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Report of the public hearing held by the Office of  
Conservation, State of Louisiana, on October 20, 2011,  
in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IN ATTENDANCE:

REPRESENTING:

Sarah Wagner, Division OSR Engineer

James Welsh, Office of Conservation

Bob Harper, Department of Natural Resources

Paul Frey, Commissioner for LLA

Michael R. Lyons, Commissioner for Mid-Continent

Randy Lanctot, LWF, Sierra & Audubon Society

Blake Canfield, Staff, Office of Conservation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Forshee

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4 MR. WELSH:

5 Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I would  
6 like to welcome you all to the quarterly Oilfield Site  
7 Restoration meeting.

8 This is the last scheduled meeting for the year,  
9 and I would especially like to thank all the  
10 Commissioners here for their effort every quarter to  
11 come to these meetings. It is a good program, and it  
12 is important, and I certainly personally do appreciate  
13 the effort. So we'll get started.

14 Sarah, would you call the roll?

15 MS. WAGNER:

16 Yes, sir. Please answer the roll when your name  
17 is called.

18 Scott Angelle?

19 MR. HARPER:

20 Robert Harper for Secretary Angelle.

21 MS. WAGNER:

22 Jim Welsh?

23 MR. WELSH:

24 Here.

25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Paul Frey? 4  
2 MR. FREY:  
3 Here.  
4 MS. WAGNER:  
5 Don Briggs?  
6 (No response.)  
7 MS. WAGNER:  
8 Karen Gautreaux?  
9 (No response.)  
10 MS. WAGNER:  
11 Randy Lanctot?  
12 MR. LANCTOT:  
13 Here.  
14 MS. WAGNER:  
15 Jim Maranto?  
16 (No response.)  
17 MS. WAGNER:  
18 Mike Lyons?  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 Here.  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 Troy Vickers?  
23 (No response.)  
24 MS. WAGNER:  
25 Commissioner, that is five in attendance and does

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1 constitute a quorum.

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2 MR. WELSH:

3 Thank you, Sarah.

4 We do have a quorum.

5 MS. WAGNER:

6 We are currently waiting to hear from the Boards  
7 and Commissions Office on the Governor's approval on  
8 the nominees submitted on behalf of the Louisiana Oil  
9 and Gas Association that would replace Mr. Fruge who  
10 has resigned the Commission due to health reasons.

11 Item II on the agenda is to approve the minutes  
12 from the July 21st Commission meeting. The meeting  
13 transcript was e-mailed to each of you. Please let me  
14 know if you did not receive it, so I can check your  
15 e-mail address.

16 Otherwise, a motion to approve the minutes?

17 MR. LYONS:

18 I'll make a motion.

19 MR. WELSH:

20 All right. Mr. Lyons makes a motion to approve.

21 Do we have a second?

22 MR. FREY:

23 Second.

24 MR. WELSH:

25 Mr. Frey, okay.

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1 Any discussion? 6  
2 (No response.)  
3 MR. WELSH:  
4 Okay. Do you all have any objection to approving  
5 the minutes?  
6 (No response.)  
7 MR. WELSH:  
8 Hearing none, the minutes are approved.  
9 MS. WAGNER:  
10 Okay. Thank you.  
11 If it is okay with the Commission, I would like to  
12 take number items out of order and go ahead and get  
13 Item VIII done with first.  
14 MR. WELSH:  
15 Okay. Which one are we doing now?  
16 MS. WAGNER:  
17 I am going to take Item VIII.  
18 MR. WELSH:  
19 VIII, okay.  
20 MS. WAGNER:  
21 The approval of the new contractors next.  
22 MR. WELSH:  
23 Okay.  
24 MS. WAGNER:  
25 The first contractor to consider for approval is

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1 Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC, out of New 7  
2 Orleans, Louisiana. They are interested in bidding on  
3 projects that are located in the Lafayette District.  
4 The second contractor for approval is Specialty Diving  
5 of Louisiana, Incorporated, out of Loranger, Louisiana.  
6 They are interested in all project areas. The last  
7 contractor for approval is Gulf Con, LLC, out of Belle  
8 Chasse, Louisiana, and they are interested in water  
9 projects. These additions would bring the approved  
10 contractor's list to 63. The staff has reviewed the  
11 applications and found them to be complete and  
12 recommends approval.

