

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING  
SEISMIC ACTIVITY IN LOUISIANA'S 19 COASTAL PARISHES

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources  
Coastal Management Division  
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**Disclaimer:** The following information has been collected and arranged in a “user friendly” manner for the purpose of better defining the seismic permitting process in coastal parishes of Louisiana. The information collected is accurate to the best of our knowledge and is being used to support development of this site.

The site is intended to give you, the user, guidelines to assist in your search for federal, state, and parish or local requirements as they pertain to seismic work.

This site may not contain all of the general information needed by user groups; however we will continue to update the site as we receive new or revised information.

The information found on this site is arranged as follows:

**State Agencies and affiliations:**

- Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
  - State – all geophysical activity in the state of Louisiana
  - State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
- Department of Natural Resources
  - Office of Mineral Resources
  - Office of Coastal Management
- Department of Transportation & Development
- State Parks & Recreation
- Louisiana Levee Districts

**Federal Agencies and affiliations:**

- U S Army Corps of Engineers
- U S Fish & Wildlife Service
  - National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)
- US Coast Guard

**Parish Agencies:**

- Parish Government Offices
  - Office of the Parish President
- School Board Property
  - Office of the School Board President

**Tribal Lands:**

- Federally Recognized Tribes-Indian Lands
- State Recognized Tribes-Indian Lands

Browsing the Department of Natural Resources' web site, [www.dnr.louisiana.gov](http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov) will allow interested parties to link with many of the agencies and departments.

Seismic activities are of state concern; however, where applicable, may have Parish requirements.

## **STATE AGENCIES:**

### **Department of Wildlife & Fisheries**

Any company wishing to perform geophysical activity in Louisiana must obtain a seismic permit from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries before beginning work.

State lands managed by Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries adhere to Title 76 of Louisiana Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, §301

For information on acquiring a LDWF permit, contact Mike Windham at (225) 765-2807

### **Department of Natural Resources**

#### *Office of Mineral Resources*

For Non-Exclusive or Exclusive Geophysical seismic permits on state-owned lands and water bottoms contact - James Taylor. [james.taylor@la.gov](mailto:james.taylor@la.gov) (225) 342-5285

The State Mineral Board's authority comes under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 30, §208 through §217.

#### *Coastal Management Division*

For information on acquiring Coastal Zone seismic permits Contact - Jeff Thibodeaux. [jeff.thibodeaux@la.gov](mailto:jeff.thibodeaux@la.gov) (225) 342-8917

All seismic activity, and associated permitting and regulation are handled by Coastal Management Division, under Louisiana State Statues, LA R.S. 40:1472.1 through 40: 1472.20, Chapter 6, Part V-A.

Additionally, DNR has a general information folder on [use of Marsh Buggy in Coastal Zone](#).

### **Department of Transportation and Development**

For Right-of-Way Permits,  
Contact Right-of-Way Permit Specialist at (225) 379-1510

Regulation of Explosives, Title 55, Public Safety, Chapter 15, Explosive Code, § 1501 through § 1543.

## Louisiana Levee Districts

LEVEE BOARD	PRESIDENT	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PHONE	FAX
Atchafalaya LD	Mike Maranto	Will Tyson	(225) 387-2249	(225) 387-4742
Pontchartrain LD	Steve Wilson	Monica Salins	(225) 869-9721 or 1-800-523-3148	(225) 869-9723
Lafourche Basin LD	Shelley Tastet (Mr.)	Randy Trosclair	(225) 265-7545	(225) 265-3095
Orleans LD	(Acting) Michael McCrossen	Max Hearn	(225) 763-2040	(225) 763-2080
Lake Borgne Basin LD	George Lopez	Robert Turner	(318) 876-2230 (318) 876-2266	(504) 876 2308
Terrebonne LD	Anthony Alfred	Jerome Zeringue	(985) 594-4104	(985) 594-9255
South Lafourche LD	Ronald Calais (475 7493)	Windell Curole	(985) 632-7554	(985) 632-7555
East Jefferson LD	Patrick T. Bosetta	Fran Campbell	(504) 733-0087	(504) 733-2255
West Jefferson LD	Harry L. Cahill	Jerry Spohrer	(504) 340-0318	(504) 340-7801
Grand Isle Ind. LD	David Camardelle	David Camardelle	(985) 787-3196	(985) 787-3859
Plaquemines Parish Plaquemine West Bank	Benny Rousselle Benny Rousselle	N/A N/A	(504) 682-0081 (504) 392-6690	(504) 297-5325
North Lafourche LD	Ronald Adams (985 447 4466)	Carol LeBlanc	(985) 537-2244	(985) 537-4311

