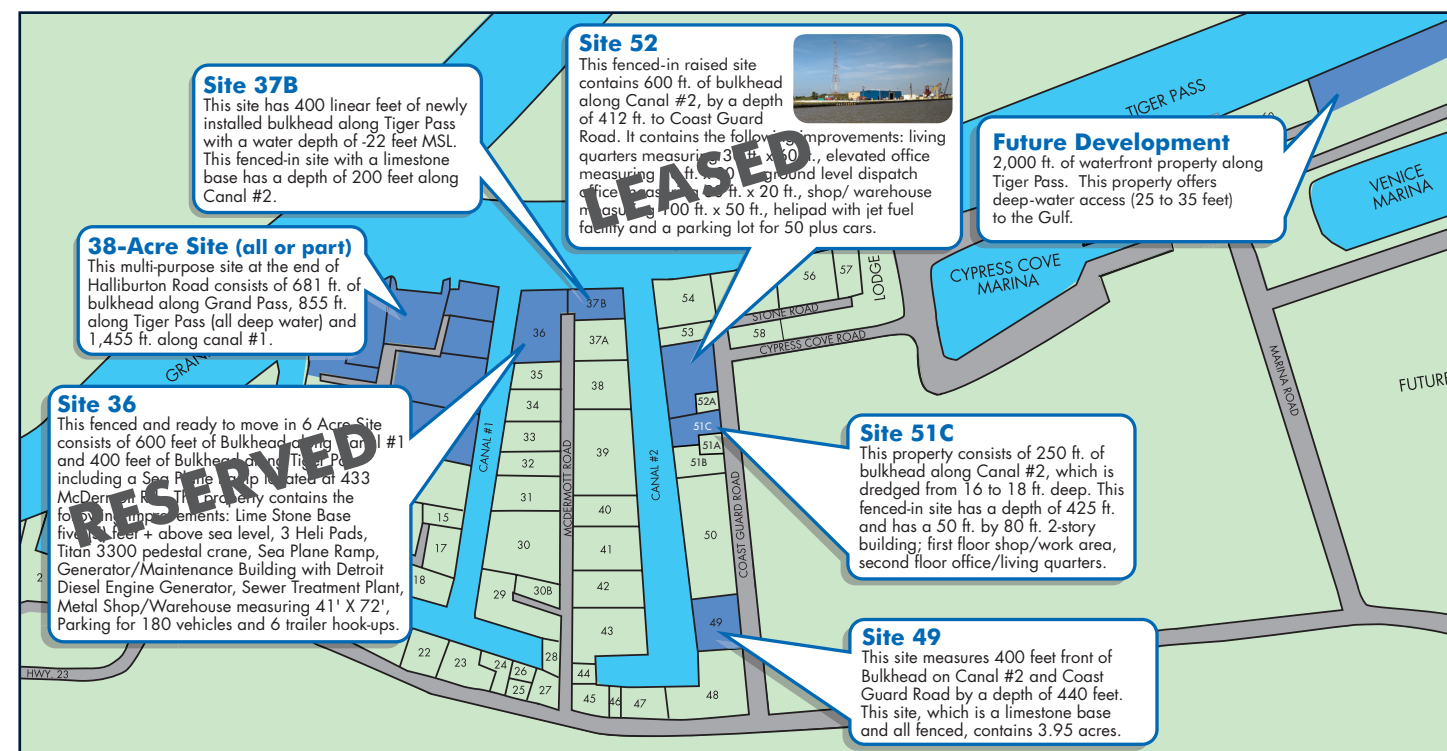




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## Opportunities abound at the VPC

The VPC offers ready to move in properties as well as customizing to meet your company's specific needs.



The Venice Port Complex Report will be published quarterly. If you have any updates or news that you would like to contribute, please contact George Pivach II at 504-392-1830 or [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com) [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)



# The VPC Report

WINTER 2014

## The VPC welcomes in the New Year

The new year is all about celebrating the possibilities of what lies ahead. In that spirit, we have plenty to look forward to at the VPC in 2014. One very important development is the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) first oil and gas lease sale in the Eastern Gulf since March 2008. The proposed sale will cover some 465,200 acres in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and includes 134 whole or partial unleased blocks located 125 miles offshore from Venice in water ranging from 2,657 feet to 10,213 feet deep. Tapping these unused resources in the Gulf is a positive sign for oil and gas exploration and future deep-water drilling.

