

Re Louisiana Regional Restoration Plan - Draft Region 2 Plan.txt  
From: William Conner [William.Conner@noaa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 8:17 AM  
To: Mike Lyons  
Cc: Karolien Debusschere  
Subject: Re: Louisiana Regional Restoration Plan - Draft Region 2 Plan

Dear Mr. Lyons:

The natural resource trustees very much appreciate your continued interest in the development of the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program. It is critical to the successful design of the program that we hear your thoughts on the Draft Region 2 Plan. Further, I understand that the document presents some new ideas and approaches that you would want to evaluate carefully before commenting.

In response to your request, we are pleased to extend the deadline for comments on the Draft Region 2 Plan from Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and its members for 21 calendar days. I hope that we can use this extra time to foster some productive discussions about the program.

Sincerely,

Bill Conner

Mike Lyons wrote:

> October 22, 2003  
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> Mr. William Conner  
> Chief, NOAA/Damage Assessment Center  
> 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC #4, 10th Floor  
> Silver Spring, MD 20910  
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> Dear Mr. Conner:  
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> Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association is a trade association  
> representing individuals and companies who produce, transport, refine  
> and market approximately 90% of the oil and gas which transported in  
> and through the State of Louisiana. We have participated in the  
> Regional Restoration Plan development, are supportive of the concepts  
> and goals set forth in the RRP documentation, and are keenly  
> interested in the outcome of the planning process. On behalf of  
> Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and its members, we respectfully  
> request an extension of the comment period for a period of 21 days in  
> order to fully assess and understand the features of the Draft Region  
> 2 Plan. We have discussed this with Karolien Debusschere of the  
> Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office and scheduled a meeting with  
> her to discuss the specifics of the draft plan. As you are well  
> aware, the process of formulating these plans is complex and the  
> details are often not fully understood by the public and affected  
> parties. In order to fully understand the implications of this Draft  
> Region 2 Plan, we need additional time and opportunity for review and  
> dialogue. Since the success of the plan is dependent on these  
> understandings, we think the request for additional time is  
> appropriate and necessary. We look forward to hearing from you in  
> response to our extension request and are appreciative of your  
> consideration of our concerns.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> R. Michael Lyons  
> Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association