allen, Louisiana, and at 1:30 p.m. on May 9, 2000, in the Council Chambers at the Pineville City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville,

Louisiana. These facilities are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Non-English speaking persons and persons with other disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at (225) 342-7412 or TDD (225) 342-7422 or at the mailing address in the preceding paragraph at least five working days prior to each hearing.

Mark C. Drennen
Commissioner

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Office of the Governor Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Notice to Conduct Restoration Planning Four Bayou Pass Oil Spill

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), have determined that the impacts of the November 24, 1999 discharge of crude oil by Chevron Pipe Line Company warrants conducting a natural resource damage assessment, which will include restoration planning.

On November 24, 1999, the Chevron pipeline ruptured, discharging 850 BBLs of crude oil into Four Bayou Pass, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Portions of Barataria Bay and Gulf of Mexico surface waters, marsh and other habitats and the fauna inhabiting this area were exposed to crude oil as a result of this discharge. Chevron Pipe Line Company has been named by the United States Coast Guard as the responsible party for this incident, pursuant to §2714 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. §2700 et seq. (OPA).

Four Bayou Pass is a shallow estuarine bay system characterized by soft organic sediment. Tidal amplitude is small, driven primarily by wind. It is bordered by extensive acreage of salt marsh, which is critical nursery habitat for numerous species and provides many other ecological services. The Four Bayou Pass area also includes bayous, channels and small islands. Aquatic species present include, but are not limited to estuarine and estuarine-dependent white and brown shrimp, blue crabs, oysters and finfish. Wildlife species that may be present in Four Bayou Pass include, but are not limited to resident and migratory birds, furbearers, marine mammals and sea turtles. Some of the species that may be present have threatened or endangered status. The area is used for fishing, hunting, boating, shrimping, oyster harvesting and other commercial and recreational activities.

The natural resource trustees for this incident are DOI, LOSCO, LDEQ, LDNR, and LDWF. These trustees are designated pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §2706(e), Executive Order 12777, and the National Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. Part 300.600 and 300.605. Pursuant to L.R.S. 30:2460, the State of Louisiana Oil Spill Contingency Plan, September 1995, describes the state trust resources, which include the following: vegetated wetlands, surface waters, ground

waters, air, soil, wildlife, aquatic life, and the appropriate habitats on which they depend. DOI has been designated as trustee for the natural resources that it manages or controls. Examples of those resources as described within the National Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. §300.600(b)(2) and (3), include the following and their supporting ecosystems: migratory birds, anadromous fish, endangered species and marine mammals, federally owned minerals, certain federally managed water resources, and natural resources located on, over, or under land administered by the Department. In the case at hand, the trust resources of concern are migratory birds and those are managed by the USFWS, which represents DOI in this matter.

Following the notice of the discharge, the natural resource trustees made the following determinations required by 15 C.F.R. §990.41: The natural resource trustees have jurisdiction to pursue restoration pursuant to OPA. The trustees have determined that the release of 850 BBLs of crude oil into the waters of Four Bayou Pass on November 24, 1999 was an incident as defined in 15 C.F.R. §990.30. This incident is not permitted under state, federal or local law. Using information gathered since the beginning of the incident during the response and natural resource damage assessment initiation phases, the trustees have determined that natural resources under the trusteeship of the natural resource trustees listed above may have been injured as a result of the incident. The oil released contains components that are toxic to aquatic organisms, birds, wildlife and vegetation at sufficiently high exposure levels. Vegetation, birds, and aquatic organisms were observed to have been exposed to this oil from this discharge and mortalities to some flora and fauna resulted from this incident.

Since the conditions of 15 C.F.R. §990.41(a) were met, as described above, the trustees made the further determination pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.41(b) to proceed with preassessment. Chevron Pipe Line Company, at the invitation of the trustees, agreed to participate in and to provide funding for the preassessment. They have been cooperative in sharing data, providing transportation for the trustees to the spill location, and have assisted in a follow-up investigation of the impact area conducted shortly after the initial spill.

For the reasons discussed below, the natural resource trustees have made the determinations required by 15 C.F.R. §990.42(a), and are providing notice pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.44 that they intend to conduct restoration planning in order to develop restoration alternatives that will restore, replace, rehabilitate, or acquire the equivalent of natural resources injured and/or natural resource services lost as a result of this incident.

