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15 August 2017

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

**RE: COMPLIANCE ORDER No. E-I&E-05-0233**  
**OC Legacy Project No. 023-007-001**  
**JOSEPH A BLANCHARD LEASE**  
**BETTY D BLANCHARD ET AL LEASE**  
**HERTON LEASE**  
**Jeanerette Field - FC 4741**  
**St. Mary Parish, LA**

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Dear Mr. Snellgrove:

It concerns me greatly that progress for which I have hoped during the past twelve (12) years of this Compliance Order has suddenly accelerated with no involvement and/or input on my part; that work is going forward without proper permits from various invested authorities as well as with no timely notice to me.

This Compliance Order resulted from my 2005 letter to then Governor Blanco and a meeting she arranged with members of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. To date that Order has not been enforced; was given a Supplemental status and Legacy title; the concerned oil companies filed a petition to have issues heard by an Administrative Law Judge at which Park and myself were denied representation, participation and/or intervention.

Your office has now approved the Phase II Plan submitted by Hydro-Environmental Technology, Inc. (HET) representing BP/Chevron/Tortuga Operating without having received the results of the Phase I investigation and with no input from myself and/or my representatives. I was neither notified of nor sent a copy of the 23 June 2017 "Site Status Update and Further Delineation Plan" on which your approval was granted nor given sufficient notice that HET would be on the property this week.

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It is common knowledge that the majority of Park has been placed in a Perpetual Conservation Easement; HET employees are on the property without the requisite Compatible Use Permit to allow them access and work on Easement land; is on the property with ATV/4-wheeler equipment which is not allowed on the Easement; traversing and rutting the land which has been inundated by torrential rains. In addition, the property is located in the Coastal Management Zone which requires another set of permits for the work they intend and for which they have not applied. It is incumbent upon the Office of Conservation to assure all proper permits are in place and that I am sent copies of each.

While the testing to be done is overdue, it is commended. My concern as the landowner and taxpayer, is that my rights are being greatly infringed without my permission and/or inclusion in the process and, as a result, property I have worked to protect is once again being damaged by the same entities for which the Compliance Order was issued.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy Blanchard

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