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Department of Health Office of Public Health Bureau of Family Health

MCH Block Grant

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) intends to apply for Title V Maternal and Child (MCH) Block Grant Federal Funding for FFY 2022 in accordance with Public Law 97-35 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health is responsible for program administration of the grant.

The MCH Block Grant Application includes a five-year State Action Plan (FFY 2021-2025) that outlines the goals and planned activities to advance maternal and child health and systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. Title V priorities are based on the results of a statewide needs assessment that was conducted during 2019-2020. The Title V State Action Plan will be reviewed and updated annually based on ongoing needs assessments and other relevant population and performance data.

Additional information may be gathered by contacting Liz Keenan at (504) 568-3521 or elizabeth.keenan@la.gov.

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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, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Coastal States-Columbia Gas DV	Tigre Lagoon	L	Plan 8 sua; E Delcambre	004	130090
F. E. Hargraves & Sons DRL. Co. Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Leibman	021	46617

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
F. E. Hargraves & Sons DRL. Co. Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Muslow A	003	174711
N & M Energy Resources Co., Inc.	Standard	M	Bruton	001	143120

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Department of Public Safety and Corrections Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Notice of Settlement Agreement—Mooringsport Oil Spill

Action: Notice of Availability of a Settlement Agreement for Natural Resource Damages—LOSCO NRDA case file # LA2014_1013_1210 [Mooringsport]. The Settlement Agreement for Natural Resource Damages is available for public review and comment for 30 days.

Agencies: Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Public Safety and Corrections (LOSCO); Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (collectively, the "Trustees").

Authorities: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), 33 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., and the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1991 (OSPRA), R.S. 30:2451 et seq., are the principal federal and state statutes, respectively, authorizing designated federal and state agencies and tribal officials to act as natural resource trustees for the recovery of damages for injuries to trust resources and services resulting from an oil spill. OPA implementing regulations may be found at 15 C.F.R. Part 990 and OSPRA regulations at LAC 43:XXIX.

By letter dated March 27, 2017, and pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §2706(b)(3), the Governor of Louisiana designated the Trustees to act on behalf of the public under OPA. These same agencies serve as State Trustees under OSPRA according to R.S. 30:2451, et seq. and LAC 43:XXIX, Chapter 1, Section 101, et seq. Sunoco Pipeline L.P. ("Sunoco"), as the operator of the pipeline that discharged oil, and Mid-Valley Pipeline Company ("Mid-Valley"), as the owner of the pipeline that discharged oil, are liable according to 33 U.S.C. § 2702 and R.S. 30:2480 for natural resource damages resulting from the incident.

Summary of Incident: On October 13, 2014, the Trustees were notified of an unauthorized discharge of crude oil from the Mid-Valley Pipeline near Mooringsport, Louisiana in Caddo Parish (hereinafter the “Incident”). Approximately 4,500 barrels of crude oil were released and ultimately traveled into the Miller Branch Creek, Tete Bayou, and connecting waterways and wetlands. Sunoco, on behalf itself and Mid-Valley, and its oil spill response contractor(s) timely initiated, conducted, and participated in response actions that continued for several months to contain and remove the discharged crude oil. Natural resources within the area that provide services to the public were adversely impacted by the discharged oil and response actions, including wildlife, forest habitat, bayhead swamp, and aquatic/bayou habitat.

On August 20, 2017, the Trustees issued a Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning for this Incident. L.R. 43:1695 (August 2017). The Trustees and Sunoco, on behalf of itself and Mid-Valley, worked cooperatively to evaluate and quantify the nature and extent of injuries to natural resources and services, and to determine the need for, type of, and scale of appropriate restoration actions.

Purpose: Pursuant to LAC 43:XXIX, notice is hereby given that a document entitled, “Settlement Agreement for Mooringsport Oil Spill” is available for public review and comment. Sunoco, Mid-Valley and the Trustees propose to expedite restoration for this Incident and to resolve the liability of Sunoco and Mid-Valley for natural resource damages under Section 1002(a) and (b) of OPA, 33 U.S.C. § 2702(a) and (b), and Section 2480 of OSPRA, R.S. 30:2480. The mutual objectives of the parties in entering into the proposed Settlement Agreement are: (i) to provide funding to the Trustees to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources injured, destroyed, or lost as a result of the Incident; (ii) to provide payment to the Trustees to reimburse the remaining unpaid natural resource damage assessment costs incurred by the Trustees; and (iii) to resolve the Trustees’ claims against Sunoco and Mid-Valley for natural resource damages under OPA and OSPRA as provided herein.

The Settlement Agreement is available to the public for a 30-day comment period, which will begin on the date of this public notice announcing availability of the document for public review. The Trustees invite the public to review the Settlement Agreement and submit comments to the address listed below. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period on the Settlement

Agreement before finalizing the document. The Trustees are in the process of identifying and evaluating potential restoration projects that will appropriately address injuries to natural resources resulting from the Incident.

Public Participation: Interested members of the public are invited to view the Settlement Agreement at <http://www.losco.state.la.us> (look under Newsflash/current news for Mooringsport Oil Spill Settlement Agreement Available For Public Comment) or by requesting a copy of the document from Gina Muhs Saizan at the following address:

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Public participation is encouraged. The Trustees have opened an Administrative Record (AR) pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.45 and LAC 43:XXIX.127 to document the basis for the Trustees’ decisions pertaining to injury assessment and selection of restoration alternatives. The AR can be found at <https://data.losco.org> under “Search Administrative Records”. Additional opportunities for input will include public review and comment on draft restoration planning documents that will identify the Trustees’ preferred restoration project(s) for this Incident. A restoration plan(s) will be finalized and released to the public identifying the selected restoration project(s) to be implemented by the Trustees. Public participation is consistent with state and federal laws and regulations, including Section 1006 of OPA, 33 U.S.C. § 2706; the OPA regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 990; Section 2480 of OSPRA, R.S. 30:2480; and the OSPRA regulations, LAC 43:XXIX.

Comment Submittals: Comments to the Settlement Agreement must be submitted in writing or digitally to Gina Muhs Saizan on or before the end of the 30-day comment period.

For Further Information: Contact Gina Muhs Saizan at (225) 925-6606 or by email at Gina.Saizan@la.gov.

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