

25th Anniversary

Tulane
Environmental
Law
Clinic

2013-2014
Annual Report

September 22, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

This annual report marks the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic's silver anniversary: It's been 25 years since TELC's founding in 1989! And though we'd like to party like it's 1999, as always we—and our students—have work to do.

Our clients have made some progress and suffered some setbacks over the last year. The Gulf Restoration Network, the City of Hattiesburg and the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality signed a proposed consent decree in August to settle GRN's citizen enforcement lawsuit about the City's sewage treatment system. Although TELC student-attorneys Lauren Kasperek and Christopher Valletta graduated before finalization of the agreement, their work made the deal possible. Specifically, their (presumably never to be ruled upon) summary judgment papers detailed more than 5000 violations over the last five years and provided the momentum that brought us to a resolution.

Bringing municipal sewage treatment plants into compliance is a trick, since a shut-down order is never an option. No matter how many violations occur, sewage must be treated and effluent discharged. The Hattiesburg facility has been the subject of failed state enforcement orders for more than two decades—since at least 1992. The parties' hope is to change that pattern by making key terms of the State's (simultaneously negotiated) "Second Amended Agreed Order" enforceable by consent decree. Please keep your fingers crossed.


Also, our client RESTORE settled a Safe Drinking Water Act lawsuit against Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish. Safe Drinking Water Act enforcement is also a difficult nut to crack since, again, a shut-down order is not feasible and—unlike the Clean Water Act—the Safe Drinking Water Act does not provide for civil penalties in citizen suits. The heart of this settlement is a provision for an independent audit for both legal deficiencies and potential improvements to the district's operations. Again, we are keeping our fingers crossed, hoping to see improvements as a result.

A third settlement—this one on behalf of the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish and others—resolved a dispute about proposed borrow pits near Ironton, Louisiana. Our clients intend the settlement to improve management of the pits for the future, including a provision preventing their use as landfills for at least 25 years.

The setbacks? I often wish I could provide each TELC student attorney with the experience of winning his or her first environmental lawsuit. But that is not the reality of public-interest environmental law, which is almost always an uphill battle—especially when litigating appeals of state-issued permits. Judicial review of these permits is usually limited to the record that the permitting agency prepares and occurs under an "arbitrary and capricious" standard.

I have little comfort to offer students whose clients lose important cases (and every client's case is important). Those students are right to be upset. If losing didn't break their hearts, they would be going into the wrong business. As professionals, however, we move on to pursue a better outcome in the next case. And win or lose, our students can take satisfaction in having helped ordinary people make their voices heard in the legal system.

Very truly yours,



Adam Babich

Overview

Since its inception, the Clinic has provided free legal representation and community outreach to more than 180 community organizations, lower-income individuals, and local governments throughout Louisiana. By representing clients who have historically been left out of governmental processes, the Clinic has become a powerful force for environmental reform.

The Clinic contributes to the Louisiana legal community both by training strong, ethical litigators and by helping the Bar meet its obligation, under the legal profession's rules, to ensure that access to justice is not denied to people who cannot afford legal services or whose cause is controversial or unpopular.



For more information on the Clinic, see TELC's webpage at <http://www.tulane.edu/~telc>.

TELC is also a proud member of the Mississippi River Collaborative, <http://www.msrivercollab.org>.



Fall 2013 (from top left): Corinne Van Dalen, Andrew Gerow, Molly Wells, Joshua Robinson, Brett Korte, Benjamin Fuchs, Paul Tilley, Machel Hall, Jillian Hanneken, Christopher Valletta, Aminta Conant, Lauren Kasperek, Dana Sabghir, Tyler Gibson, Renee Orenstein, Laura Cottingham, Liza Calderón
 Lauren Matthews, Rachel Talentino, Morgan Embleton, and Lisa Jordan
 (Not pictured: Lucas Henry, Allison Parks, Orié Tasaka-Jupp, and Brennan Young)



Spring 2014 (from top left): Joshua Albritton, Andrew Gerow, Evan Gordon, Paul Tilley, Michael Johnson, Benjamin Fuchs, Dana Sabghir, Lauren Kasperek, Bethanne Sonne, William Lindsey, Dean Boyer, Caroline Dalla Betta, Christopher Valletta, Aminta Conant, Michael McCoy, Tyler Gibson, Molly Wells, David Samuels, Lucas Henry, Allison Parks, Renee Orenstein, Laura Cottingham, Rachel Talentino, and Grayson T. Hinojosa
 (Not pictured: Ravinder Khinda, and Joshua Robinson)

Each year, the Clinic trains up to 26 law students to practice environmental law. The Louisiana Supreme Court and the U.S. District Courts in Louisiana have adopted "student practice" rules that authorize Clinic students to appear, argue, and present witnesses. This authorization is a privilege, carrying with it the responsibility to provide zealous, diligent representation that meets the highest standards of professional behavior. Clinic students are sworn to place "the interests of the client" above their "personal interests or clinic interests."