13 MR. WELSH:

14 Do we have any discussion on any of these  
15 contractors?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. WELSH:

18 Hearing no discussion --

19 MR. LANCTOT:

20 I move we adopt the contractors.

21 MR. WELSH:

22 Okay. Motion to adopt the three contractors.

23 Do we have a second?

24 MR. LYONS:

25 Second.

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1 MR. WELSH:

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2 Mr. Lyons.

3 Any objection to these three contractors being on  
4 the approved contractor's list?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. WELSH:

7 No objections, you can add them, please.

8 MS. WAGNER:

9 Thank you.

10 Item III on the agenda concerns status of the  
11 Fund. If you would, please, turn to Page 2 of your  
12 handout. As of today, there is approximately \$2.6  
13 million at the Treasury. We have over \$1.7 million in  
14 contractual obligations, so there is currently  
15 approximately \$885,939 cash available.

16 The first quarter collections totaled  
17 approximately \$1.6 million, and we anticipate  
18 collections approximately of \$4.2 million again this  
19 fiscal year.

20 The next page, Page 2A, in your handout is a  
21 supplement to the Fund balance sheet demonstrating the  
22 annual fee collections per fiscal year since Program  
23 inception. The fiscal year 2011 closed out with a  
24 total Fund collection of \$4,242,000.

25 Pages 3 and 4 in your handout include the details



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1 on the Site-Specific Trust Accounts. Page 3 itemizes 9  
2 all of the accounts that the Program administers,  
3 which is currently 786 active wells that are secured  
4 with a combination of cash, letters of credit,  
5 certificate of deposits, and performance bonds, that  
6 total approximately \$48.3 million.

7 Page 4 in the handout details the Site-Specific  
8 Trust Accounts that are funded in any part with cash.  
9 An internal audit was conducted on these cash  
10 site-Specific Trust Accounts, and no issues were  
11 found. All records were reconciled, and I have  
12 included the audit report for the record located on  
13 Pages 15 and 16 of your handout.

14 Item IV on the agenda concerns Program  
15 statistics. If you could, please, turn to Page 5 in  
16 your handout, on the left side of the page are the  
17 statistics as of today, and on the right side, for  
18 comparison, are the statistics presented at the July  
19 Commission meeting. Starting at the top of the page,  
20 to date, the Program has plugged and abandoned 2,486  
21 orphaned wells. Four wells have been plugged by the  
22 Program since we last met.

23 If you continue down the page to Section 3, orphan  
24 wells remaining statewide, there are currently 2,816  
25 orphan wells.

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1 Section 4 lists the recently-orphaned well count. 10  
2 Three wells were orphaned for August, no wells were  
3 orphaned in September, and seven orphaned today for  
4 the month of October.

5 If you will direct your attention to Page 6, I  
6 have included a graph showing the current orphan well  
7 count in the state compared to the cumulative number  
8 of wells plugged by the Program. The first quarter of  
9 the fiscal year ended September 30th, with the Program  
10 having plugged and abandoned three urgent and  
11 high-priority scored wells making progress toward the  
12 new performance indicator for a fiscal year-end total  
13 of 18 urgent and high-priority scored wells plugged  
14 and abandoned by the Program, utilizing 60 percent of  
15 the Fund revenue. Twelve percent of the first quarter  
16 collections were utilized in the well plug and  
17 abandonment costs of the three urgent and  
18 high-priority scored wells.

19 The next page in the handout, Page 7, details the  
20 current OSR projects, that is Item V on the agenda.  
21 Line Item No. 1 under "Active Oilfield Projects" is the  
22 emergency bid for a contractor to provide and install  
23 U.S. Coast Guard approved navigational aids on 166  
24 identified orphan well sites. This emergency bid  
25 proposal was issued on April 6, 2011, in order to

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1 accomplish installation of navigational aids on the 11  
2 1A, 1, 2, and 3 priority-ranked sites in the C.H.  
3 Fenstermaker emergency investigation. The project was  
4 awarded to Gulf Contractors, LLC, in the amount of  
5 \$648,739.98. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the  
6 contractor on June 29, 2011. Approval for the first  
7 101 well site installations has been granted by the  
8 Coast Guard, and the representative from Gulf  
9 Contractors, Mr. Rob Forshee, is here today to give  
10 you an update on the installation projects.

11 (A PowerPoint presentation will be presented at  
12 this time by Mr. Forshee.)

