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#### A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY



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# Notice of Availability of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source) and Recreational Use

In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies for the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (Louisiana TIG) prepared a Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #4: Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source) and Recreational Use (Draft RP/EA). The Draft RP/EA describes and proposes restoration project alternatives considered by the Louisiana TIG to improve water quality by reducing nutrients from nonpoint sources and to compensate for recreational use services lost as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Louisiana TIG evaluated these alternatives under criteria set forth in the OPA natural resource damage (NRDA) regulations, assessment and also evaluated the environmental consequences of the



restoration alternatives in accordance with NEPA. The proposed projects are consistent with the restoration alternatives elected in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft RP/EA and to seek public comments on the document. For further information, contact: Eric Wortman, (617) 918–1624; email address wortman.eric@epa.gov.

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### Idaho Small Business Development Center has a new Environmental Assistance Coordinator

Belinda Breidenbach recently joined the Idaho Small Business Development Center. The Environmental Assistance Coordinator can provide your Idaho small business confidential, no cost assistance in complying with air quality regulations. As the Environmental Assistance Coordinator she will be able to help you understand air quality regulations, determine air permitting needs, work with you to complete calculations and forms, and reduce your enforcement risk. Your business may be subject to air quality regulations if it has a stack, dust collector, or vent; burns fuel; uses paints, solvents, or adhesives; or produces visible dust, smoke, or odors. For more information visit the website idahoSBDC.org. You can contact Belinda at environmentalsolutions@boisestate.edu.



## Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Model Year 2022–2025 Light-Duty Vehicles

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator has reconsidered the previous Final Determination of the Mid-term Evaluation of greenhouse gas emission standards for model year 2022-2025 light-duty vehicles. The Administrator determines that the current standards are based on outdated information, and that more recent information suggests that the current standards may be too stringent. The Administrator thus concludes that the standards are not appropriate in light of the record before EPA and, therefore, should be revised as appropriate. EPA is also withdrawing the previous Final Determination issued by the agency on January 12, 2017, with this notice. EPA, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will initiate a notice and comment rulemaking in a forthcoming Federal Register notice to further consider appropriate standards for model year 2022–2025 light-duty vehicles, as appropriate. On March 22, 2017, EPA published a Federal Register notice providing its intention to reconsider the Final Determination of the Mid-term Evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions standards for model year 2022-2025 light-duty vehicles, this notice was published jointly with the Department of Transportation (DOT). On August 21, 2017, EPA and DOT jointly published a Federal Register notice providing a 45-day public comment period on the reconsideration and EPA held a public hearing on September 6, 2017.

For further information contact Christopher Lieske at 734-214-4584; email address: Lieske.christopher@epa.gov.



SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Service U.S. Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

#### http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html

Federal Register: Vol. 83, No. 78, Monday, April 23, 2018 /Notices AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ACTION: Notices

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), prohibits certain activities affecting endangered and threatened species unless that activity is covered under a Federal permit authorizing take of the species or authorizing otherwise prohibited activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. We must receive your written comments by May 23, 2018. Submit all comment to email address: permitsR1ES@ fws.gov.

For further information contact: Colleen Henson, Recovery Permit Coordinator, (503) 231–6131.

### **EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**

SUBJECT: Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permit for Superior Silica Sands and Wisconsin Proppants LLC.

#### http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html

Federal Register: Vol. 83, No. 64, Tuesday, April 3, 2018/Notices AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ACTION: Notices

**SUMMARY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Order dated February 26, 2018, denying Petitions dated October 25, 2016 and January 25, 2017 from the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Sierra Club John Muir Chapter. The first Petition requested that EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to Superior Silica Sands for its industrial sand mining and processing facility in Barron County, Wisconsin. The second Petition also requested that EPA object to a CAA title V operating permit issued by the WDNR to Wisconsin Proppants for its industrial sand mine and processing facility in Jackson County, Wisconsin.

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