



CPRA Publishes Proposed Rule to Establish Compensation Schedule Program

Under the authority of Act 362 of the 2016 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session (Act 362), and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, the Chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), in coordination with the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO), gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act Regulations, La. Admin. Code 43:XXIX.109, 121, 125, and 129.

Act 362 authorized CPRA to establish a restoration banking program and corresponding oil spill compensation schedule. On January 20, 2017, CPRA filed proposed rules to govern the restoration banking program, and the purpose of the current proposed amendments is to establish the corresponding oil spill compensation schedule (schedule) for that program. The schedule may be utilized by the State trustees (CPRA, LOSCO, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (collectively, State trustees)) as an additional expedited procedure to assess natural resource injuries associated with certain oil spills in the Louisiana Coastal Area. The proposed amendments also authorize the State trustees, where appropriate, to propose and select the purchase of credits from certified restoration banks established in accordance with La. Admin. Code 43:XXXI.Chapter 1 to restore for natural resource injuries from oil spills in the Louisiana Coastal Area.

View the proposed rule in the [April 2017 Louisiana Register](#).

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