13 MR. FORSHEE:

14 Good afternoon. Of course, we have progressed  
15 quite well on this project so far, on the little  
16 presentation that I have for you all up here on the  
17 overhead projector.

18 Of course, all these sites have to be done per  
19 U.S. Coast Guard regulations. The installation  
20 requirements are as per 33 C.F.R. 67 in the 8th  
21 District policy. 33 C.F.R., Aids to Navigation, is an  
22 artificial island and fixed structures regulation.  
23 There are three classes of structures. We have two of  
24 these types. Only one falls under the Class B. The  
25 remainder fall under the Class C category.

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1           This is the -- the types of nav-aid lights that we 12  
2   are utilizing on the project. The Class A or B, these  
3   can be programmed for either structure, and, of  
4   course, as I said, we only have one B location. The  
5   rest of them are going to utilize the Class C  
6   structure, whether we use one, two, or multiple groups  
7   of lights.

8           The Class A structure is obstruction lights, of  
9   course, white lights as described in Subpart 67.20,  
10   and the sufficient candlepower has to be visible at a  
11   distance of 5 nautical miles 90 percent of the nights  
12   of the year. The display -- and they should be  
13   displayed not less than 20' above the mean high water.  
14   Okay. All of this is as per the 67 -- Subpart 67.05.  
15   It could be -- and, of course, at the bottom, I don't  
16   know whether you all can see it, but we have no  
17   Class A structures, as I said a few seconds ago. We  
18   have no Class A structures on the project.

19           The Class B structures, as I said, we have one.  
20   The obstruction lights for this one is also white  
21   lights, as per the Subpart, and this one is a 3 mile,  
22   90 percent of the nights, and, of course, again, 20'  
23   above, not -- and then, of course, the Class B's can  
24   go down to -- with the approval, down to a 10' above  
25   mean sea level. The District Commander can also, on

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1 the Class B structures, if there is no hazard to 13  
2 navigation, he can omit those lights.

3 The Class C structures, of course, are the ones  
4 that we have the majority, 98 or more percent. They  
5 are white, only 1 nautical mile 90 percent of the  
6 nights of the year, and, of course, the District  
7 Commander -- the Coast Guard District Commander, he  
8 has a say so. He could actually remove lights from  
9 any of these sites in this particular class, if he  
10 sees fit, but, of course, we have asked to light these  
11 particular structures, so, of course, with our asking,  
12 they have -- they are approved.

13 Let's see here. The Class C structures, when  
14 erected, they have to be -- they aren't required a  
15 light unless it is greater than 3', and, of course, as  
16 I said a few seconds ago, the Department of Natural  
17 Resources has requested that we light all of these  
18 structures, whether it be 3' or less.

19 This is the -- again, the 3' or greater nautical  
20 mile Class B. We have one location where that one is  
21 going to be installed. Its components -- there are  
22 only four major components, the lens, the LED, light  
23 emitting device, and, of course, the flasher, and the  
24 housing, very simple. They do require an external  
25 source of power. It is PDA retrievable just in case

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1 you need to get any kind of data if something 14  
2 happened. The little PDA -- you can link with a PDA,  
3 and it will tell you how long the light has been lit,  
4 all of the technical data of the light, itself. And,  
5 of course, it has black box capabilities, where it can  
6 give you all of the appropriate information.

7 The Class C beacon is also PDA retrievable,  
8 totally self-contained. This one has a solar panel  
9 and a 6-volt battery built into it, PDA retrievable,  
10 black box, date/time stamp, all of the appropriate  
11 information. It is programmable to 1 or 2 nautical  
12 miles. Of course, 1 nautical mile is all that is  
13 required on this project. GPS synchronization is an  
14 option, and also local radio synchronization is  
15 another option. Remote control -- remote monitoring  
16 is also an option, if we -- if the Department of  
17 Natural Resources decides to do something like that  
18 with these sites.

19 Okay. A 1 nautical mile light is equipped to  
20 transfer all critical data to a PDA, the LED status,  
21 power consumption, max and minimum, battery voltage,  
22 all of the technical data that this light -- that  
23 happens with this light is retrievable, the critical  
24 data. The customer may -- options are available for  
25 the customer to review the technical data report

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1 whenever you download this off of the -- into the PDA, 15  
2 you can communicate that with a remote site, and you  
3 can look at the information, the data, for some type  
4 of managerial approval.

