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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Boll Weevil Eradication Commission

Boll Weevil Eradication Hearing—1999 Assessment

The Boll Weevil Eradication Commission will hold an adjudicatory hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., March 10, 1999 at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Commissioner's Conference Room, located at 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, relative to the setting of the assessments levied upon cotton producers for each acre of cotton planted for the 1999 crop year pursuant to R.S. 3:1613 and LAC 7:XV.321. Said assessment shall not exceed \$35 per acre of cotton planted for 1999 in the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre of cotton planted for 1999 in the Louisiana Eradication Zone. Calculations made to date indicate that the assessments should not, in actuality, exceed \$10 per acre for the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre for the Louisiana Eradication Zone.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be afforded an opportunity to participate in the adjudicatory hearing. Written comments will be accepted if received prior to March 9, 1999, P.O. Box 3118, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3118.

Dan P. Logan, Jr.
Chairman

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of the Commissioner

Quarantine on Out of State Apiaries

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 3:2303 and R.S. 3:2304 the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry hereby exercises the powers granted to him by R.S. 2303 and 2304 in declaring a quarantine on out of state apiaries to control the small hive beetle.

WHEREAS: LA R. S. 3:2303 provides that the commissioner of agriculture, or the state entomologist, as the commissioner's designee, shall administer and enforce the provisions of LA R. S. 3:2301-2311 regarding the regulation of Apiaries.

WHEREAS: LA R. S. 3:2304 grants to the commissioner full and plenary power to deal with all contagious and infectious diseases of bees and all other pests of bees and authorizes the state entomologist to do and perform such acts

as may be necessary to control, eradicate, or prevent the introduction, spread, or dissemination of any and all contagious and infectious diseases of bees and all other pests of bees.

WHEREAS: the small hive beetle, (SHB) of South Africa, (*Aethina tumida*-Murray), is a newly discovered pest of honey bee colonies in the United States. SHB is established in the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Although first discovered in South Carolina in 1996 it was not identified as a pest of honey bees until shortly after being discovered in Florida in June of 1998. Distribution in the United States is not yet known but it is expected that migratory movement of bee colonies and the sale of package bees will disperse this beetle to other states, including Louisiana.

WHEREAS: SHB adults and larvae cause much damage inside the hive. Feeding larvae consume pollen and honey and heavily damage wax comb, especially newly drawn comb. Honey leaks from damaged comb and is normally spoiled from beetle waste. The resulting fermented honey is useless to the bees. Combs are left with a slimy residue that is not acceptable for re-use by bees. Bees may abandon the affected combs and areas, including, on some occasions, abandonment of the hive itself. SHB larvae also feed on stored comb and supers of honey in honey houses, especially frames containing pollen and become a major problem when honey supers are allowed to remain for long periods prior to extraction. Wax cappings set aside following honey extraction may become beetle infested. Bee brood rearing stops when SHB infestation reaches high levels in a colony and reports indicate that a colony is not able to overcome the problem. Recent reports indicate that honey bee brood is preferred over pollen.

WHEREAS: the value of a production colony of honey bees has been estimated at \$100.00. Production colony losses in Florida are initially reported to be approximately 2% or a minimum of \$460,000.00. Louisiana apiary industry with 39,000 production colonies produces gross revenues of approximately \$3,900,000.00. Applying Florida's 2% loss ratio to Louisiana's 39,000 production colonies would place our first year loss at approximately \$78,000.00.

WHEREAS: the movement of this pest into Louisiana will significantly injure honey bees and commercial and hobby beekeeping in this state because Louisiana's apiary industry and the Louisiana agricultural economy cannot sustain, on a yearly basis, the adverse economic impact that the SHB would have on the industry.

THEREFORE: I, Bob Odom, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority provided for in R.S. 3:2304 and LAC 7:XXI.2515, hereby designate all of Louisiana as a commercial beekeeping area and establish a statewide quarantine to prevent the spread of the SHB into Louisiana. The terms and conditions of the quarantine and the penalties for violations of the quarantine are stated below.

1.0 Prohibition

No association, common or private carrier, corporation, firm, individual, legal entity or any other person or entity shall bring, move or transport into Louisiana any regulated materials originating from or coming from the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina or any other areas where the SHB is discovered, except as set out herein.