Our summer research assistants help TELC's staff keep our cases moving between semesters.

Fall '13 Student Attorneys

Aminta Martha Conant
 Laura L. Cottingham
 Morgan M. Embleton
 Benjamin Fuchs
 Andrew Gerow
 Tyler Gibson
 Jillian Hanneken
 Lucas Henry
 Lauren Kasperek
 Brett M. Korte
 Lauren A. Matthews
 Renee Orenstein
 Alison Parks
 Josh Robinson
 Dana Sabghir
 Rachel L. Talentino
 Orië Tasaka-Jupp
 Paul Tilley
 Christopher Valletta
 Molly Wells
 Brennan Young

2013 Summer Research Assistants

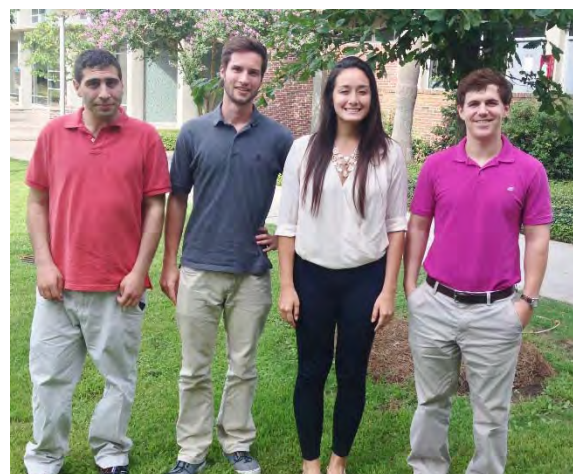
Caitlin Baroni
 Brett Korte
 Kristine Talbot
 Orië Tasaka-Jupp
 Brennan Young

Spring '14 Student Attorneys

Joshua Albritton
 Nolen Dean Boyer
 Aminta Martha Conant
 Laura L. Cottingham
 Caroline Dalla Betta
 Benjamin Fuchs
 Andrew E. Gerow
 Tyler L. Gibson
 Evan M. Gordon
 Lucas W. Henry
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 Michael Johnson
 Lauren R. Kasperek
 Ravinder P. Khinda
 William A. Lindsey
 Michael Dennis McCoy
 Renee B. Orenstein
 Allison E. Parks
 Joshua E. Robinson
 Dana R. Sabghir
 David Samuels
 Bethanne M. Sonne
 Rachel L. Talentino
 Paul Tilley
 Christopher Valetta
 Molly I. Wells

2014 Summer Research Assistants

Josh Albritton
 Nicholas Guarisco
 Wajih Mazloum
 Jae Sung Shrader
 Bethanne Sonne
 Frank Trechse



TELC Research Assistants Wajih Mazloum, Frank Trechse, Jae Sung Shrader, and Nicholas Guarisco

Student Attorneys at Work



Allison E. Parks



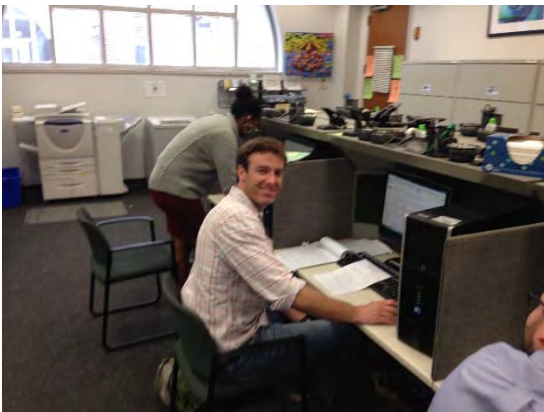
Andrew E. Gerow



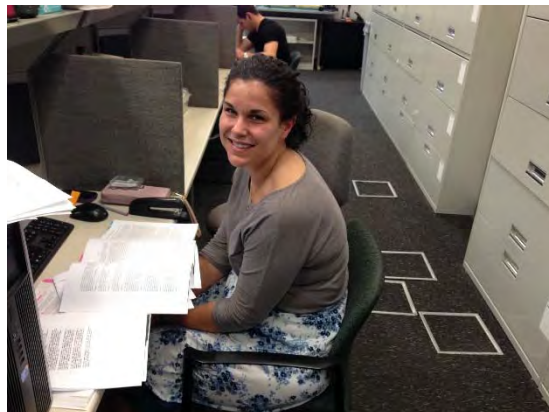
Dana R. Sabghir (with Deputy Director Lisa Jordan)



