PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT (PPR)

1.	Type of Program (Check Appropriate Box) OSR Initial Grant		National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements	
2.	Grant Recipient Louisiana Department of Natural Resources	Type of Report Quarterly Report	Reporting Period 7/01/2023 – 09/30/2023	Federal Number(s) D22AP00241
3.	Project Title/Program Louisiana Orphaned Well Site Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration			
4.	Performing Organization Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation			
5.	Program Narrative			

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) continued field operations on orphaned well projects in Louisiana during the third quarter of 2023. The LDNR has two primary contractors, Dynamic Group, LLC for LDNR Project No. 431-PA23-001, focused primarily in the Monroe Conservation District; and Lemoine Disaster Recovery, LLC for LDNR Project No. 431-PA23-002, focused primarily in the Shreveport Conservation District. These two contractors continued methane measurement, well abandonment, and site restoration operations in their respective areas.

As of September 29, 2023 that state has abandoned a total of 535 well sites. Site restoration may remain at some of these abandoned sites, as the contractors are batching the abandonment work.

LDNR has continue methane measurement with site contractors and Louisiana State University (LSU). LSU is updating its findings on methane measurement, and is continuing to develop an online tool to track methane and other critical IIJA metrics. LSU has begun 24-hour methane measurement on select wells to verify models and confirm contractor measurement. LDNR hopes to share more learnings and our online tool in the future.

6. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purpose set forth in the award documents.

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