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Greetings from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management.

The 2012 Louisiana Coastal Zone Boundary maps with the revised boundary are now available from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources’ Office of Coastal Management (OCM). A limited number of those maps may be picked from OCM's home office located on the 10th Floor of the LaSalle Building at 617 North Third Street in downtown Baton Rouge. If you would like a map shipped to you, please provide either a Fed Ex or UPS account number and the method of shipment. If you have any questions about obtaining these maps, please contact Lea Ann Baker of OCM at (225) 342-7591 or 800-267-4019. More information on the new Louisiana Coastal Zone Boundary, including maps, can be viewed on the OCM website at the following link: http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=928.

OCM continues our efforts to update the Needs, Alternatives and Justification (NAJ) requirements for Coastal Use Permit applications. The updates are designed to outline what information the applicant should provide with the application, and the updates are geared towards project type in an effort to expedite the permitting process. OCM has recently approved the Pipelines, Oil & Gas Facility Development, Industrial Development, and Utility Development Guides, which are available now on our website. Click here to view the referenced NAJ guides as well as other helpful information about Coastal Use Permitting.

OCM is pleased to announce the addition of a new staff member to the Permits Section. Cornelius Williams has joined us as a Permit Analyst. He is undergoing training now and will begin processing Coastal Use Permit applications in the near future. He can be reached at cornellus.williams@la.gov or 225-342-1793. Please help me in welcoming Cornelius!

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