



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD PUBLIC MEETING AND LEASE SALE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

October 14, 2026

The State Mineral and Energy Board will meet in the LaBelle Room, First Floor, LaSalle Office Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the following:

8:30 a.m. OPENING OF THE BIDS

- I. Letter of Notification
- II. Letter(s) of Protest
- III. Notification of Tracts Recommended for Withdrawal
- IV. Opening of Bids

9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETING AND LEASE SALE

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of the September 9, 2026 Minutes
- V. Director & Staff Reports:
 - a. Oilfield Site Restoration Program Report – Presented by Jody Broussard
 - b. Natural Resources Trust Authority Report– Presented by John W. Day
 - c. Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter
 - d. Lease Review Report – Presented by Jason Talbot
 - e. Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts
 - f. Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts

g. Docket Report – Presented by Greg Roberts

VI. Executive Session:

a. Technical Briefing on Bids

VII. Awarding of Leases – Presented by Jason Talbot

VIII. New Business

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

The Board may discuss other matters as it desires pursuant to R.S. 42:19A(1)(b)(ii)(cc), including matters that may validly be held in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:17A(2) and R.S. 42:17A(6).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance or accommodation for the meeting, please contact C&E's ADA Coordinator, Shannon Hunt, at 225-342-4522, Shannon.Hunt2@la.gov, or <https://www.dce.louisiana.gov/page/ada-resources>.

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

FROM: JODY BROUSSARD, OSR DIRECTOR
OILFIELD SITE RESTORATION PROGRAM

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

OSR REPORT

I. OIL FIELD SITE RESTORATION PROGRAM

1. OSR monthly report for the Board
2. Federal Program Update

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

FROM: JOHN W. DAY, DEPUTY NRTA DIRECTOR
NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

NRTA REPORT

I. LORA PROGRAM

1. Update on monthly invoicing and collection amounts



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM: TALETHA SHORTER
AUDIT DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES**

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

AUDIT REPORT

I. INCOME MONTHLY STATISTICS

As of September 30, 2026, field audit collections totaled \$716,266.64, which includes \$653,285.38 in royalty exceptions and \$62,981.26 in interest. In the month of August, no audits were engaged nor closed. The current number of open royalty audits is 36.

Royalties collected in September 2026 totaled \$12,658,614.19 and Fiscal Year to Date totaled \$26,599,297.30, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of \$23,234,150.02 as of September 30, 2025.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in September totaled 218, which include 78 SR1s for oil, 117 SR2s for gas, and 23 SR5s for plant products.

II. DELINQUENT PAYOR

None to be discussed on today

III. BOARD REVIEW ITEMS

1. A penalty waiver request from Hilcorp Energy Company, for a penalty in the amount of \$114,477.92, which was billed for the late payment of royalty.

2. A penalty waiver request from Hilcorp Energy Company, for a penalty in the amount of \$867,330.52, which was billed for the late payment of royalty.
3. A penalty waiver request from Hilcorp Energy Company, for a penalty in the amount of \$75,103.34, which was billed for the late payment of royalty.
4. A penalty waiver request from Silver Hill Energy Operating, LLC, for a penalty in the amount of \$69,913.22, which was billed for the late payment of royalty.



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TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM: JASON TALBOT
PETROLEUM SCIENTIST MANAGER (GEOLOGY)
RESOURCE ANALYTICS DIVISION
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES**

**MATTHEW ARANYOSI
PETROLEUM SCIENTIST MANAGER (ENGINEERING)
RESOURCE ANALYTICS DIVISION
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES**

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

LEASE REVIEW REPORT

I. RESOURCE ANALYTICS DIVISION REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are a total of approximately 826,213 state acres under contract (i.e., state leases, operating agreements). Shown below is each category:

Oil & Gas Leases

- 944 SLs - approx. 389,682 acres.
 - Reviewed 102 leases approx. 66,337 acres

Oil & Gas Operating Agreements

- 74 OAs - approx. 12,378 acres
 - Reviewed 4 OAs approx. 263 acres

Gas Storage Operating Agreements

- 4 OAs – approx. 2,755 acres

Carbon Capture Storage Operating Agreements

- 4 OAs - approx. 361,705 acres

Wind Energy Operating Agreements

- 1 OA – approx. 59,693 acres

II. BOARD REVIEW

There are no State Lease items to bring before the Board today.

III. FORCE MAJEURE (FM)

There are no FM items to bring before the Board today.



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM: GREG ROBERTS
PETROLEUM LANDS DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES**

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT

I. PRESENT LEASE SALE

- A. Approval by the State Mineral and Energy Board was previously granted to the Staff of the Office of State Resources to process and advertise the nine (9) tracts that were nominated for today's Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, we received ten (10) nominations for advertisement regarding the October 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

- A. Twenty-Seven (27) nominations for advertisement were received by the Office of State Resources for the December 9, 2026 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, we advertised five (5) nominations associated with the December 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.



