Joint Public Notice Coordinator for the State of Louisiana

Natural features identification and evaluation concerning coastal zone permit applications

Start / End Dates: 2002 – 2010

Key Project Personnel Involved in this Project:

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Brief Description of Work Performed:

The Joint Public Notice Coordinator office (JPN), funded by State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources, facilitates permitting in the coastal zone of Southern Louisiana. This area includes the nations most extensive fresh and saline marsh systems as well as a fragile subsiding shoreline. This area includes extensive petroleum production areas, the largest refineries in the world, shipping and a burgeoning seafood industry. To protect

Louisiana's natural resources and facilitate land use, our primary function is to locate and identify sensitive areas and natural resources potentially impacted by proposed permits. The JPN office was privatized and McGlynn Labs has won the contract and run this office through two successive 3-year contracts. We are currently taking a break and stopped.

Our JPN office is located across the street from the Mississippi River on Main Street in downtown Baton Rouge. We have staffed the office with professional geographers and planners who coordinate the receipt of all new permit applications and correspondence, assign new permit numbers, follow-up on incomplete applications, prepare ArcView habitat maps and technical reports, plot projects to scale on the USGS Quad sheets, assign permits to analysts, collect application and processing fees, coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Services (DEQ) and representatives from the local coastal zone programs, and maintain the CMD Data Base and Map Room for DNR, perform QA/QC checks on the permit process and prepare all permit applications for review to ensure that all runs smoothly and according to protocol for the daily permit process.

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