2.0 Definitions

Person—Any association, common or private carrier, corporation, firm, individual, legal entity or any other person or entity.

Quarantined Areas—The states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina or any other state, U. S. territory, foreign country or geographical area where the SHB is discovered and is designated by the state entomologist as a quarantine area.

Regulated Materials—individual honey bees; honey bee colonies; package honey bees (including queen battery packs); bee hives; nuclei; comb or combless packages of bees; queens; used or second-hand beekeeping fixtures or equipment or any other thing that has been used in operating an apiary; and any other product, article, or means of conveyance, of any character whatsoever, when it is determined by an inspector that it presents a risk of spreading the SHB.

SHB—Small hive beetle, *Aethina tumida*-Murray; a predacious insect pest of the honey bee and related hive material.

3.0 Movement of Certain Regulated Material into Louisiana Under Permit

Honey bee queens and attendants in individual shipping cages will be allowed entry into Louisiana from quarantined areas when accompanied by a permit issued by an authorized agent from the state of origin that certifies the bees to be from an apiary free of the SHB. Each certificate shall be based upon an actual inspection of the bees to be shipped or moved into the state made within sixty days preceding the date of shipment. If any such bee is shipped into the state from a quarantined area but the state of origin is not a quarantined area then the bee must be shipped or moved in such a way as to preclude any possible contamination or infestation by movement through any quarantined area.

4.0 Amendment, Modification, Repeal of Quarantine

The commissioner or state entomologist may amend this quarantine to name other specific geographical regions subject to this quarantine; modify the provisions of this quarantine or terminate this quarantine at any time. Any such amendment, modification or repeal shall take effect at the time designated by the commissioner or state entomologist.

5.0 Notification and Publication

This quarantine as well as any amendment, modification or repeal of this quarantine shall, to the extent possible, be made known, by appropriate measures, to persons who may be affected by this quarantine or subsequent amendment, modification or repeal. This quarantine as well as an amendment, modification or repeal of this quarantine shall be published in the *Louisiana Register*, either in the month the action is taken or in the following month's issue, whichever issue is the first available issue for publication.

6.0 Penalties

A. If any honeybees, beekeeping equipment or other regulated material shipped from or moved through a quarantine area is found in this state in violation of this quarantine or is found to be infected with or exposed to SHB then the commissioner or the state entomologist may require the destruction, treatment, or disinfection of such infected or exposed bees, beekeeping equipment or other regulated material or immediate shipment of the bees, beekeeping equipment or other regulated material back to the point of origin.

B. Any person who violates this quarantine shall be subject to penalties provided in LA 3:2310 and LAC 7:XXI.2519 assessed by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

7.0 Date of Quarantine

This quarantine is established and takes effect at 12:00 o'clock p. m. on February 1, 1999.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Forestry Commission and Department of Revenue Tax Commission

Timber Stumpage Values

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry is hereby giving notice of the stumpage values that were adopted at the joint meeting of the Forestry Commission and Tax Commission held on December 14, 1998. The following stumpage values were adopted for the purpose of determining timber severance tax for calendar year 1999.

The Louisiana Forestry Commission, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as required by R.S. 47:633, determined the following timber stumpage values based on current average stumpage market values to be used for severance tax computations for 1999.

Trees & Timber	Price/Scale	Price/Ton
Pine Sawtimber	\$421.26/MBF	\$52.66/Ton
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$246.07/MBF	\$25.90/Ton
Pine Chip & Saw	\$104.82/CD	\$38.82/Ton
Pulpwood		
Pine Pulpwood	\$28.60/CD	\$10.59/Ton
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$19.84/CD	\$6.96/Ton

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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**Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Horticulture Commission**

Landscape Architect Registration Exam

The next landscape architect registration examination will be given June 14-16, 1999 beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the College of Design Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The deadline for sending the application and fee is as follows:

- New Candidates: February 26, 1999
- Re-Take Candidates: March 12, 1999
- Reciprocity Candidates: May 7, 1999

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, Box 3118, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3118, phone (225) 925-7772.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to February 26, 1999. Questions may be directed to (225) 925-7772.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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**Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Horticulture Commission**

Retail Floristry Examination

The next retail floristry examinations will be given April 26-May 1, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. at the 4-H Mini Farm Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The deadline for sending in application and fee is March 12, 1999. No applications will be accepted after March 12, 1999.