5 These are the fog horns that are installed on  
6 locations throughout the Gulf. The one on the top  
7 right is the one that we would be utilizing on the  
8 project. They are Class A, B, and C structures, of  
9 course, again. Fog signals are electrically powered  
10 and automatically broadcast in a 360-degree beam.  
11 They are unattended operation, DC voltage, normally  
12 solar panel or battery panel.

13 This is some other technical information that are  
14 on the Class C, which is the one that we will be using.  
15 Of course, the Class C is erected or adjacent to the  
16 edge of a navigational waterway, fairways, or a line  
17 of demarcation, that is what controls the application.  
18 The District Commander, of course, can decide where  
19 they are.

20 Sound signals are required by paragraph (A) of  
21 this section and must have rated range of at least  
22 one-half mile for Class C. The owner of the structure  
23 shall operate the sound signal required by paragraph  
24 (A) of this section whenever the visibility in any  
25 direction is less than 3 miles. The District

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1 Commander can establish something greater if he -- up 16  
2 to 5 miles, if he deems necessary.

3 Class C structures have sound signals for --  
4 sound signals if authorized by the District Commander  
5 and the sound signal, of course, has to meet 67.10-1.

6 This, again, is the sound signal or fog horn that  
7 we would be utilizing. That is the well site number  
8 that would get it. The reason that the A is following  
9 that well site number is because there is actually two  
10 locations, and they are right next to each other. One  
11 is the well, and there is a little protective platform  
12 around the well. The other one is actually a  
13 platform.

14 The progression of the project, we have 86 of 166  
15 sites completed, Priority 1A sites, 5 of 8; Priority 1  
16 sites 35 of 50; Priority 2, 32 of 60; and the  
17 Priority 3s are 14 of 48.

18 This is a Google map that I have -- that we have  
19 located all of these sites on this Google Earth map,  
20 which should give you a little idea as to where these  
21 things are concentrated -- the ones in this project, I  
22 should say, are concentrated.

23 The other -- the following pictures are pictures  
24 of completed sites. These were just automatically go  
25 through them, unless you want to progress through them



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1 faster.

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2 MR. WELSH:

3 What are the five-digit numbers; is that a --  
4 that is not a Conservation ID number is it?

5 MR. FORSHEE:

6 The five-digit number, which -- the one at the  
7 top? Yes, sir, that is the well number, that is --  
8 those are six digits, but the other one is -- some of  
9 them are five, and, yes, those are Department of  
10 Natural Resources well site numbers.

11 MR. WELSH:

12 Okay.

13 MR. FORSHEE:

14 All of these sites are in pretty good shape, the  
15 ones that we've done so far, you know. The ones that  
16 have wellheads on them, they are in pretty good shape.  
17 There may be some damage to flow lines and things, but  
18 the actual wellhead seems to be in pretty good shape,  
19 such as that one, where the flow line is broken, but  
20 the wellhead, itself -- and we have found none leaking  
21 oil or any kind of hazard such as that.

22 MR. FREY:

23 Mr. Chairman, I see Mr. Canfield taking notes over  
24 there. I have a legal question.

25 The ownership of those structures, is it the owner

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1 of record, is it the State? He presented something 18  
2 relative to the responsibilities of the owner --

3 MR. CANFIELD:

4 Correct. Ownership remains -- let me rephrase  
5 it.

6 Ownership is not affected by the function of the  
7 site becoming orphaned. There may be, in some  
8 instances, depending upon the lease, if it is on a  
9 State water bottom, some way in which the State would  
10 have some type of responsibility, but not being in the  
11 Office of Mineral Resources or, you know, really  
12 proficient at hearing out those mineral lease  
13 provisions, I couldn't really say for sure, but from a  
14 regulatory standpoint, the obligation to P&A the wells  
15 and do all those things would still maintain with the  
16 orphaned operator, even though they have obviously  
17 shown an inability to take care of the problem to  
18 begin with. The case law on that is very strong.  
19 There is no doubt with it. As far as the actually  
20 ownership, it would depend upon the general property  
21 law principals and specific lease language, and since  
22 most of these are probably going to be on State water  
23 bottoms, it would depend on the mineral lease language  
24 in the State lease.

25 MR. FREY:

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1 All right. Thank you.

