



## Coast-It Notes

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


OCM would like to remind applicants that foundation pads for drilling barges in open water must remain on the water bottom. These pads create valuable fisheries habitat and are to be left in place. If the material extends more than 0.5 feet above existing water bottom elevations in less than 8 feet of water, the material must be spread so that it is not more than 0.5 feet above existing water bottom elevations to prevent hazards to navigation. Removal of the pad may be done only under exceptional circumstances and must be permitted by this office.

OCM has finalized the Needs, Alternatives and Justification (NAJ) guide updates Coastal Use Permit applications. The updated guides 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 [Drainage Facilities Guide](#), which is available now on our website along with the other guides developed and released throughout 2012. Click [here](#) to view the referenced NAJ guides as well as other helpful information about Coastal Use Permitting.

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