

**SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Hurricane Laura**  
**August 31, 2020**

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources has determined that damage to the general and energy infrastructures in the Louisiana Coastal Zone by Hurricane Laura has resulted in an emergency situation and that damage resulting in a threat to life, property or the environment is covered by the emergency use provisions of the Rules and Procedures For Coastal Use Permits. Further, the Secretary has determined that due to the fact that Hurricane Laura has caused an impact of statewide significance, all emergency uses under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program which are necessitated for response to Hurricane Laura and its aftermath shall be considered to be uses of state concern.

Because of the widespread destruction associated with Hurricane Laura, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management is temporarily modifying its usual emergency authorization procedures for storm related repair/restoration projects located in the Coastal Zone. This modification applies ONLY to those activities needed to restore infrastructure. The Department requests that emergency users be as environmentally sensitive as possible in conducting repair/restoration operations.

In the event that emergency repairs are needed, emergency users are authorized to commence the necessary work at the earliest opportunity. The Office of Coastal Management reminds emergency users to provide the Department with notification via letter, email or fax as soon as possible for documentation purposes. The notification should include the name of the entity undertaking the repairs/restoration activity, a description of the work performed and a vicinity map showing the location of the emergency work.

The Secretary is also authorizing those activities necessary to prevent additional damages. In the event that new construction is needed, an after-the-fact permit application might be required.

Notifications should be directed to:

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Unless this notice is renewed, it shall expire on Friday October 23, 2020.