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## **BOEMRE Awards \$300,000 for Louisiana Coastal Management Plan**

### *Grant Will Fund Plaquemines Parish Plan Update*

**NEW ORLEANS** – The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) announced today that it has awarded a \$300,000 Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) grant to Plaquemines Parish in Louisiana. The parish will use the funding to review and update its Coastal Management Plan of 2000.

Created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, CIAP provides funding to the six Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states to conserve and protect the coastal environment. CIAP is an ongoing program with grant funding that is allocated based on the offshore energy revenues collected by the United States.

“BOEMRE’s continued support for coastal management and restoration is vital to Louisiana and its coastal communities,” said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich. “The Coastal Management Plan is an important element of environmental conservation and protection, and these funds are critical for Plaquemines Parish to update its plan.”

In addition to the process of reviewing and evaluating the 2000 Coastal Management Plan, the CIAP grant will enable the parish to conduct public meetings and coordinate the new plan with within the parish. The updated plan will continue ongoing projects and identify activities for conservation, restoration and stabilization of wetlands and other coastal areas in Plaquemines Parish on the west bank of the Mississippi River, within the Greater New Orleans area.

CIAP received \$250 million in appropriated funds for each of the Fiscal Years 2007-2010, to be disbursed to six eligible OCS oil and gas producing states: Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, California, Mississippi and Texas.

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