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Office of the Governor Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and
Environmental Assessment—May 1997 Lake Barre Oil Spill

Agencies

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); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; United States Department of the Interior (DOI).

Action

Notice of availability of a draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment, and of a 30-day federal period beginning July 15, 1999 and a 10-day state period beginning July 20, 1999 for public comment on the plan.

Summary

Pursuant to 15 CFR 990.23 and 15 CFR 990.55(c) and LAC 43:XXIX, Chapter 1, notice is hereby given that a document entitled, "Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the May 16, 1997 Texaco Pipeline Company Lake Barre Oil Spill" (Draft DARP/EA) is available for public review and comment. This document was prepared by the agencies listed above (the Trustees) to address natural resource injuries and losses of service following the May 1997 pipeline rupture and subsequent discharge of crude oil into Lake Barre, Louisiana (the Incident). This document presents the Trustees' assessment of the natural resource injuries and losses of service attributable to this Incident, and their proposed plan to restore, replace or acquire resources or services equivalent to those lost as a basis for compensating for the natural resource injuries and losses of service that occurred. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period before finalizing the document. Public review of the Draft DARP/EA is consistent with all state and federal laws and regulations that apply to the natural resource damage assessment process, including Section 1006 of OPA, the regulations for Natural Resource Damage Assessment under OPA (15 CFR Part 990), NEPA (42 USC Section 4371, et seq.), the regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Part 1500, et seq.), Section 3480 of OSPRA (L.R.S. 30:2480) and the regulations for Natural Resource Damage Assessment under OSPRA (LAC 43: XXXIX, Chapter 1).

Comments must be submitted in writing on or before [30 days after date of the federal publication (August 14, 1999) and 10 days after date of the state publication (August 2, 1999)]. Comments submitted past August 2, 1999 must be sent to John Kern and will be reviewed by both state and federal trustees.

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Requests for copies of the draft DARP/EA should be sent to Warren Lorentz, LOSCO, 625 N. 4th Street, Suite 800, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or John Kern of NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., Suite 114, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Written comments on the plan should be sent to either to Warren Lorentz of LOSCO or John Kern of NOAA at the same addresses as listed above.

At around 1600 hours Central Daylight Savings time on May 16, 1997, a discharge from a 16-inch crude oil transmission pipeline was discovered by Texaco Pipeline Inc. (hereafter "Texaco") in Lake Barre, Louisiana. The discharge was caused by a 34-inch long gash in the pipeline, which had been buried five or more feet below the sediment surface. The site of the pipeline rupture was at 29° 14.8' N latitude, 90° 29.3' W longitude, which is approximately 27 miles southeast of Houma, in Terrebonne Parish. Texaco estimated that approximately 6,561 barrels (275,562 gallons) of crude oil were discharged as a result of the pipeline rupture into Lake Barre. Although response actions were undertaken by Texaco, natural resources were exposed to the oil, including marsh, shorelines, birds, and the estuarine water column organisms. A variety of injuries and lost uses of natural resources were documented as a result of that exposure.

The incident is subject to the authority of OPA, 33 U.S.C. 2701-2761 (OPA), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321 et seq. (FWPCA) and the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, L.R.S. 30:2451 et seq. (OSPRA). LOSCO, LDEQ, LDNR, LDWF NOAA, and DOI, are Trustees for natural resources pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., OPA, the FWPCA, subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600-300.615, and, in the case of the Louisiana Trustees, OSPRA L.R.S. 30:2451, and in the case of the Federal Trustees, Executive Order 12777. As a designated Trustee, each agency is authorized to act on behalf of the public under state and/or federal law to assess and recover natural resource damages, and to plan and implement actions to restore natural resources and resource services injured or lost as the result of an incident.

Pursuant to Section 2480 of OSPRA and Section 1006 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), designated natural resource Trustees have conducted a damage assessment for this Incident to evaluate potential injuries to natural resources and services, and to determine the need for and scale of restoration actions required. The draft DARP/EA discusses the natural resources and services believed to be affected by the Incident, details the assessment procedures used, outlines the restoration alternative selection and scaling process, and identifies the preferred restoration alternative to address natural resource injuries and losses of

service. The Trustees determined that injured natural resources have largely returned to baseline conditions, and are expected to fully return to baseline without requiring any further actions. However, the Trustees have determined that there have been interim losses to marsh habitat services, birds, and aquatic fauna that require compensatory restoration to make the environment and the public whole for these losses. Under the preferred restoration alternative, 18.6 acres on East Timbalier Island will be planted with marsh vegetation, and through planting design, another 39.4 acres is expected to be gained from natural spreading from the planted area over the anticipated lifetime of the project. The 58 total acres of marsh that will result from implementation of the preferred restoration alternative will be sufficient to satisfy compensatory restoration requirements.

Interested members of the public are invited to request a copy of the Draft DARP/EA from and to submit written comments to either Warren P. Lorentz or John Kern at the addresses given above. All written comments will be considered by LOSCO, LDEQ, LDNR, LDWF NOAA, and DOI, in finalizing the DARP/EA.

