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Chairman's Column

Last month, 38 members and guests, enjoyed an excellent presentation by John Dribus, with Schlumberer. John's talk, on the potential of the southern Gulf of Mexico, included great illustrations plus some actual samples of reservoir "rocks".

This month we have a return visit by Chris McLindon to update us on coastal litigation and other things going on with the coastal restoration effort. As usual, there is both "fact and fiction" involved. The whole coastal situation is a "hot topic" so Chris' talk should be especially interesting!

Looking ahead, in March we will have our regular lunch meeting. In April we will have the 2nd annual crayfish boil/membership meeting, which was so successful last year. Eric has submitted several more applications for approval so the ranks continue to grow!

One last reminder for spring dues, if you haven't sent yours in yet, you are overdue!

Louis E. Lemarié

Chris McLindon

A Review of Coastal Litigation



Tuesday, February 21st

Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

On July 24, 2013 The Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East filed suit in Civil District Court of the Parish of Orleans against approximately 100 oil and gas production and pipeline companies alleging that those companies were responsible for the loss of thousands of acres of coastal land in Louisiana. In the following three years the parishes of Plaquemines, Jefferson, Cameron, St. Bernard and Vermillion filed similar suits against oil and gas companies. An examination of science behind the lawsuits as well as a review of the history and current status of each of these suits will be discussed. The role of the State of Louisiana and the Department of Natural Resources changed over this time period, and in particular under the administration of Governor John Bel Edwards. The economic impacts of the lawsuits will also be examined. These include impacts on the oil and gas industry, the coastal parishes and the state as a whole, as well as on the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.



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