



Coast-It Notes

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Greetings from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management.

Permit Section Updates

• In March 2012 OCM hosted two full-day seminars titled "Regulatory and Commenting Agency Permitting Roles in the Louisiana Coastal Zone". For those of you attending one of the sessions, we hope you found them useful and informative and we thank you for your participation. For those of you who could not attend and anyone else interested in viewing the presentations offered, we have posted all participant presentations on our webpage click [here](#) to view the presentations.

We are considering a workshop focused on completing the Joint Permit Application form (what information is required and how to submit electronically) and preparing permit plats. If interested or if you would like to suggest other training opportunities, please let us know at OCMinfo@la.gov.

• OCM is proud to announce that John E. Johnston III, who leads OCM's Geologic Review process, was just appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists. John serves as the Assistant Director of the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS) at Louisiana State University. He is a Certified Professional Geologist, past president of the Baton Rouge Geological Society, and the past recipient of a Louisiana Governor's Award for outstanding public service. LGS emergency support teams under John's leadership, detached from the LGS during critical emergencies, have been repeatedly commended for their emergency, scientific support, mapping, and search and rescue efforts during and after hurricanes - including Andrew, Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike - and have been credited with saving lives. John is also a published fiction and non-fiction writer and in 2011 he received the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's highest award.

• OCM has modified its Solicitation of Views (SOV) and Request for Determination (RFD) procedures after discussions with the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE), New Orleans District. In the past, OCM distributed SOV requests to the Corps but not RFD requests. The COE requested that SOV requests no longer be distributed to the COE and that RFD requests now be distributed to the COE. OCM has implemented the requested changes effective immediately.

• Our FAQ's have been updated to include information about three common oil & gas questions: What is "Site Clearance"?; Do I need a CUP for Well Plug and Abandon and/or Site Clearance activities?; and What are the permitting requirements for workover and other well maintenance activities?. Click [here](#) to view these FAQ's.

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