Injuries have resulted from this incident. The trustees base this determination upon data which was collected and analyzed pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 990.43 and which demonstrates that resources and services have been injured. Natural resources injured as a result of the spill and spill response may include, but are not limited to: benthic communities, water quality, vegetated wetlands, fish and

wildlife species and recreational use opportunity. It is estimated that several hundred acres of marsh, sand shorelines, and open water habitat were exposed to at least oil sheen.

Response actions have not adequately addressed the injuries resulting from the incident. Although response actions were initiated promptly and pursued with appropriate effort, the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the environment precluded complete prevention of injuries to natural resources. It is anticipated that injured natural resources will eventually return to baseline, but there is a potential for interim losses to have occurred, and to continue to occur until return to baseline is achieved.

Feasible primary and compensatory restoration actions exist to address injuries from this incident. Potential restoration actions include, but are not limited to: replanting *Spartina alterniflora* in areas denuded by the spill; creation, enhancement or protection of marsh; creation of oyster reef habitat; and creation of bird colony areas.

Assessment procedures are to be used to evaluate the injuries and define the appropriate type and scale of restoration for the injured natural resources are available. Among the available procedures are marsh injury assessment studies to be used in conjunction with Habitat Equivalency Analysis to determine compensation for injuries to marsh vegetation and marsh services. Models or other approaches are available for evaluating injuries to fauna. Where models and other techniques fail to reflect migratory bird and threatened/endangered species injury, estimates of appropriate levels of injury to birds will be made by the trustees based upon: observations by wildlife officials, professional experience, knowledge of the habitat utilization by birds, and other factors.

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.44(c), the Trustees seek public involvement in restoration planning for this petroleum discharge, through public review of and comment on the documents contained in the administrative record, which is maintained in the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, as well as on the Draft and Final Restoration Plans when they have been prepared.

For more information, please contact the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office/Office of the Governor, (Attn: Warren P. Lorentz), 625 N. 4th Street, Suite 800, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; phone (225) 219-5800.

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator, as the Lead Administrative Trustee, and on behalf of the natural resource trustees of the state of Louisiana, and DOI, pursuant to the determinations made above and in accordance with 15 C.F.R. §990.44(d), hereby provides Chevron Pipe Line Company this Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning and invites their participation in the conduct of that restoration planning.

Roland J. Guidry
Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors**

Embalmer/Funeral Director Examinations

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors will give the National Board Funeral Director and Embalmer/Funeral Director exams on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Ave., New Orleans, LA.

Interested persons may obtain further information from the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, Box 8757, Metairie, LA 70011, (504) 838-5109.

Dawn Scardino
Executive Director

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, La. R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
W. C. Allen, et al	Bellevue	Arkansas Fuel Oil	001	122782
W. C. Allen, et al	Bellevue	Ardis & Company Inc	001	120872
Sam Backus, et al	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh-Knighton et al	001	106113
Sam Backus, et al	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh-Knighton et al	007	106454
Chas. L. Barnett	Caddo Pine Island	State-Backus et al	001	074337
Barnwell Drilling Co. Inc.	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh	002	096215
Douglas Bell	Caddo Pine Island	Craig	001	149509
Douglas Bell	Caddo Pine Island	Bickham	001	149970
Buford & Barnes et al	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	001	031227
Crow Drilling & Producing Co.	Bellevue	Kendrick	001	062646
W. K. Davis	Port Barre	Marie S LaHaye	001	071047

