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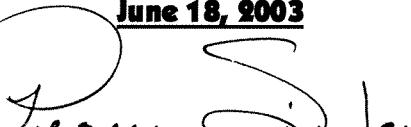
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NOTICE
Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program/Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement: Notice of Public Meetings

Federal and State natural resource trustees (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; United States Department of the Interior; Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) are requesting comments on the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program/Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, May 2003 (DPEIS).

Notice of the availability of this DPEIS was published in the Federal register on May 9, 2003 and the comment period ends on July 9, 2003. The purpose of the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program is to develop an institutional framework and procedures that will enable the trustees to restore natural resources injured by oil spills in an expedited and cost effective manner.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Two public meetings to receive public comments on the "Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program/Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, May 2003" will be held on Monday, June 23, 2003. The daytime meeting is scheduled at 2:00 PM and the evening meeting is scheduled at 6:30 PM. Both meetings will be held at the following location:
Conservation and Mineral Board Resources Hearing Room
1st floor - Labella Room
Department of Natural Resources
Last Office Building
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