SITE CLEARANCE

+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

INFORMATION AND FORMS

Regulations mandate that each abandoned well or platform within the coastal zone located on state water bottoms will be cleared of all obstructions within a designated radius. These regulations can be found at http://dnr.louisiana.gov/cons/Title43.ssi under the heading “Underwater Obstructions”.

For answers to commonly asked questions, refer to the “GENERAL INFORMATION” form. Rules, procedures, applications and reports are discussed. Each form can be viewed in Acrobat PDF or Microsoft Word.

Use of the “APPLICATION” and “VERIFICATION REPORT” forms are required.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FORM</th>
<th>PDF</th>
<th>WORD.DOC</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GENERAL INFORMATION</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>▲</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APPLICATION</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>▲</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERIFICATION REPORT</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>▲</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
SITE CLEARANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions may be addressed to:

Michael Peikert  OR  Mark Browning
225/342-5548  225/219-5513
Michael.Peikert@la.gov  Mark.Browning@la.gov

Correspondence and Questions may be faxed to:  225/342-2584

All Applications and Reports shall be sent to:

Office of Conservation
Engineering Division
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Application Information

Required for all wells and platforms abandoned on state water bottoms in the coastal zone.

Application Fee is $600.00. Make checks payable to the Louisiana Dept of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation.

Two copies of the application are required, except for a “Dry Hole” well. Only one copy is required for a dry hole. In all cases, only one copy of the Verification Report is required.

Each application may contain ten (10) wells or platforms or a combination of both.

All wells and/or platforms must be in the same field. A “Wildcat” well may be added to the group providing it is in the same parish and the number does not exceed ten.

If an application is made for a well which is not yet Plugged and Abandoned, the operator will have one year to P&A the well and submit a P&A report. Otherwise, the well will be removed from the application. Once an application is approved no wells may be added, a new application must be filed.
**Deadlines**

Within ninety (90) days after a well is P&A, an Application must be filed, the structure must be removed and the site verified clear.

Within ninety (90) days after verification is completed, a Verification Report must be submitted.

Failure to comply with deadlines may result in fines and/or penalties.

---

**Required Clearance Areas**

All abandoned well and platform locations must be cleared of all obstructions present as a result of oil and gas activities.

Definitions:

**Restricted Waterways**: A location in which land above the waters surface would be encountered inside a 400’ radius such as canals or rivers.

**Bank**: Land existing above the waters surface.

**Platform**: A structure that has significant facilities supporting exploration and production operations.

**Territorial Seas**: Waters from the most southerly land mass at that longitude outward to the three mile limit.

---

**RADIUS REQUIREMENTS:**

**DRY HOLE WELLS**: A 300' radius centered on the well in open waters
A 100' radius or up to an existing bank in restricted waterways
SINGLE WELLS OR PLATFORM WITH NO SIGNIFICANT FACILITIES:
   A 400' radius in all open waters
   A 100' radius or up to an existing bank in restricted waterways

PLATFORMS WITH SIGNIFICANT FACILITIES:
   A 1320' radius in territorial seas
   A 400' radius in coastal waters
   A 400' radius or up to an existing bank in restricted waterways

EXCEPTIONS:
   Variations may be granted for areas under some circumstances such as:
   A high density of wells creating a condition that would require considerable over-lapping of site clearance for wells within that radius.
   A request to exclude a portion of the approved radius from surveying must be made in the application.

Site Clearance Verification Procedures

Trawling
Diver
Other: Alternate methods will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Trawling

Trawling requirements are discussed in the regulations at http://dnr.louisiana.gov/cons/Title43.ssi

Trawling must comply with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. To read the existing MOU click here. Changes are being made now to include (1) Trawls shall have a minimum stretched mesh size of 4 inches at the cod end and 2 inches elsewhere. (2) Contractors shall report to NOAA Fisheries in compliance with 50 CFR 223.206 all takes and identify the species of any sea turtles incidentally captured, resuscitated, released, or killed. Report shall include animal’s condition. Since a sea turtle can be recovered post-mortem, the description should include the animal’s condition (i.e. rigor mortis, decaying, cracked carapace/shell, etc.) (3) All captured sea turtles shall be resuscitated and released as per the guidelines described in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) according to federal regulations at 50 CFR 223.206(d)(1).
**Diving**

Diving is not discussed in the regulations but is permitted under some conditions.

