



LOUISIANA OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

TO: LOGA Board of Directors

As you are very much aware, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East filed a lawsuit against 97 oil and gas companies for alleged damage to Louisiana's coast. The lawsuit is currently in motions to be removed to federal court and it is expected that the suit will remain there after the plaintiff's motions to remand to the CDC in New Orleans are denied.

LOGA is making every effort to assist our membership in bringing a swift end to the lawsuit, including legal actions, political pressure and bringing awareness of the issue to our members, elected officials and the public. As part of this effort, we have put together a dedicated page on our website to compile all of the information related to the suit.

We have also been doing an in-depth investigation to potential legal actions the association can take in order to assist the defense team. While we discovered many issues with the actual suit and are prepared to pursue them, we want to make sure that we do not interfere with the actions being taken by the defense team in federal court.

One area that we have identified as an area that we could attack while not interfering with defense efforts are the actions that have been taken by the Louisiana Attorney General (AG). It has been our findings, and the findings of our legal counsel, that the AG violated Louisiana law in authorizing the hiring of special counsel by the SLFPA-E. After reviewing the findings, we convened the LOGA Executive Committee (EC) to discuss what actions we could pursue.

On Tuesday, August 27th, the LOGA EC voted unanimously to send a letter to the AG requesting that he withdraw his support of the resolution authorizing the SLFPA-E and their hiring of special counsel. If the AG were to comply with this request, it would bring an end to the lawsuit effective immediately. Additionally, the LOGA EC voted to allow LOGA to file and move forward with a petition for Declaratory Judgment against the AG should the AG not comply with our request.

On Thursday, August 29th, LOGA's legal counsel (Mahtook & Lafluer) delivered the letter and the petition to the AG for his consideration. Attached to this letter are electronic copies of the letter and the petition.

We intend on making the membership aware of the letter and petition on Tuesday, September 3rd. Should you have any questions regarding the letter, petition or lawsuit, please do not hesitate to call me at the office.

Sincerely,

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President

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