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CRCL Objects to Location of Proposed Oil Export Terminal

The proposed terminal could be disastrous for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, coastal Louisiana

Baton Rouge, LA (April 29, 2019) In response to the news that **the state of Louisiana has decided that a proposed crude oil export terminal in Plaquemines Parish is not inconsistent with the state's Coastal Master Plan**, CRCL's Policy Director, Emily Vuxton, released the following statement:

"We are very concerned about the state's decision that the proposed oil export terminal in Plaquemines Parish is not inconsistent with the state's Coastal Master Plan. Simply put, we believe that this facility will have negative effects to the planned Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion which will be directly downriver from the proposed terminal. We previously opposed a coal export terminal which was proposed to be in the same location for similar reasons. We do not oppose a new crude oil export terminal in Plaquemines Parish. What we oppose is a new crude oil export terminal located directly upriver of the most important coastal restoration project in the state's history.

The Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion will rebuild land which is rapidly being lost in Barataria Basin and Plaquemines Parish. This diversion is critical for building land which will protect economic investments, including the Port, in Plaquemines Parish. We believe that the operation of this new terminal could cause the diversion to be less successful in capturing sediment. Oil spills could also be disastrous to the marsh area that will be sustained by the diversion.

CRCL supports a working coast, but we believe that economic development must support, not imperil, coastal restoration. We look forward to the results of a rigorous scientific study to determine the expected effects of the proposed terminal on the operation of the diversion. Our coast is disappearing every day, we have no time to lose in creating critical coastal restoration projects and rebuilding our coast."

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About CRCL: CRCL is a non-partisan, non-profit organization driving bold, science-based action to restore coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration, and advocacy. CRCL was founded in 1988 and is the state's oldest and most comprehensive coastal restoration organization. Visit crcl.org.

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