## FEDERAL AGENCIES AND AFFILIATIONS:

**U S Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, New Orleans District**

*Eastern District:* Contact-Mr. Pete Serio, Chief (504) 862-2044

Parishes: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles,  
St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa

*Central District:* Contact-Mr. Martin Mayer, Chief (504) 862-2276

Parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, Livingston, St. James,  
Terrebonne

*Western District:* Contact-Mr. Ronnie Duke, Chief (504) 862-2261

Parishes: Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermillion

### U.S. Coast Guard

For broadcast notice to mariners regarding oversize vessels or trailing of equipment through navigable waters, for any reason, contact the appropriate Waterways Division. You must speak with the Captain of the Port at each Division Office.

*New Orleans Division*-east Grand Isle to Mississippi Line (504) 846-5924

*Morgan City Division*-east Grand Isle to east Cameron Line(985)380-5320

*Lake Charles Division*-east Cameron Line to Texas Line(337)491-7800

## **U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service: National Wildlife Refuges**

All seismic activity and associated regulation related to National Wildlife Refuges are handled by the specific refuge managers. For Louisiana, they are listed below:

<b><i>Cameron Parish</i></b>	Sabine NWR, Manager-Terrence Delaine (337) 762-3816 Cameron Prairie, Manager-Glenn Harris (337) 598-2216 Lacassine NWR, Manager-Larry Narcisse (337) 774-5923
<b><i>Iberia Parish</i></b>	Shell Keys, Contact-Kenneth Litzenberger (985) 882-2000
<b><i>St. Mary Parish</i></b>	Bayou Teche NWR, Manager-Janet Ertel (337)828-0092
<b><i>Terrebonne Parish</i></b>	Mandalay NWR, Manager-Paul Yakupzack (985) 853-1078
<b><i>Plaquemines Parish</i></b>	Delta NWR, Contact-Kenneth Litzenberger (985) 882-2000
<b><i>St. Bernard Parish</i></b>	Brenton NWR, Contact-Kenneth Litzenberger (985) 882-2000
<b><i>Orleans Parish</i></b>	Bayou Sauvage NWR, Contact-Kenneth Litzenberger (985) 882-2000
<b><i>St. Tammany Parish</i></b>	Big Branch Marsh NWR, Contact-Kenneth Litzenberger (985) 882-2000

## **PARISH AGENCIES AND OFFICES**

### **Parish Government Entities:**

Not all of the coastal parishes have special requirements for seismic activities; however, many have indicated that an applicant must contact the Parish for prior approval regardless of the activity. We have listed the following information for those Parishes that require prior notification.

***Assumption Parish Government*** – Contact-Kim Torres (985) 369-7435; permit and \$500 application fee required.

***Calcasieu Parish Government*** – Contact-Claude Smart (318) 437-3310; permit, letter of request, \$50 per line administration fee, \$500,000 Certificate of Insurance, and other items as outlined in the Parish Code.

***Cameron Parish Government*** – Contact-Tammy Trahan (337) 775-5718; permit, \$150,000 surety bond, \$25 per line administration fee, and other items required as outlined in the Parish Code.

***Iberia Parish Government*** – Contact-Vicki Pellerin (337) 364-8474; permit, \$25,000 surety bond, and \$25 per line administration fee required per Parish Ordinance.