Diving will normally be allowed for the following conditions:

1. Water depth is 3 feet or less
2. There are numerous flow/pipe lines in the radius making trawling unsafe
3. Area is part of a private oyster lease

The location of the abandoned well will be made by actual marking at the time of abandonment or later using a differential GPS or equivalent. A hand held GPS is not acceptable.

Divers will make sweeps with chain or cable of sufficient weight to remain on bottom. Sweeps will be in ten foot or less increments. Any obstruction felt or snagged will be marked for removal.

The diver method to be deployed will be discussed in the application.

**Other**

An alternate verification procedure might include Mezotech or Side Scan Sonar. At this time, these procedures are not approved but might be allowed under certain conditions and circumstances. If one of these methods are approved, at a minimum, required deliverables will include a digital record of the area of sufficient size so that all anomalies can be detected and a composite mosaic. A diver must search each anomaly recorded and report his findings.

**Structure Removal**

A discussion of the removed structure will be included in the application. Describe the number and type of pilings and the facilities on the structure prior to removal. Everything must be removed to a depth of at least 10 feet.

The Office of Conservation does not approve or disapprove the use of explosives. If explosives are used, other agencies will review the application and a schematic drawing or photo is required of the structure. Include a description of the explosives and methods to be used.
The preferred action is to remove all inactive lines within the approved radius. Removal is strongly recommended to prevent future underwater obstructions to commercial fishing and navigation.

If any excavation or fill will be required for site clearance operations, including that which may be necessary for access and/or pipeline removal and/or burial, a Coastal Use Permit application will need to be filed with the Office of Coastal Management. Also if the installation of a pipeline was authorized by the Office of Coastal Management, a Coastal Use Permit application will need to be submitted to the Office of Coastal Management for the removal of the pipelines or for permission to leave them in place. A link to the Coastal Use Permit application can be found at http://dnr.louisiana.gov/crm/coastmgt/coastmgt.asp

**IMPORTANT**

All abandoned well and platform locations on state water bottoms shall be cleared of all related obstructions by the owner of such facilities. Any flow line or pipe of any kind that protrudes above the mud line constitutes an obstruction and shall be removed or buried three (3) feet at the discretion of the owner.

Exceptions: Any active flow line is not required to be buried or removed. Any inactive line intertwined with an active line is not required to be buried or removed in that area. Once they become separated, then the inactive line will be buried or removed.

Any safety concern shall be addressed on site by the operator/contractor on an individual basis and not on a blanket basis. The operator/contractor is not required to bury or remove a portion of a line he believes would be unsafe, but he must be able to adequately explain why it was unsafe. If he is unable to do so, he may be required to return and complete work.

Each application shall include a description of all existing flow/pipe lines within the approved radius of the abandoned well or platform prior to structure removal. Describe to the best of your capability.

Each verification report, after the procedure is completed, will include data on flow lines and pipelines that still remain above the mud line, those buried and on those removed. This includes those lines from other wells.

Every flow line encountered during a survey will be checked and verified, to the extent possible, of its status (active or inactive). Check for holes in the line and for open ends and use any other method available. If an inactive line is separated from the active line by at least ten feet, then the contractor should begin removal or burial of the inactive line at or near that point.
If the applicant believes that the removal or burial of pipelines and/or flow lines from the approved radius would in some way harm the environment or present a danger to wildlife, so state. Include a signed concurrence of the harm or danger from the DNR Office of Coastal Management, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the DOA’s Office of State Land. Only one is sufficient for the entire field and all future site clearance applications in that field. With the concurrence, the Office of Conservation will not require removal or burial. If the Office of Conservation believes the reason to be insufficient, the operator may still be required to remove or bury.

You are required by the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law to provide notification of demolition or excavation activities at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to beginning same. Notification should be made to LA One Call at [www.laonecall.com](http://www.laonecall.com) or by calling 811.

SEA TURTLE LIFE HISTORY FORM

APPENDIX B: RESUSCITATION PROCEDURES

If you catch a sea turtle that is active, it should be returned to the water over the aft portion of the vessel, preferably in a non-fishing area, when gear is not in use.