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, Box 3118, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3118, phone (225) 925-7772.

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Bob Odom
Commissioner

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**Office of the Governor
Oil Spill Coordinator's Office**

Terrebonne Parish Lake Barre 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), the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 May 16, 1997 discharge of crude oil by Texaco Pipeline Inc. warrants conducting a natural resource damage assessment, which will include restoration planning.

On May 16, 1997, the Texaco Pipeline Inc. Pipeline ruptured, discharging approximately 6,561 BBLs of crude oil into Lake Barre, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Several thousand acres of Lake Barre surface waters, marsh and other habitats and the fauna inhabiting this area were exposed to crude oil as a result of this discharge. Texaco Pipeline Inc. 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).

Lake Barre 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 Lake Barre system 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 Lake Barre 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, NOAA, 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 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. NOAA's trust resources include, but are not limited to, commercial and recreational fish species, anadromous and catadromous fish species, marshes and other coastal habitats, marine mammals, and endangered and threatened marine species.

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 approximately 6,561 BBLs of crude oil into the waters of Lake Barre on May 16, 1997 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. Texaco, at the invitation of the trustees, agreed to participate in and to provide funding for the preassessment.

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. At least 58 live birds were reported to be oiled, and two oil birds were found dead. Concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons were detected in water samples at levels known to be toxic to aquatic organisms in laboratory studies. It is estimated that over 4,300 acres of marsh were exposed to at least oil sheen, and the above-ground portion of some vegetation in limited areas was observed to have died as a result of the oiling and/or the response actions. An area of Lake Barre was effectively closed to recreation use during the early response phase of the incident.

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 prevention of injuries to natural resources. It is anticipated that injured natural resources will eventually return to baseline, but there is a potential for significant 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 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 rookery areas.

Potential 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, and in the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Offices (contact Earl Eues, Department of Environmental Services, 504-873-6739), 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, 1885 Wooddale Blvd, 12th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70806; (225) 922-3230.

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator, as the Lead Administrative Trustee, and on behalf of the natural resource trustees of the state of Louisiana, the DOI and NOAA, pursuant to the determinations made above and in accordance with 15 C.F.R. §990.44(d), hereby provides Texaco Pipeline

Inc. 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 Friday, March 26, 1999, 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 No.	Serial Number
Atlas Production Services	Lapeyrouse	6800 RD SUA; Bessie B Bourg et al	001	215979
Atlas Production Services	Lake Washington	BIG HA RA SUA; Price et al	001	141845
Atlas Production Services	Lake Washington	L 1 RA VUA; LLandE 1F	001	144930
Attaway Energy Group, Inc.	Bracky Branch	NAC RA SUA; Mahon	001	158808
Bauman and Lewis	Caddo Pine Island	Shreveport Pet Co	1-B	046783
Bradco Oil and Gas Company	Wildcat	Gulf States LDS and INDS Inc	001	090686

Bud's Pumping Service Inc.	Mean Lake	STUT A RA SUA; Catahula Co	001	201553
C. J. Brown	Caddo Pine Island	Muslow	B-7	020808
Caddo Oil Co., Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	Hobbs	001	024038
W. D. Chew	Caddo Pine Island	Caddo Levee Board	E-3	007309
Edgewater Oil Co. Inc.	Charenton	Paul LeBlanc	005	022410
W. C. Feazel	Bayou Perot	Feazel Int Et Al L Paillet et al	001	098376
Finn-House Co.	Tullos Urania	Price	001	990420
G. R. Goodwill	Greenwood-Waskom	Fullilove et al	010	094901
G. R. Goodwill	Greenwood-Waskom	Stringfellow A	001	136979
G. R. Goodwill	Greenwood-Waskom	Stringfellow B	001	137156
G. R. Goodwill	Monroe	Mutual Investment Co., Inc	001	081183
G. R. Goodwill	Caddo Pine Island	Sims	001	192888
G. R. Goodwill	Dixie	Adger B	001	191468
Great Yellowstone Corp.	Bayou Pigeon	E H Peterman et al	002	124753
A. R. Hancock	Caddo Pine Island	S C Helpman	001	020599
IMC Exploration Co.	Perry Point	CAM RA SUA; Gueno	005	140785
Marben Corporation	Bayou Bleu	Schwing et al	001	078089
Marben Corporation	Bayou Bleu	Schwing et al SWD	002	078927
Marben Corporation	Bayou Bleu	Schwing et al	01D	078998
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Utility	Bobcaw Fee	001	214913
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Utility	Peyton	001	214914
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Pool Lake	Catahoula	001	156247
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Pool Lake	Fisher B	001	156248