***Jefferson Parish Government*** – Contact Parish Engineer (504) 731-4612; permit, \$500 application fee and other items required as outlined in Parish Ordinance.

***Lafourche Parish Government*** – Contact Jess Curole [czm@mobiletel.com](mailto:czm@mobiletel.com); permit, \$250 fee, \$15,000 surety bond; and other items required per Parish Ordinance.

***Livingston Parish Government*** – Contact-Chuck Vincent (225) 686-3021

***Orleans Parish Government*** – Contact-Heather Szapary (504) 658-4071; Parish meeting and permit required though nothing specific to seismic.

***Plaquemines Parish Government*** – Contact-Valerie Jones (504) 297-5345

***St. Bernard Parish Government*** – Contact-Chris Andry (504) 278-4303; permit and \$1,000 fee required (if using marsh buggy \$1250 fee required) per Chapter 15 of Parish Ordinance.

***St. Charles Parish Government***- Contact-Earl Matherne (985) 783-5060; permit, \$250 fee, \$10,000 surety bond, and \$15,000 liability insurance required.

***St. James Parish Government***-Contact-Jody Chenier (225) 562-2262; permit and \$20 fee required. Applicants also required to attend a Parish Coastal Zone Management Committee meeting to explain the process they will employ and display the routes affected by seismic work. Committee meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Courthouse in Convent.

***St. John the Baptist Parish Government***-Contact-Adrien Labat (985) 651-5565; No specific requirements identified.

***St. Martin Parish Government*** – Contact-Nanette Theriot (337) 394-2200; Call for permit information and fees.

***St. Mary Parish Government***-Contact-Carol Vinning (337) 828-4100, ext. 504; permit, fees, and other requirements per Parish Ordinance.

***St. Tammany Parish Government***-Contact-Brian Fortson (985) 898-2552; No specific requirements identified.

***Tangipahoa Parish Government***-Contact-Maurice Jordan (985) 748-3211; No specific requirements identified.

***Terrebonne Parish Government***- Contact-James Miller (985) 580-8145

***Vermilion Parish Government***-Contact-Michael Bertrand (337) 898-4300; permit required. Call for fee schedule.

**LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM CONTACTS**

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**ASSUMPTION PARISH**  
Assumption Parish Police Jury  
Attn: Martin Triche, President  
P.O. Box 520  
Napoleonville, LA 70390  
Phone: 985-369-7435  
Fax: 985-369-2972  
[mstriche@yahoo.com](mailto:mstriche@yahoo.com)

**CALCASIEU PARISH**  
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury  
Attn: Grant Bush  
CZM Administrator  
P. O. Drawer 3287  
Lake Charles, LA 70602  
Phone: 337-721-3600  
Fax: 337-437-3586  
[gbush@cppj.net](mailto:gbush@cppj.net)

**CAMERON PARISH**  
Attn: Myles Hebert  
CZM Administrator  
P. O. Box 1280  
Cameron, LA 70631  
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Cell: 337-274-7142  
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[mh\\_cppj@camtel.net](mailto:mh_cppj@camtel.net)  
Tammy Trahan: ext. 111  
[tt\\_cppj@camtel.net](mailto:tt_cppj@camtel.net)

**IBERIA PARISH**  
Iberia Parish Government  
Emergency Management  
Attn: Jim Anderson  
Courthouse Bldg., Suite B-130  
300 Iberia Street  
New Iberia, LA 70560-4587  
Phone: 337-369-4427  
Fax: 337-369-9956  
[jla@cox-internet.com](mailto:jla@cox-internet.com)

**JEFFERSON PARISH**  
Attn: Jason Smith  
CZM Administrator  
4901 Jefferson Hwy., Suite E  
Jefferson, LA 70121  
Phone: 504-731-4612  
Fax: 504-731-4607  
[jsmith@jeffparish.net](mailto:jsmith@jeffparish.net)

**LAFOURCHE PARISH**  
Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator  
402 Green St., Drawer 5548  
Thibodaux, LA 70302  
Phone: 985-446-8427, FAX 985-446-3528  
[parishadministrator@lafourchegov.org](mailto:parishadministrator@lafourchegov.org)