Rachel L. Talentino (with supervising attorney Machel Hall)



Benjamin Fuchs



Bethanne M. Sonne

Many of the Clinic’s clients have struggled for years to improve environmental protection and the quality of life for Louisiana residents. The Clinic’s representation of such clients means that access to the courts becomes one of their available tools. Each client, however, remains responsible for the bigger picture. In other words, the Clinic’s job is to serve as a tool available to clients who struggle to protect public health, welfare, and the environment. The Clinic does not take over, or direct, the struggle. The Clinic represented the following clients, along with several individuals, during the 2013–2014 academic year:

- Apalachicola Riverkeeper
- Atchafalaya Basinkeeper
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Charter Fisherman’s Association
- Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish
- Citizens Against Multi-Chem
- Concerned Citizens Around Murphy
- Gulf Restoration Network
- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
- Little Tchefuncte River Association
- Louisiana Audubon Council
- Louisiana Bayoukeeper
- Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association – West (LCPA-West)
- Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN)
- Ouachita Riverkeeper
- Orleans Audubon Society
- The People’s Advocate of Southwest Louisiana
- Residents for Air Neutralization



TELC Director Adam Babich accepts the Super Swamper Award on behalf of TELC presented by the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, LEAN, and LCPA-West

- Oakville Community Action Group
- RESTORE
- Save Lake Peigneur, Inc.
- Sierra Club
- Town of Abita Springs
- Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc.

Adam Babich, Director (on sabbatical Fall 2013)

Adam Babich has directed TELC since May 2000. He is a professor at Tulane Law School, where he teaches environmental and administrative law. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1983 and his B.A. from Dickinson College in 1977. He has served as an assistant attorney general for the Colorado Attorney General's CERCLA Litigation Section, as adjunct attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund, as partner in a Denver law firm, as editor-in-chief of the Environmental Law Institute's Environmental Law Reporter, and as a law clerk for the Colorado Supreme Court. Under Adam's watch, TELC received the 2010 Federal Bar Association's (New Orleans Chapter) Camille F. Gravel, Jr. Pro Bono Award and has raised more than \$3 million in foundation grants, individual donations, and attorney fee awards.

Lisa Lavie Jordan, Deputy Director (Interim Director Fall 2013)



Lisa Jordan and research assistant Nick Guarisco, speak to Pastor J. Brooks of the Christian Missionary Baptist Ministers Association after a Plaquemines Parish Council meeting

Lisa Lavie Jordan, a New Orleans native, originally came to the Clinic in its early years as a student attorney from 1990-1991. She received her LL.M. in environmental law, with distinction, from Tulane in 1991. She went on to serve as a prosecutor in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, where she eventually became a member of the office's Violent Offender Strike Force. In 1996, she returned to the Clinic, this time as a Supervising Attorney. Lisa left in 1998, but returned in July 1999 to serve as Acting Director of the Clinic for the 1999-2000 academic year. In 2006, she returned to the Clinic as a Supervising Attorney and then as Deputy Director. Lisa retains an interest in trial education, having taught in Tulane's Trial Advocacy Program, as well as the NITA program, and having served as a coach for Tulane ATLA trial teams.

Corinne Van Dalen, Clinical Instructor and Staff Attorney

Corinne Van Dalen received her JD in 1990 from the University of Florida, where she also received a B.S. in Journalism in 1986. Following law school, Ms. Van Dalen began her practice in New Orleans representing community organizations in Fair Housing Act suits. In 1992, Ms. Van Dalen moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a legislative specialist for the Coastal States Organization and later for a private law firm counseling clients on environmental matters. Returning to litigation in 1996, she worked at the Washington D.C.-based firm Arnold & Porter on product liability cases. In 2001, Ms. Van Dalen took a position with a firm that brought her back to New Orleans where she worked on insurance coverage suits involving pollution claims. She joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2005 where she supervises and trains student attorneys at the Environmental Law Clinic. As supervising attorney, she has represented Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network, and several community organizations in citizen suits and permit challenges under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Louisiana Coastal Resources Management Act, and Louisiana Environmental Quality Act.

