

Respondent Note

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, and the United States Department of the Interior, acting by and through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, acting as Natural Resource Trustees (collectively, "the Trustees") have prepared the attached *Restoration Project Information Sheet* to collect information on potential restoration alternatives that may be considered in whole or in part, for compensation for natural resource injuries and service losses associated with the LCP Site in Brunswick, Georgia.

The LCP Site occupies approximately 770 acres, of which approximately 700 acres is tidal marshland, immediately northwest of the city of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. The LCP Site has contained various industries since the early 1920s including an oil refinery, an electric power plant, a facility for the manufacture and distribution of paint, and a chlor-alkali plant that manufactured chlorine, caustic soda, and hydrogen. All industrial activity at the site ceased on February 1, 1994. During its history, hazardous substances have been either discharged to or have otherwise become located in the tidal marsh and uplands portions of the LCP Site property. The damage and injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources and/ or natural resource services resulting from the release of hazardous substances from the LCP Site are being investigated under an agreement between the Trustees and Honeywell International Inc., one of the responsible parties for the site.

The information collected herein is considered part of the restoration planning phase of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process. The Trustees will evaluate the information received and projects will be compared to one another. The criteria that will be used by the Trustees will likely include, but are not be limited to:

- The type of ecological and human use services provided by the proposed restoration project(s) compared to any injured ecological and human use services;
- The location of the proposed project(s). Please note that all proposed project(s) must be located in the State of Georgia and preferably in the Brunswick, Glynn County area;
- The level of ecological and/ or human use value versus project dollar cost (i.e., cost-benefit/cost-effectiveness analysis of alternatives);
- The overall level of services/value provided by the project(s) compared to the overall loss of services/value from any injuries (e.g., the restoration project(s) must be scaled appropriately to the level of injury);
- The likelihood of success and technical feasibility of each alternative project; and
- Compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Based on the evaluations, draft project selection(s) will be included in a Draft Environmental Assessment and Restoration Plan which will be circulated for public comment (60 day comment period).

Based upon the comments, the Trustees will develop a final Restoration Plan.

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