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Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources has received the following application for a Coastal Use Parmit in accordance with the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended, (Louisiana R.S. 49, Sections 214.21-214.41), and the rules end regulations of the Coastal Resources Program.

The official date of the beginning of the public comment period for Coastal Use Permits and Water Quality Certification applications begins on the date of publication of the notice in the official state journal (The Advocate), in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for Coastal Use Permits, §723.C.5.c. The Coastal Management Division will inform interested parties of the exect date of publication on request.

*Habitat impacts are based on available in-house data and may not represent actual conditions. Field reconnaissance may be required to verify extent of impacts.

NAME:

VALERO ST. CHARLES REFINERY

c/o C-K ASSOCIATES, LLC 17170 PERKINS ROAD BATON ROUGE, LA 70810

Attn: Lee Walters

LOCATION:

Saint Charles Parish, LA; Norco, LA; Section 7, T12S-R8E; Lat, 29° 59' 53"N / Long.

90° 23' 10"W.

DESCRIPTION:

Proposed expansion (approximately 1200' x 3400') of the existing Valero Refinery for equipment laydown and overflow contractor parking. Approximately 54,500 cubic yards of crushed stone or gravel and 335,100 cubic yards of native material will be used as fill. No additional dredge or fill is required for this project. *Approximately 67.59 acres of cypress/bottomland hardwoods and 1.75 acres of a possible upland area may be impacted as a result of the proposed project.

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THE APPLICANT MUST SECURE A STATE COASTAL USE PERMIT PLUS A DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT OR A GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

State of Louisiana Coastal Use Permit Criteria

Plans for the proposed work are now on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Coastal Management Division, Department of Natural Resources, State Land and Natural Resources Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Room 1048, Baton Rouge, LA. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work and stating the reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the matter. Comments to the State of Louisiana, Coastal Management Division must be received within 25 days of the date of official journal publication of this notice. Comments may be faxed to us at (225)342-9439 or may be emailed to us at the email address listed above. All comment letters should contain both the applicant's name and the appropriate application number and should be mailed to the Coastal Management Division, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 44487, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487.

The decision on whether or not to issue a Coastal Use Permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:214.22. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and culture setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

Public Hearings

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a State or Federal public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.