Mid-National Resources Inc.	Patton Church	Catahoula Bank	002	064608
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Patton Church	Hardie	B-1	143826
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Big Bayou	Louisiana Delta	001	097740
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Utility	Trunzler	001	193872
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Patton Church	Renfrow	001	208134
Mid-National Resources Inc.	North Willow Lake	Arnaud-Davis	001	102438
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Willow Lake	Arnaud-Davis SWD	002	103168
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Wallace Lake	Arnold-Macgruder SWD	002	150820
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Carr Lake	Trunzler SWD	001	107430
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Pool Lake	Fisher B SWD	003	159516
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Patton Church	W L Renfrow SWD	001	971280
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Lismore Landing	E-2 SUH; Fisher	001	199894
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Wallace Lake	Nolan WL	001	175948
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Big Bayou	Humble-Tensas Delta SWD	29-1	140729
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Big Bayou	WX D RA SUG; Humble-Tensas Delta	20-2	143671
Mid-National Resources Inc.	Big Bayou	WX A RA SUJ; Humble-Tensas Delta	029-4-D	147132

Mid-National Resources Inc.	Big Bayou	WX D RA SUG; Humble-Tensas Delta	20-2	143671
Midhurst Oil Corporation	University	9300 SUA; Duplantier	C-6	033479
Midstates Oil Corporation	Lisbon	Oden et al	001	041986
Ken Moran	Fort Jessup	Ken Moran	001	172885
Natural Gas Systems, Inc.	Rodessa	Norton B	001	018634
Natural Gas Systems, Inc.	Rodessa	Norton	001	990091
Natural Gas Systems, Inc.	Rodessa	Rockefeller	001	018980
Natural Gas Systems, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	Deborah Lynne	001	184127
Natural Gas Systems, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	Henderson Estate SWD	001	972036
Ocean Drilling and Exp.	Wildcat	SL 3759	002	112821
Power Reserves, Inc.	Iota	VUA; Georgia McNeil et al	001	201957
Power Reserves, Inc.	Big Lake	L DISC RB SUA; Richard	001	058407
Power Reserves, Inc.	Big Lake	VUA; J A Bel et al	001	061025
Power Reserves, Inc.	Big Lake	J A Bel et al	1-D	074814
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	Erin B	001	058732
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	SCH BD RB SUE; Erin B	1-D	069981
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	E BROU SU; C T Broussard	001	073994
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	E BROU SU; Ceva Richard	001	076005
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	E BROU SU; E L Eleazar	001	125741
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	E L Eleazar	1D	126349

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

Public Hearing—Nonhazardous Oilfield Waste

Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana revised Statutes of 1950 as amended, and the provisions of the Statewide Order Number 29-B, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at the Plaquemines Parish Council Chambers, 18039 Hwy 15, Pointe a La Hache, Louisiana.

At such hearing, the Commissioner, or his designated representative, will hear testimony relative to the application of Premier Environmental, LLC, 629 Village Lane South, Mandeville, Louisiana 70471-2929. The applicant requests approval from the Injection and Mining Division to construct and operate a commercial facility to store, treat and dispose by means of deep well injection, nonhazardous oilfield (Exploration and Production) waste (NOW/E&P waste), some containing regulated levels of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM). The proposed facility will be located in Section 1, Township 17 S, Range 15 E in Plaquemines Parish, south of Bohemia, Louisiana.

The application is available for inspection by contacting Mr. Pierre Catrou, Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, Room 257 of the State Land and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or by visiting the Plaquemines Parish Council Office in Pointe a La Hache, Louisiana, or the Parish Library in Buras, Louisiana. Verbal information may be received by calling Mr. Catrou at 504/342-5567.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at said public hearing. Written comments which will not be presented at the hearing must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at the Baton Rouge Office. Comments should be directed to: Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804; Re: Docket Number IMD 99-03, Commercial Facility, Plaquemines Parish.

Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner

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Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	Ceva Richard	002	161064
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	D C Broussard	001	208851
Power Reserves, Inc.	Erath	R Y Rose SWD	001	970655
Power Reserves, Inc.	Indian Village	King Corp A	001	154952
Power Reserves, Inc.	Indian Village	King Corp A SWD	002	154953
Power Reserves, Inc.	Indian Village	King Corp A	004	189803
The Texas Fuel Company	Rousseau	P J Theriot	001	216864
Thornton and Brooks, Inc.	Converse	DeSoto SWD	005	024393
Thornton and Brooks, Inc.	Converse	DeSoto Corporation	004	018165
Westar Oil and Minerals	Nolans Bayou	Broadhead	001	171353
Westar Oil and Minerals	North Big Island	Price SU97; Fuhrer	001	111880
Westar Oil and Minerals	Sandy Bayou	WX A RA SUK; La Delta Lumber A	001	103695
Westar Oil and Minerals	Nolans Bayou	Broadhead	002	175591
Westar Oil and Minerals	Nolans Bayou	VUB; Eota-Broadhead	002	192706
Westar Oil and Minerals	Nolans Bayou	VUA; Eota-Broadhead	001	188979
Westar Oil and Minerals	Nolans Bayou	VUC; Eota Broadhead	003	192707
John E. Yerger	Port Barre	Dezauche	004	047748

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

**Public Hearing—Nonhazardous Oilfield
Waste Treatment Facility**

Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended, and the provisions of the Statewide Order No. 29-B, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 1999, at the St. Mary Parish Council Meeting Room, 500 Main St., Franklin, Louisiana.

At such hearing, the Commissioner, or his designated representative will hear testimony relative to the application of US Liquids of LA, Ltd., P.O. Box 1467, Jennings, Louisiana 70546. The applicant requests authorization to construct and operate three injection wells on their existing commercial nonhazardous oilfield (exploration and production) waste (NOW/E&P waste) land farm facility on Bateman Island. The proposed facility will be located in St. Mary Parish, in Section 16, Township 16 S, Range 12 E.

The application is available for inspection by contacting Mr. Pierre Catrou, Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, Room 257 of the State Land and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or by visiting the St. Mary Parish Council Office in Franklin, Louisiana, or by visiting the Morgan City branch of the St. Mary Public Library located at 220 Everett Street, Morgan City, Louisiana. Verbal information may be received by calling Mr. Catrou at 504/342-5567.

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services**

Emergency Shelter Grants Program—1999

The Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) anticipates the availability of \$1,540,000 in grant funds for distribution to applicant units of local government under the 1999 State Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP).

Program funds are allocated to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through authorization by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended. Funding available under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program is dedicated for the rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, and for payment of certain operating costs and social services expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless. The Program also allows use of funding in homeless prevention activities as an adjunct to other eligible activities. As specified under current State ESGP policies, eligible applicants are limited to units of general local government for all parish jurisdictions and those municipal or city governmental units for jurisdictions with a minimum population of 10,000 according to recent census figures. Recipient units of local government may make all or part of grant amounts available to private nonprofit organizations for use in eligible activities.

Application packages for the State ESG Program shall be issued by mail to the chief elected official of each qualifying unit of general local government. In order to be considered for funding, applications must be received by DSS/Office of Community Services by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 23, 1999.

Nonprofit organizations in qualifying jurisdictions which are interested in developing a project proposal for inclusion in an ESGP funding application should contact their respective unit of local government to advise of their interest. To be eligible for funding participation, a private nonprofit organization as defined by ESGP regulations must be one which is exempt from taxation under subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code, has an accounting system and a voluntary board, and practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance.

The State DSS will continue use of a geographic allocation formula in the distribution of the State's ESG funding to ensure that each region of the State is allotted a specified minimum of State ESG grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. Regional allocations for the State's 1999 ESG Program have been formulated based on factors for low income populations in the parishes of each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Within each region, grant distribution shall be conducted through a competitive grant award process.