If a turtle appears to be comatose (unconscious), then you should attempt to revive it before putting it back into the water. Use the following method of resuscitation:

**Place the turtle on its plastron (lower shell) and elevate the hindquarters several inches to permit the lungs to drain off water.**

A comatose but live sea turtle may, in some cases, exhibit absolutely no movement or signs of life (no muscle reflexes). In other cases, an unconscious turtle may show some evidence of eyelid or tail movement when touched. Sea turtles may take some time to revive. Do not give up too quickly. Regulations allow a fisherman without a permit to keep a turtle on deck up to 24 hours. Even turtles successfully resuscitated benefit from being held on deck as long as possible, to allow toxins which built up as a result of stress to dissipate from the body. Try to keep the skin, and especially the eyes moist while the turtle is on deck. A turtle that has shown no sign of life after 24 hours on deck (held in the shade where further damage to it won’t occur) may safely be considered dead.

If the turtle cannot be revived before returning to port and it cannot be salvaged, it should be returned to the water, preferably in a non-fishing area. Mark the turtle (spray paint it or tag it) before returning it to the water.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

AND

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources enter into an Agreement, by the institution of this Memorandum of Understanding, regarding the use of trawls during closed seasons for the purpose of Site Clearance Certification of abandoned oil and gas locations. The purpose and intent of this Agreement is to allow the use of trawls to perform site clearance verification under the authority provided by a site clearance permit to be issued by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with LSA-R.S. 30:4 and Administrative Procedure Act, LSA-R.S. 49:950 et seq. Contractors hired by companies holding valid site clearance permits will be allowed to use trawls during closed seasons provided that they adhere to the following stipulations as required by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries:

1. No site clearance verification by trawling shall be conducted in state inside waters from May 1 until the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season within any shrimp management zone not open to shrimping each year.

2. No site clearance verification by trawling shall be conducted in state inside waters from August 1 until the opening of the fall inshore shrimp season within any shrimp management zone not open to shrimping each year.

3. No site clearance verification activities by trawling shall be conducted from one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise.

4. Each contractor-trawler conducting site clearance verification activities shall display on the top and sides of the vessel, the vessel registration or USCG documentation number preceded by the letters "SC". These letters and numbers shall be block letters with a minimum of twelve (12") inches in height and shall be in contrasting color to the vessel so that they may be easily read from the air or water.
5. Each contractor-trawler conducting site clearance verification activities shall keep on board its vessel a copy of the site clearance permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources to the lessee (operator).

6. No trawling shall be permitted over oyster leases without prior approval from the lease holder.

7. No trawling over vegetated waterbottoms shall be allowed.

8. Contractors performing actual site clearance verification by trawling shall inform the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division's nearest Regional Office no less than 48 hours prior to commencing such activities. This notification must be in the form of a FAX which will be signed by the Region Captain or his designee and returned to the contractor. Information contained in the FAX shall include vessel name, official number/LA number, color, size; permittee/contractor name, address, telephone number; site location number, block, latitude, longitude, X, Y; beginning date, ending date (see attached example).

9. The use of more than four trawls from any vessel is prohibited, however, there shall be no limitation on the size of trawls used for the purpose of site clearance.

10. Trawls shall have a minimum stretched mesh size of 4 inches at the cod end and 2 inches elsewhere. Trawl nets shall have a maximum stretched mesh size of 6 inches. The cod end should be attached to the net in a manner that allows the cod end mesh to stretch maximally, allowing shrimp and other bycatch to escape through the mesh.

11. Contractors shall report to NOAA Fisheries in compliance with 50 CFR 223.206 all takes and identify the species of any sea turtles incidentally captured, resuscitated, released, or killed. Report shall include animal's condition. Since a sea turtle can be recovered post-mortem, the description should include the animal's condition (i.e. rigor mortis, decaying, cracked carapace/shell, etc.)

12. All captured sea turtles shall be resuscitated and released as per the guidelines described in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) according to federal regulations at 50 CFR 223.206(d)(1).
13. Violation of any of these provisions, the provisions contained in the permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources or any violation of wildlife and fisheries laws, rules, or regulations not specifically waived by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the contractor's authority to conduct site clearance verification in state waters. Both the permittee and his contractor shall bear legal responsibility for any violations of the aforementioned requirements, both criminal and civil.