To complement the growing oil and gas industry, the VPC has recently seen substantial progress in upgrading its infrastructure. The VPC and South Plaquemines have benefited from \$75 million in upgrades since 2005, including raising Tidewater Road to +5 MSL, blacktopping McDermott Road to +5 MSL and installing over 2,000 linear feet of new bulkhead to accommodate water depth of -20 to -25 MSL at the dock.


An important infrastructure improvement on the horizon is the deepening of Baptiste Collette Bayou to -22 MSL. Ongoing improvements include the \$671 million Federal Levee

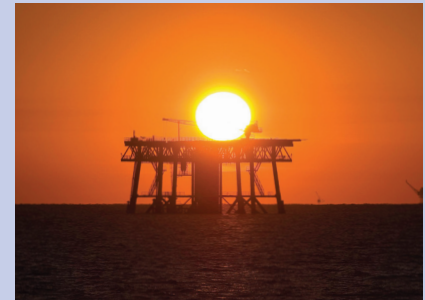
project that includes raising and strengthening 23 miles of levees on the westbank to protect LA State Hwy 23 from tropical events. Another improvement is the construction of the Peters Road Bypass connecting Highway 90 to Highway 23 south of Belle Chasse for a faster, more direct route to Venice from New Orleans.

Our 7th annual Thanksgiving basket drive this past November was a huge success. We were able to help more than 300 families in South Plaquemines by providing them with a traditional holiday dinner. I would like to thank Tony Frickey, our Site Supervisor, and all the businesses and volunteers who made donations of time and money to make this event possible.

I would like to thank Rene Cross Construction, Inc for renewing its lease on Site 48 and welcome our newest tenant Energy XXI GOM LLC to the VPC.

I hope that all of our tenants and families had a blessed holiday season and a happy New Year. I would also like to thank you for your business and look forward to working with you in 2014.

  
George Pivach II  
Venice Port Complex Vice President and General Counsel



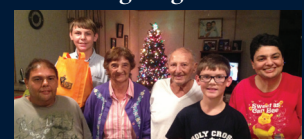
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## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### Newpark Environmental Services, LLC



Newpark Environmental Services LLC (NES) has offered the Venice Port unique solutions for managing exploration and production (E&P) waste since 1982. We offer our service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and pride ourselves on being the first to open after extreme weather conditions, such as hurricanes. In the recent Algiers Lock closures of last summer, our operations

never closed in order to service our valuable customers.

With division headquarters in Lafayette, La., and transfer station facilities stretching from Venice, La. to Port Arthur, Texas, NES is strategically positioned to offer dependable, logistically convenient and cost-effective disposal of all types of E&P wastes generated offshore, onshore or in coastal waters.

For over 30 years, NES has provided a full range of environmental solutions for managing oilfield waste disposal through low-pressure injection technologies. In addition, NES' management services for RCRA-exempt E&P waste also includes the handling and disposal of waste containing naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM). NORM waste is handled through our Big Hill facility located near Winnie, Texas. NES also uses its patented low-pressure injection process to handle non-hazardous industrial waste at our Big Hill facility. Let our experienced staff help you with your waste disposal projects.

For more information please visit:  
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or call 337-984-4445.



### Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids



Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids has operated a marine base in Venice, La., since 1964. First named MILCHEM Corporation, the company eventually evolved into Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids.

Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids is dedicated to expanding the deep water market in Venice. Venice became the birthplace of synthetic-based drilling fluids, which now dominates

the deep water market, when Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids marketed and serviced the first well in 1997 from the Venice facility. Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids continued to offer synthetic-based mud from the Venice facility until Hurricane Katrina devastated Venice and the Gulf Coast.

It has been a long and slow process in building back the business and the facility; however, Baker Hughes is proud to announce the addition of 4500 bbls of synthetic-based drilling fluids and 1000 bbls of base oil storage. This, plus 3500 bbl. of oil-based mud and 1500 bbl. of water-based mud, allows Baker Hughes to market all three major mud systems from the Venice Marine Base.

This incremental growth is seen as the first step in

bringing Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids a step closer to being the lead supplier of drilling fluids to the Venice Market. Venice, while servicing the shelf GoM market, is also strategically located to serve as a supplier to the deep water market—hence, Baker Hughes' dedication to expanding the Venice facility.

The Region is also excited about the Completion Fluids product line being fully integrated into the business unit and is projecting a very strong year as well. Expectations for deep water are high for 2014 and beyond and BH Fluids looks to be well positioned to grow with all three product lines in the Region.



