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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Pursuant to the authority** granted to the Commissioner of Conservation and Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources under La. R.S. 30:1, et seq., particularly La. R.S. 30:6.1:

**It is hereby declared** that based upon reports from members of the public, local emergency officials, and confirmed by an Agent of this office, that subsidence has occurred and/or is threatening to occur at the OXY GEISMAR NO. 3 well site (Serial Number 180708) and the associated salt cavern. The subject well site is located in Section 40, Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Assumption Parish, Louisiana.

**It is further declared** that several experts employed by the federal government, state government and universities have identified that the potential failed integrity of the above referenced cavern is a logical and likely cause of this subsidence incident.

**It is further declared** that this subsidence is an emergency that requires immediate action by the operator of record for the above named well and cavern, Texas Brine Company LLC (T149) to thoroughly evaluate the integrity of the above referenced cavern and to undertake all appropriate action to abate and halt the deterioration of the cavern's integrity.

**It is further declared** that if Texas Brine Company LLC (T149) fails to begin the necessary evaluation and/or abatement activities within twenty-four hours after notice of this declaration by the Commissioner of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources shall be allowed to undertake any necessary actions for purposes of evaluating and abating the deterioration of the cavern's integrity.

**It is further declared** that recovery of costs expended by the Department of Natural Resources from Texas Brine Company LLC (T149), shall be available in accordance with the statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the source of funds.

SO DECLARED, ORDERED, AND DONE this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2012 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
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JAMES H. WELSH  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

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