14. The Department of Natural Resources shall assign a Site Clearance No. to each application and provide the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with a weekly docket summary and appropriate attachments identifying the permitted clearance sites.

The Department of Natural Resources shall inform all permit applicants of the stipulations provided for and contained within this Agreement. Both the permittee and his contractor shall be held accountable for any violations of those regulations contained in the site clearance permit or the provisions contained within this Memorandum of Understanding. By entering into this Agreement neither the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries nor the Department of Natural Resources accept any liability for the performance of either the permittee or his contractor.

**Effective Date and Termination Consent**

1. This agreement will be effective when signed and dated by the parties hereto and may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto or by either party after 60 days notice of intent to terminate.

Signed this 25th day of October, 2005

James H. Welsh, Commissioner,
Office of Conservation, La. Dept. of Natural Resources

Signed this 3rd day of November, 2005

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary,
La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
EXAMPLE

Company Name

February 1, 2005

MEMO: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
  Attn: Captain Chad Manuel
  Region 5
  Ph: 337-491-2580
  Fax: 337-491-2009

Ref: 05-02 Site Clearance Operation Information

A. Vessel Specifications
   Name: Dusty Dawn
   Official No: 685487
   Color: White/Green
   Size: 85 Ft.

B. Lessee/Operator
   Name: ABC Oil Company
   Address: Cut Off, LA 70345
   Telephone Number: _____

C. Site Location
   Site: Ship Shoal 66
   Block: 2
   Latitude: 28 51 56.024N
   Longitude: 91 07 15.381W
   X: 2067995.48
   Y: 72394.16

D. Approximate Commencement
   Date: 3/31/05

   Approximate End
   Date: 4/05/05
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>REGION</th>
<th>CONTACT</th>
<th>ADDRESS &amp; TELEPHONE</th>
<th>PARISHES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: DONNIE BATES</td>
<td>1401 Talton Street</td>
<td>Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Red River, Webster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION I</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>P O Box 915, Minden, LA 71055</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MARY JANE NIXON</td>
<td>318/371-3050</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>318/371-3332 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: ALAN BANKSTON</td>
<td>668 Centurytel Drive</td>
<td>East Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, West Carroll</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION II</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>Monroe, LA 71203-8732</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EMMA BRANDON</td>
<td>318/362-3102</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>318/362-3273 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: PETER OLIVER</td>
<td>1995 Shreveport Highway</td>
<td>Avoyelles, Grant, Nachitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION III</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>Pineville, LA 71360</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CHRISTY ELLINGTON</td>
<td>318/487-5884</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>318/487-5636 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: JOHN RHODES</td>
<td>P O Box 1640</td>
<td>Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Lasalle, Madison, Tensas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION IV</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>261 Wildlife &amp; Fisheries Road</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CINDY K. HARRIS</td>
<td>Ferriday, LA 71334</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>318/757-3072</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>318/757-1568 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: JUBAL MARCEAUX</td>
<td>1213 N. Lakeshore Drive</td>
<td>Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Calcasieu, Cameron, Acadia, Vermilion, Jefferson Davis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION V</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>Lake Charles, LA 70601</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CINDY PIPPIN</td>
<td>337/491-2580 or 88</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>337/491-2971 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: LASTIE CORMIER</td>
<td>5652 Highway 182</td>
<td>St. Landry, St. Martin, Pointe Coupee, Lafayette, Iberia, Iberville, West Baton Rouge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION VI</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>Opelousas, LA 70570</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>TINA FAUL</td>
<td>337/948-0257</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>948-0259</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>948-0261</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>337/948-0293 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: WAYNE BRESCHER</td>
<td>P O Box 98000</td>
<td>Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Feliciana</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGION VII</td>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>2000 Quail Drive (70808)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RASHETTA WILLIAMS</td>
<td>Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>225/765-2999</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>225/763-5429 or 8/431-5429 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**PAGE - 6**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ENFORCEMENT REGION VIII</th>
<th>CAPTAIN: BRIAN CLARK</th>
<th>1600 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70112-2855</th>
<th>Jefferson Orleans Plaquemine St. Bernard St. Charles</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>SENNETTA BELL</td>
<td>225 765-2441 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENFORCEMENT REGION IX</td>
<td>CAPTAIN: SAMMY MARTIN</td>
<td>1102 Hwy. 3185 Thibodaux, LA 70301</td>
<td>Assumption Lafourche St. James St. John St. Martin St. Mary Terrebonne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC:</td>
<td>ELAINE MOORE</td>
<td>985/447-0821 FAX</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Site Clearance Verification Procedure Application