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2 MS. WAGNER:

3 Thank you so much.

4 MR. FORSHEE:

5 You're welcome.

6 MR. LANCTOT:

7 Who monitors these as far as how they are  
8 operating; is that part of the contract?

9 MS. WAGNER:

10 It is not part of the contract. It was just a  
11 contract to install, and we are going to have --  
12 currently, the decision was made to have our  
13 inspectors in the field, as they are making their  
14 rounds, to note the condition of the nav-aid, and we  
15 have Gulf Contractors on contract for three years to  
16 repair or maintain if our inspectors notice that  
17 something is malfunctioning.

18 MR. FORSHEE:

19 We have --

20 MR. WELSH:

21 Can you talk into the mic, please?

22 MR. FORSHEE:

23 We have gone back and checked, within recent  
24 weeks, some of these sites that we have completed just  
25 to make sure that everything is operating correctly

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1 and that these things are performing as they should, 20  
2 so -- and we have had no problems, so far.

3 MR. WELSH:

4 That's good. I have learned a lot. I don't  
5 think I have ever really understood it too much, the  
6 different colors, the heights, and all the  
7 requirements. It's very interesting.

8 MR. FORSHEE:

9 There is a lot of information there that is  
10 applicable, but the District Commander with the Coast  
11 Guard, of course, can override about 90 percent of  
12 33 C.F.R.

13 MR. WELSH:

14 We didn't install any fog horns, did we?

15 MR. FORSHEE:

16 Only one.

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 One.

19 MR. WELSH:

20 Just one? Okay.

21 MR. HARPER:

22 Wasn't there a provision in the contract that it  
23 was an option to allow the contractor to inspect the  
24 wells once a year?

25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Yes, there was.

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2 MR. HARPER:

3 A decision was made not to utilize that aspect.

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 It was not awarded at the time that the bid was  
6 awarded.

7 MR. HARPER:

8 Can we go back and award that?

9 MS. WAGNER:

10 I am going to have to check with the purchasing  
11 rules on that, because I think the bid amount is only  
12 good for 60 days.

13 MR. HARPER:

14 How often will the Conservation enforcement agents  
15 check the wells?

16 MS. WAGNER:

17 Once a year.

18 MR. HARPER:

19 Once a year.

20 MR. WELSH:

21 The orphan wells -- or they are included in the  
22 inventory of inspectoral units?

23 MS. WAGNER:

24 Right, but we've requested that these identified  
25 water locations are inspected yearly.

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1 MR. WELSH:

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2 Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. LANCTOT:

4 Is there -- you know, we've gone through all this  
5 trouble to put these lights up there, and our inspector  
6 is only going to check them once a year, and no matter  
7 how good the light might be, stuff can happen, you  
8 know. There might be one out there that is not  
9 working right now because of something, you know, and  
10 once a year doesn't sound like it's enough. And I  
11 think he explained that some of these, you can check  
12 with -- you can check remotely to see if they're  
13 operating and that kind of thing to where you do it  
14 from an office rather than having to ride 20 miles out  
15 to see a site. It seems to me that we ought to be  
16 checking on them more frequently than that. Because  
17 if there is a big wreck or something out there because  
18 a light has malfunctioned and we haven't checked in  
19 six month, that gives us more exposure than if we  
20 would have ignored the problem in the first place, you  
21 know. So I'm just raising that question that maybe  
22 there ought to be a routine check that is more  
23 frequent than once a year.

24 MR. WELSH:

25 We did look into the possibility of having other

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1 sister -- State agencies look at those lights -- 23

2 MS. WAGNER:

3 And we did install a placard on each of these  
4 locations with a phone number to call if they notice  
5 that the well is leaking or if the navigational aid is  
6 not functioning properly.

7 MR. FORSHEE:

8 That is the little sign that is right underneath  
9 the light on the pole, and it's on every one of the  
10 sites that we have installed one of these lights.  
11 It's a placard that has been mounted on the pole under  
12 the light.

13 And, yes, remote monitoring is an option, remote  
14 monitoring, and there is several options with these  
15 lights, and that's the beauty of these things. It's  
16 just the cost.

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 The PDA part -- the PDA retrievable, is that part  
19 of the --

20 MR. FORSHEE:

21 The PDA could be able to go up to the light --  
22 you have to actually go to the light with the PDA.  
23 Once you get in range with the light and you get next  
24 to the light, then you press the button, and it  
25 downloads all the data, and once it's downloaded, then

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1 you can plug it into the computer, and then you can 24  
2 transfer the data over to any remote location  
3 electronically, just like you would any other  
4 information from a computer. And whenever the project  
5 is finished, I will hand over these two -- I have two  
6 little PDA handheld devices, and I will turn those  
7 over to the Department of Natural Resources as part of  
8 the project completion. We utilize them at this time,  
9 because this is how you calibrate. This is how you  
10 turn them on and set them up, so on and so forth, with  
11 these little handheld PDA devices.

