

STATE OF LOUISIANA, STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD
POST OFFICE DRAWER 2827
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-2827

PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS
ON
STATE OWNED LANDS AND WATER BOTTOMS

Permit No.: _____ Date of Issuance: _____

Permit Cost: \$ _____ FEDERAL ID #72-0805459

Permit Issued To:

Applicant (Agent):

Geophysical Operator/Client:

Type of exploration to be done:

Description of area in which exploration will be conducted (See Attached Map):

Parish(es):

ID Name:

SEE X-Y's ATTACHED

This permit is limited to the geographical area herein above described and to the project set forth in the attached map.

Failure to notify the Office of Mineral Resources in writing of any additional clients, geophysical shooting companies or geophysical survey lines added to the project permitted hereunder, in advance of adding to this permitted project, shall serve to nullify this permit, forfeit of the permit fee and loss of right to conduct geophysical survey for permittee for one year.

Permittee is hereby granted permission to conduct geophysical and geological surveys on state-owned lands and water bottoms in the above described area, in accordance with Title 30, Sections 211-216 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and subject to terms and conditions set forth in the attached copy of Rules and Regulations promulgated by the State Mineral and Energy Board under authority of R.S. 30:214.

This permit shall be effective on the date of issuance and shall remain effective for a period of one (1) year therefrom unless revoked for cause.

This permit shall not be deemed to cover and include any State oil and gas lease now in effect, so long as such lease or leases remain in effect, covering any portion of the area covered hereby, but if permittee shall secure appropriate consent from the lessee under any such lease to conduct operations thereon of the type permitted herein this permit shall evidence the acquiescence of the State Mineral and Energy Board in such consent. Upon expiration, lapse, or termination of any such State lease this permit shall automatically extend to cover the acreage formerly under lease.

In order to accommodate proper administration of this permit, the applicant shall submit to the Office of Mineral Resources notice of the date of commencement of seismic operations authorized by this permit; and upon completion of survey operations the applicant shall submit a notice of completion to the Office of Mineral Resources.

Pursuant to rights and authority promulgated under Act 578 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, permittee shall, at completion of the seismic shoot and the processing thereof, but no later than six (6) months from completion of the seismic shoot, allow the State Mineral and Energy Board or the employees of the Office of Mineral Resources to review any and all seismic data acquired on State lands and water bottoms, including 3D, 2D, gravity, magnetics and any other geophysical or geological data acquired under this permit. All information, maps, plots, and other data reviewed shall be confidential and an exception to the provisions of public records laws and shall not be released to any agency or entity absent a valid court order from a court of competent jurisdiction.

This permit is subject to and governed by regulations promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the protection of oysters, fish and wildlife insofar as the geophysical or geological surveying activity permitted herein occurs in any water body the title to which is in the public trust, and further, subject to any limitations prescribed in any lease servitude or other encumbrance granted by the State of Louisiana on state lands and water bottoms.

RECEIVED AND APPROVED:

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

BY: _____

BY: _____

THIS PERMIT MUST BE SIGNED, DATED AND RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES PRIOR TO STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD APPROVAL.