*A new facility has opened in Broussard, La., supporting the Gulf of Mexico and Venice. This building is home to a new state of the art lab and a base of operations for drilling fluids.*

### Environmental Operators, LLC

Environmental Operators, LLC (EOL) has provided quality, comprehensive non-hazardous solid waste collection, management, disposal and scrap metal recycling to a wide variety of businesses within the Venice Port Complex (VPC) and surrounding communities since 1986.

In terms of the VPC, the proximity and location of the Coast Guard Road Sanitary Landfill (CGRSL) allows for quicker response times and a significant reduction of traffic hauling wastes through traffic sensitive areas of Plaquemines Parish. Having a waste hauler and a permitted industrial and municipal landfill within the VPC offers exceptional advantages over other port locations.

CGRSL has approximately 20 years of permitted disposal areas and has submitted a permit modification to LDEQ for review and approval, which will add an addi-

tional 20 years of life to the facility.

EOL recently began assisting P&A contractors with dismantling and demolition of facilities in and around Plaquemines Parish. EOL's scrap metal lay-down and processing yard in the VPC allows customers to ship industrial waste, municipal solid waste and scrap metal to be offloaded and disposed of or recycled. EOL's fleet of trucks, mobile scrap metal processing equipment and containers are ready to meet each of our customers needs.

**For more information:**

call (504) 361-0094, email: info@ecompanies.com or visit [www.ecompanies.com](http://www.ecompanies.com).



### The 7th annual VPC Thanksgiving drive gives to 300 families in South Plaquemines

For the 7th year the Venice Port Complex (VPC) organized its annual Thanksgiving gift basket drive to bring food, support and holiday cheer to residents of their community in South Plaquemines.

"This year's Thanksgiving drive was our most successful to date," said George Pivach, II, VPC vice president and general counsel. "I would like to thank all our residents and businesses who helped to make this holiday a little more special for so many others in our community."

300 families in South Plaquemines received a Thanksgiving basket that included a turkey and traditional holiday fare. The VPC, VPC tenants, local businesses and residents gave contributions and assisted in the packaging and delivery of the baskets to area residents.

#### The following businesses provided contributions to this event:

**Platinum Level \$2,000.00 and above:** The Louisiana Fruit Co./ Venice Port Complex; Fab-Con, Inc.; Fremin's Food Market; Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. **Gold Level \$1,000.00 to \$1,999.00:** Bonvillian Marine Service, Inc.; Bruce Gasquet; Denet Towing Service, Inc.; D&C Seafood, Inc.; Fill-A-Sack of Boothville, Inc.; Galion Sweet Potato Company; Madere & Sons Towing, Inc. **Silver Level \$500.00 to \$999.00:** Callais Marine Service of Venice, Inc.; Cypress Cove Lodge, LLC; Daybrook Fisheries, Inc.; Ellzey Marine and Hardware, Inc.; John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC; Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thriffley & Dunbar, LLC; Settoon Construction, Inc.; Venice Steel & Pipe, Inc. **Bronze Level \$100.00 to \$499.00:** Abe's Boat Rentals, Inc.; Ben & Ben Becnel, Inc.; Canal Barge Company, Inc.; Cattle Farms Management Co., LLC; Couvillion Group, LLC; Cvitanovic Boat Service, Inc.; Delta Well Surveyors, Inc.; Liberty Services, Inc.; Newman Crane Service, Inc.; Offshore Cleaning Systems, LLC and Royal Paper & Box.



#### The following companies and parish residents provided help and assistance:

Boothville Venice Elementary School, Boothville Venice Vol. Fire Dept., Maximo Bye, Kathy Carter, Joe Clark, Marla Cooper and Staff, Emery Couvillion, Isabelle Couvillion, Jamie Couvillion, Jerrold Denet, Jeff Edgcombe and Staff, Tony Frickey, Percy Griffin and Staff, Ricky Harvey, Todd Harvey, Nick Lee, Dylan Madere, Jamie Madere, Tyler Madere, Byron Marinovich and Staff, Pastor Steve McNeal, Susan Miller, Rolf Parelius, Cherie Pete, Port Sulphur Baptist Church, South Plaquemines Elementary School, South Plaquemines High School, Gerald Thompkins, Mary Thompkins, Trinity United Methodist Church, Burghart Turner and Staff, Reverend Theodore Turner, Trey Vasquez, Venice Baptist Church and Venice Steel & Pipe, Inc.