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**Lafourche Parish Council**  
Attn: Jess Curole  
Permit Coordinator  
101 W. 112th Street  
Cut Off, LA 70345  
Phone: 985-632-4666  
Fax: 985-632-8653  
[czm@mobiletel.com](mailto:czm@mobiletel.com)  
Windell Curole, CZM Administrator  
Phone: 985-632-7554  
Fax: 985-632-5555  
[sld@mobiletel.com](mailto:sld@mobiletel.com)

**LIVINGSTON PARISH**  
Permits and Planning  
Attn: Donald Burgess  
P. O. Box 427  
Livingston, LA 70754  
Phone: 225-686-3062  
Fax: 225-686-3061

**ORLEANS PARISH**  
Office of Environmental Affairs  
Attn: Wynceta Fisher  
City Hall, Suite 8E06  
1300 Perdido Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
Phone: 504-658-4074  
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[wmfisher@cityofno.com](mailto:wmfisher@cityofno.com)

**PLAQUEMINES PARISH**  
Plaquemines Parish Government  
Attn: Andrew MacInnes  
CZM Administrator  
106 Avenue "G"  
Belle Chasse, LA 70037  
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Toll Free: 1-888-784-9541  
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**ST. BERNARD PARISH**  
Dept. of Community Development  
CZM Administrator  
8201 W. Judge Perez Dr.  
Chalmette, LA 70043  
Chris Andry  
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**ST. CHARLES PARISH**  
St. Charles Parish Council  
Attn: Earl Matherne  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057  
Phone: 985-783-5060  
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**ST. JAMES PARISH**  
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Convent, LA 70723  
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[jody.chenier@stjamesla.com](mailto:jody.chenier@stjamesla.com)  
Joan Louque, Asst. 562-2286  
Deidra Bradford, Recept. 562-2260

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**  
Attn: Natalie Robottom  
Chief Administrative Officer  
1801 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, LA 70068  
Phone: 985-652-9569  
Fax: 985-652-4131  
[n.robottom@sjbparish.com](mailto:n.robottom@sjbparish.com)

**ST. MARTIN PARISH**  
St. Martin Parish Government  
Attn: Guy Cormier, Parish President  
P. O. Box 9  
St. Martinville, LA 70582  
Phone: 337-394-2200  
Fax: 337-394-2203  
[parishpresident@bellsouth.net](mailto:parishpresident@bellsouth.net)

**ST. MARY PARISH**  
St. Mary Parish Council  
Attn: Carol Vinning, Planning Director  
Courthouse Bldg., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Franklin, LA 70538  
Phone: 337-828-4100, ext. 508  
Fax: 337-828-4092  
[cvinning@parish.st-mary.la.us](mailto:cvinning@parish.st-mary.la.us)

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH**  
Dept. of Engineering  
Attn: Brian Fortson  
P. O. Box 628  
Covington, LA 70434  
Phone: 985-898-2552  
Fax: 985-898-5205  
[mud@stp.gov](mailto:mud@stp.gov)  
CZM Administrator  
Jean Thibodeaux  
Phone: 985-898-2552  
[eng@stp.org](mailto:eng@stp.org)

**TANGIPAHOA PARISH**  
Tangipahoa Parish Engineer  
Attn: Maurice Jordan  
P. O. Box 215  
Amite, LA 70422  
Phone: 985-748-3211  
Fax: 985-748-7576  
[tpcroad@I-55.com](mailto:tpcroad@I-55.com)

**TERREBONNE PARISH**  
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CZM Administrator  
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Houma, LA 70361  
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Preservation  
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**VERMILION PARISH**  
Vermilion Parish Police Jury  
Attn: Clay Menard  
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Abbeville, LA 70510  
Phone: 337-898-4300  
Fax: 337-898-4310  
[vermilionppj@yahoo.com](mailto:vermilionppj@yahoo.com)

## **School Board-Section 16 Properties:**

***Assumption Parish School Board***-Contact-Jessica Ourso (985) 369-7251. Board must approve application; if approved, a permit is required per attached document.