Delta Production Co.	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	001	058794
Edwards & Aber	Charenton	Paul LeBlanc	001	021875
Lafourche Realty	East Golden Meadow	Lafourche Realty	001	990429
J. C. Mayfield	Bellevue	Ardis & Co	B-2	040408
J. C. Mayfield	Bellevue	Ardis & Co	B-4	048081
J. C. Mayfield	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Co	016	041022
J. C. Mayfield, et al	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	009	053357
J. C. Mayfield & R. S. Barnwell, Jr.	Bellevue	Ardis & Co	001-C	040602
J. C. Mayfield & R. S. Barnwell, Jr.	Bellevue	Ardis	C-2	041966
Mississippi River Fuel Corp.	East Golden Meadow	Lafourche Realty	002	103020
Monegue Oil Co.	Tullos-Urania	Monegue Oil Co	001	023270
Montague Oil Co.	Tullos Urania	Zenorla Lbr Co	007	990430
Tommy Neal	Port Barre	Haas-Hirsch	002	074611
Oil & Gas Property Mgrmt., Inc.	Point Chicot	Nettie M Jones	001	104565
George H. Pierce	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh Knighton, et al	004	104022
George H. Pierce	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh Knighton, et al	010	105917
Pioneer Oil and Gas Co., Inc.	Point Chicot	W Alton Jones	004	081725
Pioneer Oil and Gas Co., Inc.	Point Chicot	W Alton Jones	003	081169
Recile-Chaft Oil Corp.	Vinton	M Gray	001	069882
Samedan, Tesoro & Lynam, Inc.	Wildcat	Lafourche Realty	001	141503
San Siegel, Unit Operator	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Co	C-1	042298
Vincent & Welch & McGhee	West Tepetate	Arthur Ardoin	001	027174
Vinton Petroleum Co. of Texas	Vinton	Gray Estate	001	005116
Vinton Petroleum Co. of Texas	Vinton	Gray Estate	026	005170

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Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Secretary
Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund**

Loran Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 10 claims in the amount of \$29,644.51 were received during the period March 2000. There were 10 claims paid and 0 claims denied. Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

26537	46979	Cameron
26665	46978	Cameron
26943	46961	Cameron
28085	46888	Terrebonne
28976	46778	Plaquemines

A list of claimants and amounts paid, can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 94396 Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225) 342-0122.

Jack C. Caldwell
Secretary

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**Department of Revenue
Severance Tax Division**

Severance Tax Rate on Natural Gas

Pursuant to the authority granted by R.S. 47:633(9)(d)(ii), the Department of Natural Resources has determined the "gas base rate adjustment" for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2000, to be 1.3855. Accordingly, the Department of Revenue has determined the severance tax rate on natural gas and related products described in R.S. 47:633(9)(a) to be 9.7 cents per thousand cubic feet measured at a base pressure of 15.025 pounds per square inch absolute and at the temperature base of sixty degrees Fahrenheit, effective July 1, 2000.

The reduced rates provided for in R.S. 47:633(9)(b) and (c) are not affected by this adjustment and remain the same.

The determination of this "gas base rate adjustment" and corresponding tax rate and their publication in the *Louisiana Register* shall not be considered rule making within the intention of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

Questions should be directed to Carl Reilly, Director of the Severance Tax Division at (225) 925-7497.

Brett Crawford
Secretary

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Family Support**

FITAP/FIND Work Programs, TANF
Caseload Reduction Report

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, hereby gives notice that, in accordance with federal regulations at 45 CFR 261.40, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Caseload Reduction Report for Louisiana is now available to the public for review and comment.

In order to receive a caseload reduction credit for minimum participation rates, the agency must submit a report based on FITAP and FIND Work Program data containing the following information:

1. a listing of, and implementation dates for, all State and Federal eligibility changes, as defined at §261.42, made by the State since the beginning of FY 1995;
2. a numerical estimate of the positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload of each eligibility change (based, as appropriate, on application denials, case closures, or other analyses);
3. an overall estimate of the total net positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload as a result of all such eligibility changes;
4. an estimate of the State's caseload reduction credit;
5. the number of application denials and case closures for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;
6. the distribution of such denials and case closures, by reason, for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;
7. a description of the methodology and the supporting data that it used to calculate its caseload reduction estimates;
8. a certification that it has provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology, considered their comments, and incorporated all net reductions resulting from Federal and State eligibility changes; and
9. a summary of all public comments.

Copies of the TANF Caseload Reduction Report may be obtained by writing Sammy Guillory, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, P.O. Box 94065, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9065, by telephone at (225) 342-6824, or via E-mail at sguillor@dss.state.la.us.

Written comments regarding the report should also be directed to Mr. Guillory. These must be received by close of business on May 31, 2000.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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