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KAREN: Another SPR EIS comment.

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From: Dennis Mahaffey  
To: Silawsky, Donald  
Cc: Diana Chance  
Sent: 10/28/2005 12:57 PM  
Subject: DOE Petroleum Reserves

Dear Mr. Silawsky,

I just wanted to respond to the meeting I attended in Houma, La. First I would like to say I for this project, and since I live in South Louisiana, would like to see this project come here. I was disappointed in the lack of attendance., although LOOP was well represented. I was also surprised that the land owners of one of the chosen sites (Chacahoula) was not present, in fact, not even notified. I also realized that your map had lacked detail for the Chacahoula area, it didn't show the Ship Shoal system that runs through this area to St. James and the commercial brine system that pipes out of Chacahoula. The map had great detail of LOOP's system. They (LOOP) even had the Lafourche Parish President in the meeting with them for their behalf which was surprising since both Louisiana sites are in Lafourche Parish and her parish will benefit the same from either site. Just sitting in the meeting gave me the feeling that if the project comes to Louisiana the site's already chosen.

The question's I think about are why would you put a facility in a area that can be easily affected by weather(Clovelly). If you plan on releasing bbls you may not be able to because of damage to their systems or lack of power. You would also be relying on their infrastructure to move bbls which would also give them control to a certain degree.(I guess that's why they were so well represented. From a security stand point you would also be putting a lot of eggs in one basket. Part of the reason for spreading out the storage sites seems like would be to have a back up if a site goes down. If Clovelly goes down you wouldn't be able to receive bbls from super tankers or SPR bbls or anything stored there. I personally think these systems should be "stand alone" systems with less input from the oil companies. Use their knowledge to learn but don't let them direct you for their benefit. Thanks you for your time, and I have confidence that a decision will be made to benefit all.

Cordially, Dennis Mahaffey

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