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## CENTURY EXPLORATION NEW ORLEANS, INC. 3838 NORTH CAUSWAY BLVD, SUITE 2800 METAIRIE, LA 70002

## NOTICE OF FEDERAL INTEREST FOR AN OIL POLLUTION INCIDENT, CAPTAIN OF THE PORT NEW ORLEANS CASE NUMBER: NRC# 1129199

On September 23, 2015, an oil pollution incident occurred at Breton Sound, an area of the Gulf of Mexico. You may be financially responsible for that incident. Under Federal Statutes, the United States Government may take action to minimize damage to the public health or welfare that is threatened or that may be caused by this incident.

Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the responsible party is liable for, among other things, removal costs and damages resulting from this incident. The failure or refusal of the responsible party to provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance requested by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) will eliminate any defense or entitlement to limited liability which otherwise might be available under the act.

You are advised that your failure to properly carry out the removal of the discharge as ordered by the OSC or to comply with any administrative orders necessary to protect the public health and welfare, may subject you to additional penalties. For such failure, owners, operators, or persons in charge of the vessel or facility from which the oil is discharged are subject under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA), as amended, to a civil penalty of up to \$40,000 per day of violation or up to three times the costs incurred by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. Should you require further information concerning this matter, please contact me at the above address or telephone number.

As long as the OSC determines that you are taking adequate actions in this matter, Federal removal action will usually be limited to monitoring the progress of your actions and providing guidance as necessary. Under the FWPCA, as amended, your response actions may be taken into account in determining the amount of any penalty assessed as a result of the discharge.

Sincerely,

C. A. Keith Petty Officer Third Class Incident Management Division U. S. Coast Guard

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