The following table lists the allocation factors and amounts for each region:

Region	Factor	Allocation
Region I New Orleans	.1572303	242,135
Region II Baton Rouge	.1120504	172,558
Region III Thibodaux	.0698830	107,620
Region IV Lafayette	.1522065	234,398
Region V Lake Charles	.0531706	81,883
Region VI Alexandria	.0764176	117,683
Region VII Shreveport	.1248105	192,208

Region VIII Monroe	.0985996	151,843
Region IX Northshore	.0746534	114,966
Region X Jefferson	.0809781	124,706

Regional funding amounts for which applications are not received shall be subject to statewide competitive award to applicants from other regions and/or shall be reallocated among other regions in accordance with formulations consistent with the above factors.

Grant awards shall be for a minimum of \$10,000. Applicable grant maximums are as follows.

Individual grant awards to applicant jurisdictions of less than 49,000 population shall not exceed \$50,000.

For a jurisdiction of over 49,000 population, the maximum grant award shall not exceed the ESGP allocation for that jurisdiction's respective region.

Grant specifications, minimum and maximum awards may be revised at DSS's discretion in consideration of individual applicant's needs, total Program funding requests, and available funding. DSS reserves the right to negotiate the final grant amounts, component projects, and local match with all applicants to ensure judicious use of Program funds.

Program applications must meet State ESGP requirements and must demonstrate the means to assure compliance if the proposal is selected for funding. If, in the determination of DSS, an application fails to meet Program purposes and standards, even if such application is the only eligible proposal submitted from a region or subregion, such application may be rejected in toto, or the proposed project(s) may be subject to alterations as deemed necessary by DSS to meet appropriate Program standards.

Proposals accepted for review will be rated on a comparative basis based on information provided in grant applications. Award of grant amounts between competing applicants and/or proposed projects will be based upon the following selection criteria:

- Nature and extent of unmet need for emergency shelter, transitional housing and supportive services in the applicant's jurisdiction 40 points
- The extent to which proposed activities will address needs for shelter and assistance and/or complete the development of a comprehensive system of services which will provide a continuum of care to assist homeless persons to achieve independent living 30 points
- The ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed activities 15 points
- Coordination of the proposed project(s) with available community resources, so as to be able to match the needs of homeless persons with appropriate supportive services and assistance 15 points

ESGP recipients are required to provide matching funds (including in-kind contributions) in an amount at least equal to its ESG Program funding unless a jurisdiction has been granted an exemption in accordance with Program provisions. The value of donated materials and buildings, voluntary activities and other in-kind contributions may be included with "hard cash" amounts in the calculation of matching funds. A local

government grantee may comply with this requirement by providing the matching funds itself, or through provision by nonprofit recipients.

A recipient local government may at its option elect to use up to 2.5325 percent of grant funding for costs directly related to administering grant assistance, or may allocate all grant amounts for eligible Program activities. Programs rules do not allow the use of ESGP funds for administrative costs of nonprofit subgrantees.

Availability of ESGP funding is subject to HUD's approval of the State's FY 99 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs. No expenditure authority or funding obligations shall be implied based on the information in this notice of funds availability.

Inquiries and comments regarding the 1999 Louisiana Emergency Shelter Grants Program may be submitted in writing to the Office of Community Services, Management and Finance Division, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821, or telephone (225) 342-2277.

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1999-2000 Weatherization Assistance Program Public Hearing

The Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services is submitting a State Plan to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for funding of the 1999-2000 Weatherization Assistance Program. Pursuant to federal regulations (10 CFR 440), a public hearing is required prior to DOE's approval of the plan.

The Weatherization Assistance Program provides services to low-income households, and in particular, households in which elderly, handicapped and/or children reside. The purposes of weatherization activities are:

- a. to reduce home heating and cooling costs of low income households;
- b. to provide a more comfortable and safe home environment for low-income residents; and
- c. to help reduce the consumption of fossil fuels.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday March 30, 1999, at 1:30 P. M. in Baton Rouge, LA, at 333 Laurel Street, Room 652 (sixth floor training room). Louisiana's grant for the 1999-2000 program year is \$1,015,662. Any additional Department of Energy funds which may become available during the 1999-2000 program year will be expended according to the approved State Plan.

Copies of the plan can be obtained prior to the hearing by contacting the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Energy Assistance Section at (504) 342-2288 or by writing to P. O. Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Written comments will be accepted through April 9, 1999.

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