NGO Partnership Meeting
New Orleans District
Regulatory Update

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Project Plan View

Mississippi River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp
Louisiana Coastal Protection Authority (CPRA):
MVN-2013-1561-CQ
Mississippi River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp (PO-29)

- **Proposed Project:** Construct three 10'x10' concrete box culverts and a 5.5-mile conveyance channel to divert up to 5000 cfs freshwater to Maurepas Swamp.

- **Project Evaluation Milestones**
  - Application complete on August 14, 2013; 30-day JPN issued August 26, 2013.
  - Comments received from: USFWS, EPA, LDWF, NMFS, USCG, Entergy LA, MNSA, NGOs.
  - Comments forwarded to applicant on October 29, 2013.
  - Applicant provides large data package December 11, 2013; JPN comments not addressed.
  - MVN completed EA May 21, 2014; concluded EIS required due to:
    - potential significant impacts on MR&T,
    - potential significant impacts public safety (FPS/hurricane evacuation routes),
    - ecosystem changes Pontchartrain Basin dynamics (HSDRRS/WSLP).
  - Applicant informed MVN on August 22, 2014, it will not fund Third Party Contractor for EIS.

- **Status**
  - Publication of NOI in Federal Register pending.
  - Resolution of Third Party Contractor issue pending.
Project Plan View
Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion
Proposed Project: Construct a conveyance complex w/gated diversion structure and concrete channel approximately 2 miles long to divert up to 75,000 cfs of sediment-laden flow for land-building in Barataria Basin.

Project Evaluation Milestones
- Application complete August 13, 2013.
- Significance determination issued August 28, 2013.
- MVN provided applicant information/documentation to support preparation of an EIS (draft SOW, SOR, etc.) on February 4, 2014.

Status
- MVN and OCPR continue discussions to fine-tune language of documents.
- Applicant to submit list of qualified Third Party Contractors available for EIS preparation.
- Upon selection of the TPC by MVN, scoping process will be initiated.
Project Plan View
RAM Terminals, LLC
Coal Export Facility
**Description**

- Clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill to construct an approximately 200-acre coal export facility including: coal storage, terminal, barge fleeting and rail access.

**Project Evaluation Milestones**

- March 12, 2012: Received application.
- April 16, 2012: Posted project on Public Notice for 30 days.
- September 2012: Internal coordination completed.
- September 11, 2013: Issuance of CUP.
- December 20, 2013: Issuance of WQC.
  - Verified Air and LPDES permits received.
- August 7, 2014: Received revised permit application (reduction of wetland impacts to 3.7 acres).
- September 11, 2014: Received receipt of mitigation credits purchased.

**Status**

- Finalizing Decision Document.
Proposed Project Site
Helis Oil & Gas Co.
Exploratory Well Pad
Project Description: Clear, excavate and deposit fill for a road upgrade and 3.2-acre drill site to install a single vertical well for the purpose of collecting data from the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale Play to assess site viability for fossil fuel production.

Project Evaluation Milestones

- April 14, 2014: Posted project on Joint Public Notice for 20 days.
- May 26, 2014: JPN extended to June 16, 2014 (63-day total comment period).
- July 29, 2014: Geological Review meeting. Based on information presented, LGS recommended site viability is first assessed via data collection from a vertical well on a reduced pad; agency concurrence is unanimous.
- September 10, 2014: MVN received revised application proposing to install a single vertical well for the purpose of collecting data to determine site viability for fossil fuel production. The revised plan proposes direct impacts to ± 3.13 acres of wetlands managed for pine production.

Status

- Revised application incomplete, pending information clarification.
- A JPN will be published when application is deemed complete.