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America's WETLAND to Host Leadership Hearing in New Orleans on Wednesday

NEW ORLEANS— "Innovative Technology for Energy and Environmental Sustainability of America's Energy Coast," will be the main topic up for discussion at a Leadership Hearing hosted by the America's WETLAND Foundation on Wednesday, September 30, from 1:30- 5:00 p.m. The hearing, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Pontabla Room of the InterContinental Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

America's Energy Coast (AEC) is a diverse group of major U.S.- based businesses and industry, national environmental organizations, renowned scientists and researchers, and coastal interests from across the four energy-producing states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. An initiative of the America's WETLAND Foundation, AEC's mission is to provide a balanced forum for many interests to work together toward the development of comprehensive solutions to sustain our vital economic region and the environment on which it depends.

Mark Hurley, President of Shell Pipeline and Chair of the AEC Industry Council will lead the opening session of the AEC Leadership Hearing. Expert speakers from industry, government and academia will address other critical issues throughout the day. The complete agenda is below.

This event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended. To reserve a seat, register online at <http://www.americaenergycoast.org/registration.php>.

Media interested in covering the event should contact John Hill at (504) 756-0101 or jh@mcopr.com.

AGENDA

1:30 PM- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Mark Hurley, America's Energy Coast Industry Council

1:35 PM- OPENING REMARKS

- Sandi Fury, Chevron
- Karen Gautreaux, The Nature Conservancy

1:45 PM- FUTURE OF CONVENTIONAL (OIL & GAS) ENERGY OUTLOOK

Gulf Coast Oil and Gas

- Chris John, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn.

OCS Program

- Mike Prendergast, Minerals Management Service

Energy Security

- Amy Jaffe, Baker Institute, Rice University

Deep Water Exploration

- Fred Palmer, Shell

2:45 PM- LEVERAGING CO2 FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

The CO2 Recovery Process

- Charles Gibson, Denbury Resources

Future of Carbon Sequestration

- Ian Duncan, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas

3:30 PM- POTENTIAL FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN THE GULF CORRIDOR

Alternative Energy Outlook

- Jon Guidroz, Free Flow Power
- Art Johnson, Hydrate Energy International
- Mike Karst, Entira

Emerging Technologies for Alternative Energy

- Kara Renne, New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

4:15 PM- INNOVATIVE SCIENCE/PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATIVES

- Dr. Robert Twilley, LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio
- Dr. Larry McKinney, Harte Research Center, Texas A & M

5:00 PM- ADJOURNMENT

- Mark Hurley, America's Energy Coast Industry Council

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