12 MR. WELSH:

13 Any further discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. WELSH:

16 Thank you.

17 MR. FORSHEE:

18 You're welcome.

19 MS. WAGNER:

20 Okay. If we'd move back to Page 7, active  
21 projects, Item 2 is the four-well Manila Village Field  
22 project that is located in the waters of Jefferson  
23 Parish. The four wells have been plugged and  
24 abandoned. Three wells counted towards the first  
25 quarter performance indicators, and one of those



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1 plugged and abandoneds will count towards the second 25  
2 quarter performance indicators. The contractor is  
3 still working on taking down the facility associated  
4 with that project, and they estimate about two more  
5 weeks to complete the facility removal site clearance  
6 and a coast restoring survey. This project costs  
7 totaled \$1,067,000.

8 Item No. 3 is a just-issued bid proposal in Red  
9 River Parish. It consists of four wells and four  
10 production pits. Page 17 of the handout illustrates  
11 the wells completed in this project, and you can see  
12 that two of the wells are currently leaking saltwater.  
13 This project will result in two additional  
14 high-priority scored wells removed from the orphan  
15 list. Our mandatory site visit will be held on  
16 November 2nd, and bid opening will be held  
17 November 15th.

18 Moving to the projects completed section, the  
19 project to clamp the leaking pipeline in Tigre Lagoon  
20 Field, Vermilion Parish, was completed in August, at a  
21 cost of \$53,660.00.

22 Item VI is Federal and third-party activities. We  
23 continue to refer sites to the Environmental Protection  
24 Agency for removal actions that we believe might meet  
25 OPA 90 Federal removal qualifications. The EPA was

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1 scheduled to begin removal actions on an orphan 26  
2 facility in Greenwood-Waskom Field, Caddo Parish, this  
3 month, but due to their budget constraints, they have  
4 delayed the project's start date to mid-November.

5 The United States Coast Guard has been active at  
6 two leaking orphan sites since we last met, one in  
7 Manila Village, Jefferson Parish, and the other  
8 located in Main Pass Block 25 of Plaquemines Parish.  
9 The Coast Guard will plug and abandon the orphan well  
10 located in Main Pass Block 25 Field at no expense to  
11 the Program. I have included a picture of this site  
12 on Page 18 in your handout. The site in Manila  
13 Village Field was reported leaking on Sunday,  
14 September 11th, and is associated with orphaned  
15 operator Cedyco Corporation. The U.S. Coast Guard  
16 employed Oil Mop to begin the spill cleanup and deploy  
17 absorbent and hard booms on location. Over-flight  
18 pictures from the Coast Guard are included on Page 19  
19 in your handout.

20 The Coast Guard has hired Wild Well Control to  
21 evaluate the condition of the ten orphan wells that  
22 are associated with this facility in the Manila  
23 Village Field to determine whether the wells meet the  
24 potential threat definition for the Coast Guard to go  
25 ahead and plug and abandon these wells.

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1 Wild Well Control has recommended to the Coast 27  
2 Guard, if they choose not to plug and abandon these  
3 wells, that they at least set plugs in the tubing and  
4 put pressure valves on the wellheads so that it gives  
5 the Program time to plug and abandon these wells in  
6 the future, and the Coast Guard has not yet made a  
7 decision as to whether or not they are going to go  
8 ahead and move forward with plug and abandonment or  
9 just put plugs in the wellheads so that they are less  
10 likely to leak.

11 Item VII on the agenda is the Commissioner's  
12 annual report to the legislature on the status of the  
13 Oilfield Site Restoration Program. It is included for  
14 the record on Pages 20 through 23 in your handout.  
15 The report details the Program's fiscal year 2011  
16 performance as presented at the July Commission  
17 meeting, and it satisfies the Commission's statutory  
18 obligation to submit an annual report to the Senate  
19 Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on  
20 Natural Resources and Environment, and the Senate  
21 Committee on Environmental Quality.

