

AGENDA
Making Restoration Work for Gulf Communities: NRDA Basics and Lessons Learned
Workshop for Gulf Gathering Participants
March 16, 2011 (1:15 pm – 6:30 pm)
Camp Beckwith, AL

1:15 – 3:30

SESSION 1: INTRODUCING & EXPLORING NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES

1:15 – 1:30

Opening remarks by Kathryn Mengerink & Nina Robertson (ELI)

1:30 – 2:30

Setting the stage: NRDA Basics

4 speakers, 8-10 minutes per speaker with 20-30 minutes for discussion

This session will provide an overview of the preliminary findings of oil spill impact research, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), and other compensation and restoration processes underway in the Gulf. Independent experts will offer their perspective on opportunities for public participation, and state and federal trustees (agencies who are responsible for implementing NRDA) will share their progress to date, as well as future timelines for participation. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss ideas and concerns with the panelists.

Moderator: Kathryn Mengerink, Environmental Law Institute

- ***Stephanie Showalter, MS/AL Sea Grant Law Center***
- ***Joe Montoya, Georgia Institute of Technology, (invited)***
- ***Tom Brosnan, NOAA***
- ***Drue Banta, State of Louisiana, Office of the Governor (invited)***

Coffee Break

2:40 – 4:15

NRDA in action: Lessons learned from past NRDA cases

4 speakers, 15 minutes per speaker with 30 minutes for discussion

NRDA experts will present their experience and involvement in other NRDAs. They will highlight how the public has meaningfully participated in other NRDAs and where barriers remain. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about other NRDAs and discuss lessons learned that may apply to the BP oil spill NRDA.

Moderator: Nina Robertson, Environmental Law Institute

- ***Jim Ayers, Alaska Strategies, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council***
- ***Valerie Lee, Environment International, Ltd.***
- ***John Pendergrass, Environmental Law Institute***
- ***David Pettit, Natural Resources Defense Council***

4:15 – 4:30

Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:30

SESSION 2 A GULF ROAD MAP FOR TRANSPARENCY & ENGAGEMENT

Facilitated by: David Pettit, ELI, and possibly other panelists

The strategic planning session *will allow meeting participants to delve into different aspects of the NRDA process to discuss Gulf experiences, how lessons learned from previous NRDA can inform the Gulf process, and to develop recommendations for federal and state NRDA trustees and/or develop internal agenda to advocate for effective and transparent NRDA processes that meaningful engage the coastal communities and fishermen.

*time permitting, small group breakout sessions will precede a large group discussion

5:30 – 6:30

Evaluations and Happy Hour