

**NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

Applicant: Helis Oil and Gas Company, LLC **File No.:** MVN-2013-2952-EOO **Date:** JUN 05 2015

Attached is:		See Section below
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B
	PERMIT DENIAL	C
	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Michael V. Farabee (504) 862-2292
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60627
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact the Division Engineer through:

Mr. Thomas McCabe
Administrative Appeals Review Officer
Mississippi Valley Division
P.O. Box 80 (1400 Walnut Street)
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080
601-634-5820 FAX: 601-634-5816

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:



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SUBJECT: MVN-2013-2952-EOO

Helis Oil and Gas Company, LLC
228 Saint Charles Avenue, Suite 912
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Dear Gentlemen:

We are forwarding a draft copy of a permit, subject as above, which will authorize work under the Department of the Army permit program, after signed by a responsible official of this office.

The unsigned, undated copy of the permit is enclosed. You must sign and date the permit, signifying acceptance of the terms and conditions therein, and return the signed permit to this office. Upon receipt of the permit, the permit will be signed by the responsible official and will be returned to you.

In addition, you must forward a check or money order, payable to "FAO-B2", in the amount of \$100.00 to pay processing fees required by Section 325 (f), Code of Federal Regulations. RETURN TO: US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, REGULATORY BRANCH, EASTERN EVALUATION SECTION, POST OFFICE BOX 60267, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267. If you have any questions regarding this draft permit, please contact Brad Laborde, Project Manager, at (504) 862-2225.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOU HAVE NO VALID PERMIT, AND NO WORK MAY BE PERFORMED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL OF THE PERMIT SIGNED BY A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THIS OFFICE. A signed copy of the permit will be sent to you upon verification by the project manager that the appropriate compensatory mitigation requirements have been fulfilled and that the credit procurement has been recorded in the Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) by the appropriate sponsor(s).

Before signing and returning the permit to this office, carefully consider the information contained in the permit. ALSO, CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED FORM "NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANT OPTION (NAO)" WHICH LISTS THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR EVALUATION OF THE ENCLOSED PERMIT.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT, YOU MUST CONFIRM THAT YOUR PROCUREMENT OF APPROPRIATE COMPENSATORY MITIGATION CREDITS HAS BEEN RECORDED IN RIBITS AND SIGN AND RETURN THIS PERMIT WITH THE DRAWINGS, TOGETHER WITH THE PROCESSING FEE, WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS LETTER. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, WE WILL ASSUME YOU NO LONGER PLAN TO DO THE WORK COVERED BY THE DRAFT PERMIT, AND YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM OUR FILES.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin S. Mayer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Helis Oil and Gas Company, LLC

Permit No.: MVN-2013-2952-EOO

Issuing Office: New Orleans District

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Clear, grade, excavate, and deposit fill for a guard facility, three bypass roads, a well pad, and appurtenances to install and service a vertical exploratory test well, in accordance with the drawings attached in eight sheets dated January 15, 2014.

PROJECT LOCATION: North of Interstate 12 and east of LA Highway 1088, abutting the west side of Log Cabin Road, in Saint Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Permit Conditions:

General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **June 30, 2020**. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least 1 month before the above date is reached.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

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Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

() Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

() Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).
- c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

X _____
(PERMITTEE)

X _____
(DATE)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

(DATE)

Michael V. Farabee, Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

for Richard L. Hansen, District Commander

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

(TRANSFEREE)

(DATE)

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7. Issuance of this permit confirms that the US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch (CEMVN) has been provided with written notification from Ecosystem Investment Partners that the permittee has contracted for 16.7 acres of pine flatwoods/savannah mitigation credits at the Mossy Hill Wetland Mitigation Bank. Ecosystem Investment Partners has assumed responsibility for completing the mitigation in accordance with the Mossy Hill Wetland Mitigation Banking Instrument and has recorded the allocation of the mitigation required by this permit in the Regulatory In-lieu fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS).

8. If the authorized project requires any additional work not expressly permitted herein, the permittee must apply for an amendment to this authorization.

9. The permittee shall employ siltation controls around all construction sites that require earthwork (clearing, grading, dredging and/or deposition of fill material) such that eroded material is prevented from entering adjacent wetlands and/or waterways.

10. Ring levees shall be degraded by restoring the material with which they were built into the areas from which it was removed, and the areas leveled to as near pre-project conditions as practicable within 30 days after abandonment of the well.

11. All fills associated with the bypass roads and the drill site shall be degraded when the site is abandoned. Fill areas shall be restored to as near pre-project conditions as practicable.

12. Broken boards and other extraneous construction materials shall be removed from the site when the well site is abandoned by the permittee. All plastic sheeting shall be removed from areas of the roadway and pad from which the boards are removed.

13. All discharges associated with drilling and production activities will be handled in a manner consistent with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and guidelines.

14. Many local governing bodies have instituted laws and/or ordinances in order to regulate dredge and/or fill activities in floodplains to assure maintenance of floodwater storage capacity and avoid disruption of drainage patterns that may affect surrounding properties. Your project involves dredging and/or placement of fill, therefore, you must contact the local municipal and/or parish governing body regarding potential impacts to floodplains and compliance of your proposed activities with local floodplain ordinances, regulations or permits.

15. Prior to commencing work on the project, the permittee must obtain all approvals necessary from the State of Louisiana and Saint Tammany Parish.