22 If we return to Item VIII on the agenda, new  
23 business, and Item IX is old business if the  
24 Commissioners have anything to bring up from the  
25 session.

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1 MR. WELSH:

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2 Any old business?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 And I want to point out that I have included the  
6 meeting schedule for the upcoming new year. Our  
7 meetings will be January 19th, April 19th, July 19th,  
8 and October 18, 2012, all at 1:30, and in this room.

9 MR. WELSH:

10 My only comment on that would be that April 19th  
11 meeting is during the session, and Committee quorums  
12 are always hard to get at that time, but we will do  
13 our best to have a quorum.

14 MR. LYONS:

15 Just a note, when I was looking at the numbers,  
16 and we keep struggling to get over 500, but if you add  
17 the orphan wells and the other Site Restoration  
18 activities, you end up with about 3,500 sites  
19 addressed in the Program. I'm looking on Page 5. So,  
20 whether or not orphan wells, if you compare the wells,  
21 there are activities -- there is a little over 1,000  
22 activities under "other Site Restoration activities."  
23 So, if you add those to the orphan wells, you get  
24 about 3,500, and so, in a sense, you know, I'd point  
25 out what you all have done, and it is very, very good,

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1 you know. I mean, we want to get there, you know, 29

2 where the orphan wells are what we're over, but --

3 MS. WAGNER:

4 I'll take that as a compliment.

5 MR. LYONS:

6 -- and I noticed too that only ten were abandoned  
7 in the last few months, and that is good, that is good  
8 news, because prices are not real good, having -- doing  
9 a little turning off, and gas prices are really bad,  
10 and -- but only ten were added to the list. I think  
11 it is maybe a good indication -- I don't know why --  
12 you know, I wouldn't even speculate as to why those  
13 numbers are there, but anyway, you are doing a great  
14 job, and I think, you know, we need to express that to  
15 you as often as we can. It is a great program.

16 MS. WAGNER:

17 Thank you.

18 MR. LANCTOT:

19 We could do a better job, if we had more money,  
20 Mike. How do you think we could work on that?

21 MR. LYONS:

22 (No response.)

23 MR. LANCTOT:

24 This is the end of the term of the administration.

25 MR. WELSH:

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1 Yes.

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2 MR. LANCTOT:

3 And so everybody is going to have to be --

4 MR. WELSH:

5 I think some appointments lap over into the new  
6 administration.

7 MS. WAGNER:

8 Yes.

9 MR. LANCTOT:

10 Because we are not all -- do we have to reup --

11 MR. LYONS:

12 There are different years, aren't there? I mean,  
13 some of us are four years or three years or two years  
14 or one year?

15 MS. WAGNER:

16 Yes.

17 MR. LYONS:

18 I don't know why they stagger them that way, but  
19 some of us lap over, and we were reupped.

20 MR. LANCTOT:

21 Do we know that; does anybody have a record of  
22 that?

23 MS. WAGNER:

24 I have a record. I don't have it with me, but I  
25 don't think anybody is expiring their term for another

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1 year.

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2 MR. LANCTOT:

3 Okay. I just don't like being on this Commission  
4 when we -- when our times merge.

5 MR. WELSH:

6 The only two that are not secure are the two guys  
7 sitting in the middle here.

8 MR. LANCTOT:

9 Could she e-mail that around to everybody, just  
10 to kind of give us a status of --

11 MS. WAGNER:

12 When your term expires?

13 MR. LANCTOT:

14 Right. I would appreciate that.

15 MS. WAGNER:

16 Yes, sir.

17 MR. WELSH:

18 Okay. Is that --

19 MS. WAGNER:

20 That is all I have.

21 MR. WELSH:

22 That is all you have.

23 Does anybody else have anything to discuss?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. WELSH:

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1 I want to again thank you for coming, and the 32  
2 best of -- the holiday season is coming up, and Happy  
3 New Year, and we have the schedule of next year's  
4 meetings.

5 This meeting is adjourned.

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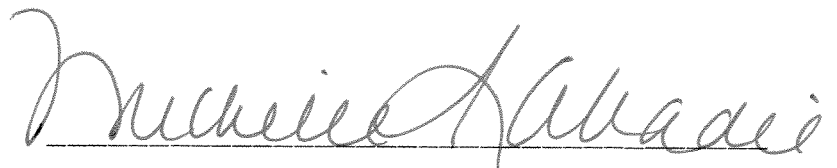
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