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TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: GREG ROBERTS
PETROLEUM LANDS DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

1. Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C. (ELP), current record title owner of State Lease No. 22299, requests a one-year extension of the deadline to commence reworking operations on the well formerly operated under State Operating Agreement A0392 and the associated deadline for payment of the Additional Consideration contained in the lease.
2. SMTP Energy, LLC (SMTP) requests a two-year extension of the primary term of State Lease No. 22175 and an extension of the deadlines associated with certain obligations contained in the Additional Consideration submitted with its bid for the lease.



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TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM: BEVERLY KAHL
LAND SPECIALIST 4
OFFICE OF STATE RESOURCES**

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

DOCKET REVIEW REPORT

I. DOCKET REVIEW

A. All items as set forth on the October 14, 2026 Docket are submitted for State Mineral & Energy Board approval within the following categories:

- Category A: State Agency Leases
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
- Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease Transfers
- Category D: Advertised Proposals

The Committee may discuss matters it desires pursuant to R.S. 42:19A(1)(b)(ii)(cc), as well as Executive Session matters pursuant to R.S. 42:17A(2) and R.S. 42:17A(6).

**State Mineral And Energy Board
Docket**

Items Requiring Board Approval

October 14, 2026

A. State Agency Leases
October 14, 2026

La. R.S. 30:151 identifies the term “agency” as a levee district, drainage district, road district, school district, school board, or other board, commission, parish, municipality, state university, state college, state penal or charitable institution or agency, unit or institution of the state or subdivision thereof.

La. R.S. 30:155 provides that, if an agency does not want the Mineral and Energy Board to do its mineral leasing, it may do its own mineral leasing, the lease given must still be approved by the State Mineral and Energy Board under R.S. 30:158.

La. R.S. 30:156 provides that, if an agency wants to mineral lease its own property, it must follow the same leasing process as the State does, including advertising, sealed bids, etc.

La. R.S. 30:158 provides that, if a mineral lease given by an agency of its own property is not approved by the Mineral and Energy Board, it is an absolutely void lease.

Pursuant to the above statutory authority, listed below are leases given by state agencies and submitted for State Mineral and Energy Board approval. The staff examines the documents submitted to make sure that the agency follows all of the steps this office goes through in leasing State owned acreage and that the document has been properly notarized.

No items received for this category

B. State Lease Transfers
October 14, 2026

La. R.S. 30:128 (A) provides that no transfer or assignment in relation to any lease of minerals or mineral rights owned by the state shall be valid unless approved by the State Mineral and Energy Board. Additionally, transfers or assignments shall not be granted to prospective leaseholders that are not currently registered with the Office of State Resources.

This section deals with such transfers of interest in state mineral leases in the form of assignments of rights, subleases, and stipulations of interest. It also deals with transfers such as mergers or changes of names, which act as an assignment of interest to the newly named or emerging entity from a merger. Accompanying each of the items submitted in this section was an Ownership Transfer Form (Form B) listing the pre-transfer ownership interest in the lease and the post-transfer ownership interest. Each document is carefully checked by the staff to ensure that the interest transfer figures are consistent, that our ownership records are complete and that all form requirements are met.

B.1 Assignment

State Lease No. 309,
Morehouse, Ouachita and Union
Parishes, Louisiana

An Assignment from XTO Energy Inc. to Saltwerx LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 309**, Morehouse, Ouachita and Union Parishes, Louisiana, **INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS** to the leasehold interests and lands located within the Sale Area as described in the Exhibits, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

ExxonMobil is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

**C. Department Of Wildlife And Fisheries State Agency Lease Transfers
October 14, 2026**

The State Agency Leases require that any transfer of interest be approved by the Agency prior to the transfer. By Co-operative Endeavor Agreement, dated effective December 18, 2009, the Office of State Resources has assumed responsibility for the administration of all State Agency Leases awarded by or on behalf of the said Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

This section deals with transfers of interests in those State Agency Leases for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries now under administration by the Office of State Resources as staff of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and for which approval by the Board is being requested. Accompanying each item submitted in this section was an Ownership Transfer Form (Form-B) listing the pre-transfer and post-transfer interest of all party lease owners in the lease(s) herein set forth. Each document is carefully checked by the staff to ensure that the interest transfer figures are consistent with and reflect the interest in our records; and further, that all form requirements are met.

No items received for this category

D. Advertised Proposals
October 14, 2026

La. R.S. 30:129.1 provides that certain types of agreements entered into by the State with respect to its mineral leasing activity must be advertised within a specific time of the State Mineral and Energy Board meeting at which those agreements will be acted on.

These items are called advertised items. They consist of unitization agreements, lease amendments, gas production contracts, amendments, compromise agreements and other types of agreements. These items are checked by the staff to make sure that the contents of the agreement correctly reflect the understanding of all parties, that the form is authentic and properly notarized and that the items have met the statutory advertisement requirements.

No items received for this category