***Calcasieu Parish School Board***-Contact-James Pitre (337) 477-3032. Board must approve application; if approved, a permit is required per attached document.

***Cameron Parish School Board***-Contact-Uland Guidry (337) 775-5784, ext. 29. Special permit required. Call for fee schedule and instructions.

***Jefferson Parish School Board***-Contact-Attorneys Grant & Burrow, Mr. Allen Toups (504) 368-7888. Call for permit, fee schedule, and instructions.

***Lafourche Parish School Board***-Contact-Don Gaudet (985) 435-4651. Board must approve application, if approved contact will be Lee Block, land man (225) 925-5580. Permit and fees per attached document.

***Livingston Parish School Board***-Contact-Debbie Duffy (225) 686-7004 – no response received.

***Orleans Parish School Board***-Contact-Greg Risher (504) 304-5702, no specific requirements identified.

***Plaquemines Parish School Board***-Contact-Ben Fussell (504) 392-4970. Board must approve activity. Permit and \$25/acre fee required. Call for other details.

***St. Bernard Parish School Board***-Contact-Ronnie Alonzo, Jr. (504) 301-2000. No specific requirements identified.

***St. Charles Parish School Board***-Contact Larry Sessor (985) 785-6289.

***St. James Parish School Board***-Contact James Mitchell (225)896-5375.

***St. John the Baptist School Board***-Contact-Felix Boughton (985) 536-1106.

***St. Martin Parish School Board***-Contact-Paulmer Johnson (337) 394-7448. Call for permit information.

***St. Mary Parish School Board***-Contact-Lee Block (225) 925-5880. Board must approve activity. If approved, permit is required.

***St. Tammany Parish School Board***-Contact Trey Folse, III (985) 892-2276. No specific requirements identified.

***Tangipahoa Parish School Board***-Contact-Mark Kolwe (985)748-2422. No specific requirements identified.

***Terrebonne Parish School Board***-Contact-Hubert Carreker (985) 872-3530. Applicant must call for procedure to follow.

***Vermilion Parish School Board***-Contact O.J. Dore' (337) 893-3973. Board must approve activity. If approved, call Joseph Hebert (337) 898-5764 for permit and fee schedule.

## **TRIBAL LANDS**

### **Federally Recognized Tribes**

*St. Mary Parish* Chitimacha Tribe, Contact-Al LeBlanc (337) 923-7215

### **State Recognized Tribes**

*Lafourche Parish* United Houma Nation Contact – Ms. Brenda Dardar (985) 475-6640  
Pointe au Chein Tribe Contact- Charles Verdin (985) 594-6250

## **OTHER ADDITIONAL OFFICES:**

Louisiana State Historical & Preservation Office (SHIPO)  
Contact number is (225) 342-8160

Louisiana division of Archeology  
Contact number is (225) 342-8170

**Louisiana One Call (DOTTIE) 1-800-272-3020**  
Call before you dig!

**FOLLOWING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)  
Industries first line of defense for conducting  
environmentally sound projects**

With respect to seismic operations, following BMPs can help ensure that energy development is conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. For a view of Environmental Guidelines for Worldwide Geophysical Operations that were created specifically for geological contractors, please visit the attached link:  
<http://www.iagc.org/default.asp>

BMPs apply to methods, measures, and practices, both structural and non-structural, often drafted by an appointed committee with expertise in a relevant field. Their principle function is to assist an agency or industry in meeting its point and non-point source control needs.

BMPs are selected through a conscious planning process, designed to inventory resources and needs, and to assist in determining and evaluating alternatives. A follow up of the selection of practices should be done, through monitoring of the site, to insure that the desired effects of the BMPs were met.

BMPs usually consist of control measures and operations and maintenance procedures that should be applied before, during, and after a potential pollution producing activity occurs, as a means of reducing or eliminating pollutants or potential damage to natural resources from human activities.