Date______

Company Name______

is applying to the Office of Conservation, pursuant to rules and regulations, for authorization of
the applicant’s Site Clearance Plan of an abandoned oil and gas structure located in the

_____ Field
_____ Parish, Louisiana

Mailing Address______
_____
_____
_____

Responsible Person with the Applicant’s Organization

Name______
Position______
Phone Number______

If Organization Responsible for Application is Different from Applicant

Name of Consulting Company______
Mailing Address______
_____
_____

Contact Person______
Phone Number______
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Well or Platform Name</th>
<th>Serial Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Average Water Depth of Area

Location(s) in
Restricted Waterways□ Open Coastal Waters□
Territorial Seas□

If wells, were they
Dry Hole□ Or Once a Producer□

Proposed Site Clearance Verification Method
Trawling□ Diver□ Other□

Proposed Radius Size to be Surveyed
Describe with attachment the navigation equipment utilized to ensure correct position information.

_____ 

Describe with attachment trawling procedures 

_____ 

Attach drawing with radius around well or platform, grid lines and show how nets will cover the area. _____ 

I have read and understand and will comply with all Site Clearance Requirements for trawling as contained in:  http://dnr.louisiana.gov/cons/Title43.ssi and General Instructions and MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) 

_________________________________________________ Signature 

Sea Turtle Handling 

If a sea turtle is taken while trawling, he will be resuscitated according to guidelines for any captured turtle as described in the ESA (Endangered Species Act) regulations at 50CFR223.206(d)(1) and released. The species of any taken Sea Turtle will be identified and its condition reported within the verification report.

_________________________________________________ Signature 

Any debris that should fall from a torn net will be recovered and disposed in a proper and legal manner on land. This includes any debris that might fall outside the assigned radius.

_________________________________________________ Signature 

Complete this Section if Trawling
Complete this Section if using Diver Walk

Explain why diving is proposed instead of trawling
_____

Explain how the center of the abandoned well or platform will be located
_____

Explain in detail the method that will be used to cover the required area.
_____

Attach a drawing which shows the radius to be covered and method employed by the diver.

Any obstruction encountered will be marked, removed, and disposed on land.

____________________________________________
Signature

Complete this Section if Method is Other

With attachment, describe in detail the proposed procedure. Include all equipment specifications and spacing of grid lines or tripods. Explain in detail what deliverables will be presented to prove the radius is clear. Explain how divers will examine each anomaly; make reports of findings and how obstructions encountered will be removed. Include a drawing to support description.

Upon completion of Site Clearance Verification, the radius will be clear of all obstructions.

____________________________________________
Signature
Provide a Vicinity Map of the Location

Draw the appropriate radius around each well or platform.

If location is in a restricted waterway, clearly show nearby land.

If asking for exclusion of a portion of the radius, the map will show all nearby wells and the scale will be such as to show clearly why the exemption is necessary.

Provide Plug and Abandoned forms for all Wells

If well is P&A at the current time, provide a copy of the work permit or a copy of the P&A Report that is normally completed after the P&A work is done.

If the well is not P&A at the current time, provide a copy of the work permit.

Provide a Notarized Verification of Application

Sample on next page
VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ___________________________

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned, personally came and appeared ______________________________, who, being by me duly sworn, did upon his oath verify that he is (Attorney, Representative, Agent, etc.) for _____________________________________________, that the information contained in the above and foregoing application is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, and that he has authority to make such application.

________________________________________
(signature of person)

________________________________________
(name of person)

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary, this ______day of __________________________, 20__.

________________________________________
(signature of notary)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for

________________________________________
Parish, Louisiana

(Note: Include Notary stamp and seal with Commission expiration)
Structure Removal Data

DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO SITE CLEARANCE VERIFICATION (Include configuration, size, number and type of legs, casings, pilings)

Depth to which Casing, Pilings will be removed

Attach a schematic or photograph of the existing structure.

