

**NRDA Workshop Agenda:  
Making Restoration Work for  
Gulf Communities**

**March 17, 2011 12pm-6:30pm**

Five Rivers – Delta Resource Center,  
30945 Five Rivers Blvd. Spanish Fort, AL

12:00 - 12:30	<p>Registration, welcome and lunch.</p> <p><i>Opening remarks by ELI staff and local partners</i></p>
12:30 - 2:30	<p>Setting the stage: NRDA Basics</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderated by Kathryn Mengerink, ELI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stephanie Showalter and Niki Pace</b>, MS/AL Sea Grant Law Center.</li> <li>• <b>NRDA Scientist</b> (To be determined).</li> <li>• <b>Federal Trustee representative</b> (To be determined).</li> <li>• <b>Valerie Lee</b>, Environment International Ltd.</li> </ul>
2:30 - 2:45	<p>Coffee Break</p>
2:45 - 4:00	<p>NRDA in action: Lessons learned from past NRDA cases</p> <p>NRDA experts will present their experience and involvement in other NRDA's. They will highlight how the public has meaningfully participated in other NRDA's and where barriers remain. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about other NRDA's and discuss lessons learned that may apply to the BP oil spill NRDA.</p> <p>Moderated by Nina Robertson, ELI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jim Ayers</b>, Alaska Strategies, consultant and former Executive Director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. During his tenure, Jim led the implementation of the Exxon Valdez restoration plan.</li> <li>• <b>Valerie Lee</b>, Environment International, Ltd. Valerie is a consultant who authored the NRDA Deskbook and has implemented many NRDA's.</li> <li>• <b>John Pendergrass</b>, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute. John is a NRDA expert and has studied public participation in several NRDA cases.</li> </ul>
4:00 - 4:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
4:15 - 5:45	<p>Applying lessons learned and charting next steps in the Gulf</p> <p>Facilitated group discussion(s)* of lessons learned from other NRDA's, current engagement opportunities, and next steps for participating in Gulf restoration planning.</p> <p>*time permitting, small group breakout sessions will precede a large group discussion</p> <p><i>Facilitated by: John Pendergrass and potentially other panelists.</i></p>
5:45 - 6:30	<p>Evaluations and Happy Hour</p>