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Mr. Donald Silawsky
Department of Energy
Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47)
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Washington, DC 20585-0301

RE: DEQ0612060082; Lafourche, Cameron, Calcasieu and Iberville
Parishes
Proposed Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve -
Reopening Scoping Comment Period and New Site Proposal

Dear Mr. Silawsky:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

There were no objections based on the limited information submitted to us. However, the following comments have been included and/or attached. Should you encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, please make the appropriate notification to this Department.

The Office of Environmental Services recommends that you investigate the following requirements that may influence your proposed project:

1. If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
2. If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify their LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
3. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact Aaron Cox at [REDACTED] to determine if your proposed improvements require one of these permits.
4. All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities.



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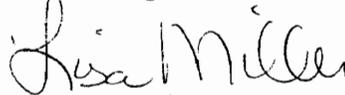
5. If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps to inquire about the possible necessity for permits. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a Water Quality Certification from LDEQ.
6. All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region (SEE ATTACHMENT).

Currently, Iberville Parish is classified as nonattainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Currently, Lafourche, Cameron, and Calcasieu Parishes are classified as attainment parishes with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all criteria air pollutants.

Please forward all future requests to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Management and Finance, Contracts & Grants, [REDACTED], and we will expedite your request as quickly as possible. Should you need any additional information please call me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



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Enclosure