Will explosives be used? 

If Yes, provide a discussion of how explosives will be used.

FLOW LINES / PIPELINES

***Describe all flow lines and/or pipelines prior to structure removal within the radius.***

All abandoned well and platform locations on state water bottoms shall be cleared of all related obstructions by the owner of such facilities. Any flow line or pipe of any kind that protrudes above the mud line, constitutes an obstruction and shall either be removed or buried three (3) feet at the discretion of the owner.

(Exceptions: Any active flow line or pipeline is not required to be buried or removed. Any inactive flow line intertwined with an active line is not required to be buried or removed in that area. Once they become separated, then the inactive line will be buried or removed.

Any safety concern shall be addressed on site by the operator/contractor on an individual basis and not on a blanket basis. The operator/contractor is not required to bury or remove a portion of line he believes would be unsafe, but he must be able to adequately explain why it was unsafe. If he is unable to do so, he may be required to return and complete work.)

I have read and understand and will comply with the requirements for flow lines and pipe lines.

____________________________
Signature
Will inactive flow lines and/or pipelines be removed or buried

Is there a request that any portion of the radius be exempt from survey coverage? If yes, explain

In your opinion, is there a danger to the environment or a threat to wildlife if flow lines are removed? If yes, explain

Is a letter of concurrence from an appropriate agency attached? 

(A letter of concurrence is required if you wish to leave all lines in place without burial. If a concurrence was previously submitted with another application, attach a copy.)

All debris will be disposed in a proper and legal manner. The required radius will be free of obstructions after work is complete. All debris will be brought to land for proper disposal. If a net should be torn and debris dropped outside the radius, it will be recovered and disposed on land in a proper manner.

______________________________
Signature
## SITE CLEARANCE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE REPORT

Company Name_____

Site Clearance Application Number_____

Field Name_____

Parish_____

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Names of wells/platforms</th>
<th>Serial Numbers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. ____</td>
<td>____</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Survey Method

Trawling □ Diver □ Other □

Survey Radius ______

Date(s) work was performed ______

The entire area contained within the approved radius (except for any approved exceptions) was covered by the survey. All conditions of the Site Clearance Verification Procedure Application were complied with. This area is now clear of any obstructions or debris (except as noted below).

______________________________

Signature

If Trawling was used:

(1) Attach a plot of boats path through the radius
(2) Show grid lines and well/platform center
(3) For each grid line state
   * Line was clear
   Or
   * Obstruction was recovered
   Describe
Or
   * Net was torn
   Obstruction was recovered on boat
   Describe
   Obstruction fell back in water
   State that it was marked and recovered
   Describe

Sea Turtle Report

Number of turtles taken in nets ______ (If none say none)
Sizes ______
Species_ (Kemp Ridley, Olive Ridley, Leatherneck ______
Taken dead ______ or alive ______
If alive: Resuscitated ______ Yes ______ No
Condition
Released alive ______ or died before ______
   If not alive: Condition (rigor mortis, decaying, cracked Carapace/shell) ______
If Diver Walk was used:

Describe with attachment how the diver walk was performed.

Attach a drawing showing how sweeps were made, any land mass encountered and a scale.

List and describe all obstructions encountered. State that they were marked and removed.

If Other Methods were used: Provide all documentation as described in the application

****Flow Line and Pipeline Discussion****

List all flow lines and pipelines that remain in the radius after verification work is complete. State whether they are active or inactive, buried or not buried. If any remaining line is not buried explain why and report any safety concerns addressed. (If none, say none) Also list any flow lines or pipe lines removed during structure removal or verification.

———

Attach a “Verification of Information” page

(Sample Next Page)
VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ________________________________

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned, personally came and appeared ________________________________, who, being by me duly sworn, did upon his oath verify that he is (Attorney, Representative, Agent, etc.) for ________________________________, that the information contained in the above and foregoing verification report is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, and that he has authority to make such application.

________________________________________
(signature of person)

________________________________________
(name of person)

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary, this ___day of ________________________, 20___.

________________________________________
(signature of notary)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for ________________________________, Parish, Louisiana

(Note: Include Notary stamp and seal with Commission expiration)