

Donald Silawsky  
Office of Petroleum Reserves, (FE-47)  
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Re: Proposed Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) within Lafourche Parish.

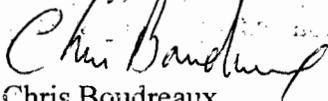
Dear Mr. Silawsky:

You identified two new proposed SPR sites within Lafourche Parish, Chacahoula and Clovelly. The enclosures indicate that Chacahoula would be a completely new site that is somewhat remote with no existing infrastructure. New pipelines will have to be built through our marsh and wetlands plus new buildings, roads etc.

The site at Clovelly would be located within the existing facilities of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP). This would eliminate the need for new pipelines, roads and other infrastructure. The Lafourche Parish Emergency Preparedness Office has worked with LOOP for a number of years. We are able to share resources and we participate in drills to prepare for local emergencies. With LOOP's existing infrastructure no new pipelines or roads would have to be built through our marsh or wetlands and therefore I favor building any new SPR facilities within Lafourche Parish at the Clovelly/LOOP location.

Because of our longstanding work relationship with LOOP, we do not expect any negative effects on public resources due to this proposed expansion. Rather, we see this as a positive step in the economy of this area. LOOP has demonstrated that it is committed to protecting public health and safety through its daily operations and emergency response plans that are in place.

Sincerely,



Chris Boudreaux  
Lafourche Parish Emergency  
Preparedness Office

