

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE OF LOUISIANA



## Coast-It Notes

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### *Office of Coastal Management News*

#### SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Hurricane Harvey

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Effective immediately, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources is authorizing those activities necessary to prevent and mitigate damages to the extent possible associated with Hurricane Harvey. In the event that new construction is needed, an after-the-fact permit application might be required.

Also, the Secretary has determined that potential damage to energy and other infrastructure in the Louisiana Coastal Zone by Hurricane Harvey may result 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 potential threat that Hurricane Harvey may cause impacts of statewide significance, all emergency uses under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program which are necessitated for preparation, response to, and the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey shall be considered uses of state concern.

Because of the potential for widespread damage associated with Hurricane Harvey, the Department of Natural Resources 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. Unless this notice is renewed, it shall expire on September 1, 2017.

In the event that emergency repairs are needed, emergency repairs are

authorized to commence the necessary work at the earliest opportunity. The Department reminds all emergency users to avoid and minimize impacts resulting from the activities authorized by this notice to coastal resources where possible, since compensatory mitigation for these impacts will most likely be required. Emergency users are 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 activity,
- a description of the work performed,
- a vicinity map showing the location of the emergency work,
- and project coordinates (lat/long) if available.

Notifications should be directed to:

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