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine**

1999 Fall/Winter Examination Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will administer the national and state examination for licensure to practice veterinary medicine on the following dates:

Examination	Date	Deadline to Apply
National Board	Second Tuesday of December December 14, 1999	Friday, October 22, 1999
Clinical Competency Test	Second Wednesday of December December 15, 1999	Friday, October 22, 1999
State Board	First Tuesday of Every Month	Third Friday prior to exam date desired

Applications for all examinations must be received on or before the deadline. Applications and information may be obtained from the board office at 263 Third Street, Suite 104, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 or by calling (225) 342-2176.

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Executive Director

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**Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation**

Average Weekly Wage Rate

Pursuant to Act 583 of the Regular Session of the 1975 Louisiana Legislature, this state's average weekly wage upon which the maximum workers' compensation weekly benefit amount will be based, effective September 1, 1999, has been determined by the Department of Labor to be \$512.47.

Gary Forster
Secretary

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**Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation**

Weekly Compensation Benefit Limits

Pursuant to R.S. 23:1202 and based on the statewide average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Labor, the following limits shall apply to weekly compensation benefits for claimants injured during the period September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000.

Average Weekly Wage	Maximum Compensation	Minimum Compensation
\$512.47	\$384.00	\$102.00

Gary Forster
Secretary

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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 No.
C. E. Blankenship	Tepetate	Jack R Eaton	1A	059628
Bud's Pumping Service, Inc.	Ross Bayou	FAR SU15; Sontag-Farrar	001	162848
Bud's Pumping Service, Inc.	Wildsville	Brown	002	184953
Bud's Pumping Service, Inc.	Mean Lake	Taliaferro SWD	001	971378

W. D. Chew	Caddo Pine Island	State of LA	002	008670
Cryer & Reese	Wildcat	Stephens & Co	001	027791
Dantex Oil & Gas, Inc.	Northwest Wilmer	L G Simmons SWD	002	216369
Delta Drilling Company	Red River-Bull Bayou	Campbell	011	068741
J & P Production	Longwood	Will Doty	001	065294
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	Whorton B	002	169179
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	STEW SUI; Bridwell C	006	204761
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	James Bridwell	010	112153
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	James Bridwell	013	116171
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	Frank Whorton	011	109309
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	Whorton-James SWD	001	068931
Jemco Production, Inc.	Roseland	James Bridwell SWD	008	109982
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	001	188282
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	002	188715
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	003	188716
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	004	188731
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	005	188732
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea SWD	006	188771
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	007	193729
Calvin R. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	008	193730
Calvin J. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	009	193731
Calvin J. Jetton	Caddo Pine Island	Lea	010	193732
McDannald Oil Company	Port Barre	S W Futral	002	023349
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	A M Cotten et al	002	054098
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Brothers SWD	001	107160
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Bros SWD	002	107859

River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Bros	1D	108039
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Bros	2D	108843
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CIB H SUE; Cotten Bros	004	109974
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Bros	4D	111484
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Cotten Bros	009	131964
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 SUA; Cotten Bros	9-D	132513
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	007	107257
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	006	136901
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	015	143203
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	010	143205
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	7500 RA SUA; Lignum	005	143780
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	004	150963
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	005	152070
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	M1 VUA; Lignum	001	161221
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	002	161233
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	LIGNUM RA SUA; Lignum	013	170587
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Lignum	004	176132
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	SL 2024	003	049415
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	45 A RA SUA; SL 2024	005	107256
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 SUD; SL 2024	002	143143
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	SL 2024	006	165149
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CH RB SUA; S Stockstill	2ALT	113262
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CH RC SUB; S Stockstill	003	113814
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CH RB SUD; S Stockstill	001	111869
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Stanley Stockstill	3D	115218

River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Dow Chemical	001	111401
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Dow Chemical Co	1D	111970
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Wainoco Oil & Gas SWD	001	049037
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Phyllis Newman	001	189623
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CAM 1 A SUA;SL 4464	001	115216
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 RA SUH; Bayou Bouillon	001	188977
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Bayou Bouillon Corp SWD	003	192155
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 SUR; E B Schwing	004	195945
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CIB H SUM; Salt Domes Inc	001	111382
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CH RC SUA; Salt Domes	004	122369
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Wilberts Sons Lbr & Shgle Co	001	166291
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MV RB SUA; Wilbert Sons	1-D	169675
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MV RB SUB; Wilberts	002	175730

River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	Wilberts & Sons SWD	001	970974
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 RA SUE; Cotten Bro	012	151603
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 1 RA SUG; Bayou Bouillon	002	186957
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	CH RA SUF;M Stockstill	001	110860
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	MARG 8 RD SUA;E B Schwing	003	194421
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Myette Point	SL 5705	001	138032
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Myette Point	Myette Point SWD	001	970670
River Bend Operating, Inc.	Myette Point	SL 2044	002	142326
River Bend Operating, Inc.	St. Martinville	MT 3 RA SUA; Foti	001	191265
Royal Minerals, Inc.	West Catahoula Lake	J E Harris	001	159350
Texas Crude Oil Co.	Bully Camp	Waterford Oil Co "C"	001	084542

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