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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Coastal Programs
Through: Greg DuCote
From: Linda Pace
Re: Public Notices
Date: 10/11/01

A question came up recently by one of the federal agencies regarding public notices of local concern applications, specifically the PGPs. The agency is interested in reviewing the local concern applications so that it may comment on activities that would affect their resources. Since this is a parish responsibility, I checked with the parishes to find out their procedures. I also checked with Dianne Jones who does the joint public notices for CMD. Based on the responses from the parishes and the discussion with Dianne, the parishes, for the most part, publish the notice of local concern applications only in the official parish journal and have no other notification list. One parish does send their public notice of an application to CMD and it is placed in the Joint Public Notice mailout, which occurs every Monday and which goes to federal and state agencies, and any individual requesting copies.

It is a requirement that the LCP parishes publish notice of local concern applications in their official parish journal for comment by the public prior to issuing a permit (25 day comment period by statute). It is *not* a requirement that you send the public notice to CMD for placement in the JPN mailout. However, we would like to make this available to you. This would ensure that any federal or state agency that feels the necessity to comment will have the opportunity, in the most efficient manner, to comment on local concern permit applications. If you are interested in doing this, you could send the notice to CMD, attention Dianne Jones, at the same time that you send it to the newspaper.

Additionally, the parishes are required to publish final permit determinations also. For example, CMD places a list in the parish newspaper and also in the JPN mailout. You may also send a list of final determinations to be included in the JPN mailout.

Let me know if you have any questions or good ideas.

See all of you at the symposium on October 24 and 25. Please register if you have not done so in order that we have an accurate headcount. We have a good symposium planned for you!

cc: Dianne Jones