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E&P Waste Commercial Facility Information Now Available on SONRIS Interactive Maps

Baton Rouge – The Office of Conservation is improving public access to exploration and production (E&P) waste management information through the Department of Natural Resources' SONRIS on-line GIS interactive mapping system (<http://sonris.com>). The initiative provides information on the location, operational status, and waste handling classification of approximately 54 active E&P commercial facilities and, ultimately, 100 more inactive ("historical") ones around the state, thereby enabling easy access to this data by industry operators, environmental regulators, and other interested individuals.

"This is a move towards efficiency in smoothing the flow of information for both resource management and business purposes," said Richard Ieyoub, Commissioner of Conservation. "The staff in the Environmental Division recognized an opportunity to upgrade our service to the public by making this data readily available through the SONRIS mapping tool, a platform that is already well-known, easily navigated, and responsive to a variety of information searches. I appreciate their diligence in pursuing this enhancement."

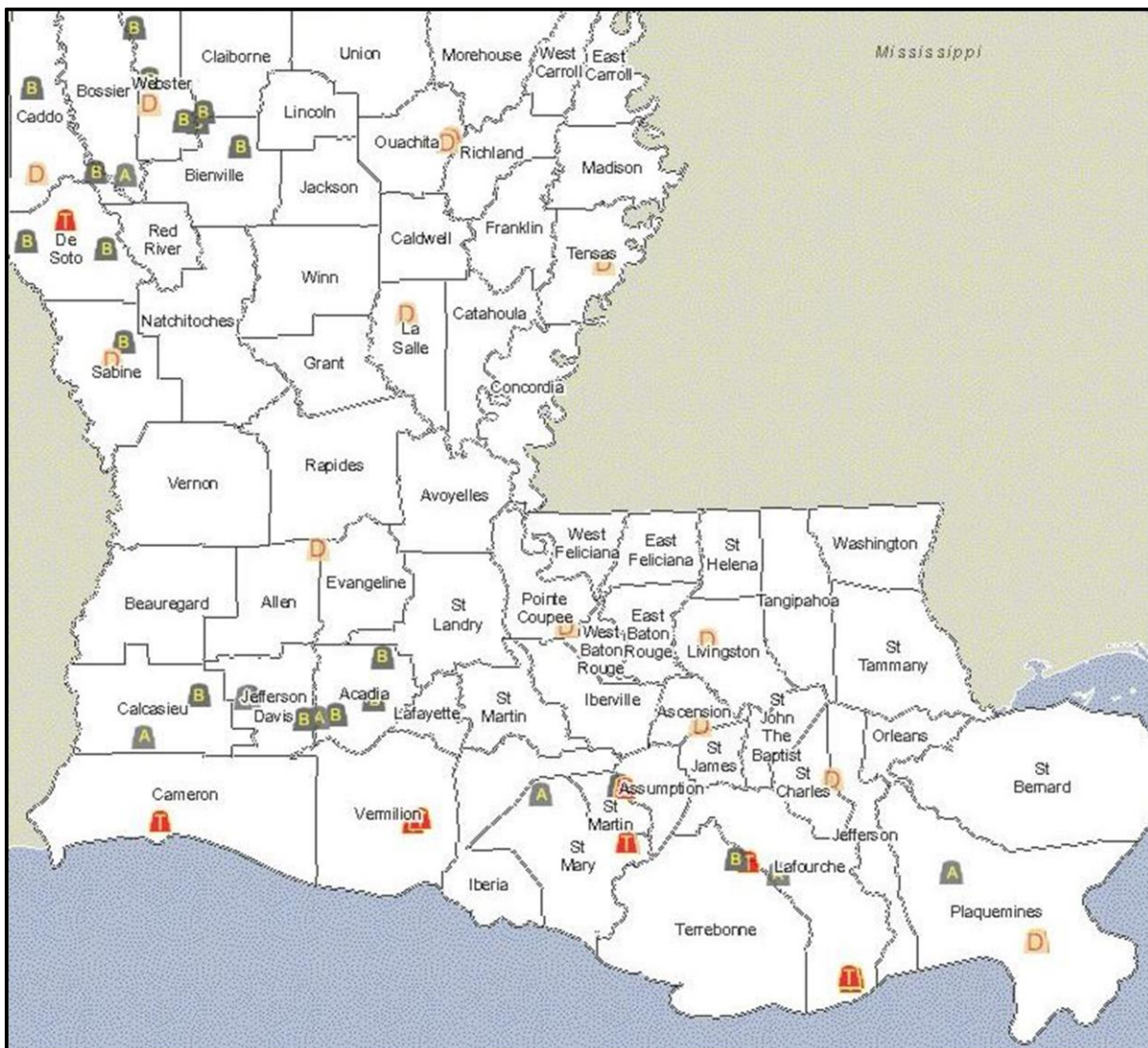
The commercial facilities layer, found under the GIS Access/Environmental tab in SONRIS (see Fig. 1), provides facility phone and mailing address contacts, identifies the status (active, closed, non-operative, orphaned, revoked) and types (fluid disposal, fluids and solids, transfer, Department of Environmental Quality landfill) of permitted commercial facilities around the state, links to injection/disposal well documents for relevant facilities, and allows for multiple search variations. As with other SONRIS layers, this layer can be manipulated to show different views, including aerial photography, and filtered to show other types of nearby

structures, including registered water wells (commercial facilities have mandated distance requirements from such wells).

While information on currently active, permitted commercial facilities is available immediately, information on inactive (“historical”) facilities is being updated on a daily basis and should be completely entered within the next two months.

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Fig. 1, Active E&P Waste Commercial Facilities on SONRIS, available through GIS Access/Environmental tab



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