Elizabeth Livingston de Calderón, Clinical Instructor and Staff Attorney

Elizabeth Livingston de Calderón started her career in private practice, first with Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts in New York City and then with Pepper Hamilton in Detroit, Michigan. She moved to New Orleans in 2002 to teach Legal Research & Writing at Tulane Law School, and directed Tulane Law School’s international graduate legal studies program from 2004 to 2006. Ms. Calderón earned her J.D. *magna cum laude* from Tulane Law School, where she was a member of the Tulane Law Review. She also earned an M.A. in classical languages from Tulane University and a B.A. from Connecticut College. She joined the clinic in May 2006.

Machelle Lee Hall, Clinical Instructor and Staff Attorney

Machelle Lee Hall received her JD from Tulane University Law School where she was the Editor in Chief of the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, her MA from Central European University, and her BA from Hamline University. Ms. Hall worked at F. Gerald Maples, PA in New Orleans for 4 years, where she represented clients in the Comer global warming, Miss. River Gulf Outlet takings, Murphy oil spill, and CAPECO oil facility explosion cases. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Hall was a consulting archaeologist performing cultural resource and environmental compliance for highway, pipeline, commercial construction, superfund and other development and mitigation projects in the Upper Midwest and Gulf Coast states. Ms. Hall also volunteers for the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council, New Orleans Association for Women Attorneys, Louisiana SPCA, and Linda Bruneau Regional Breast Cancer Association.



Gerri Davis, Machelle Hall, Linda Swanner, Adam Babich, Corinne Van Dalen, Lisa Jordan, and Elizabeth Livingston de Calderón

Gerri Robinson Davis, Community Outreach Director (from 2012-14)

Gerri Robinson Davis began her career as an Environmental Resources Specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, where she served from 1999-2006. During her tenure with the federal government, Gerri was responsible for coordinating environmental compliance for the preservation of environmental, fish and wildlife, and wetland resources. In 2005, she earned her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she was a member of the Moot Court Staff and the Loyola University New Orleans Journal of Public Interest Law. From 2006-2012, Gerri served as a judicial law clerk at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, State of Louisiana. Gerri has also earned a B.S. in biology from Dillard University, a master’s degree in public health (M.P.H.) from Tulane University, and certification in Mediation, International Negotiation and Dispute Resolution from Humboldt University School of Law in Berlin, Germany. She served as TELC Community Outreach Director from 2012 until August 2014.

Linda Swanner, Legal Assistant

Linda Swanner joined the Clinic in April 2006 as the Clinic’s legal assistant and webmaster. Ms. Swanner previously worked in the Office of Academic Services at Tulane Law School. Her move was prompted by her interests in environmental and environmental justice issues. She provides administrative and clerical support to faculty, clinical staff, and student attorneys.

Legal Advisory Board

The Tulane Environmental Law Clinic maintains a Legal Advisory Board. That board's primary function is to review and approve or disapprove the Clinic's acceptance of individual cases and to provide Clinic staff with advice on matters, e.g., issues, cases, citizen outreach, and fundraising. We find that the process of seeking case-specific approval from a board forces us to think objectively and critically about potential cases before committing to them. Neither Tulane Law School nor University administrators appoint or control this board.

Legal Advisory Board Members

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Professor Kirsten H. Engel
Monique Harden, Esq.
James M. Hecker, Esq.
Professor Jane L. Johnson
Professor Maxine Lipeles
Michele Merkel, Esq.
Karla Raettig, Esq.
Ronald Simon, Esq.



Settlement Prohibits Landfill on Borrow-Pit Site Bordering Environmental Justice Community: On July 14, 2014, the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish and two Ironton residents settled their claims in two lawsuits with Woodland Borrow Pits, LLC regarding a proposed borrow pit site near Ironton, Louisiana. The settlement provides, among other things: 1) that the site will not be used for a landfill for at least 25 years, 2) that once excavated, the borrow pits will be used as retention ponds and incorporated into the Parish's drainage and flood control system, and 3) a commitment to prevent pond stagnation, provide fencing, and suppress mosquitos and other pests. The Tulane Environmental Law Clinic represented the ministers and residents in the cases.

Settlement Requires Audit of Beauregard Parish Drinking Water Supplier: On May 30, 2014, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana accepted a settlement of RESTORE's lawsuit against Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish about drinking water quality in the parish. RESTORE's lawsuit alleged ongoing violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In response, the Water District admitted some violations, but asserted that those violations were wholly in the past. The settlement requires, among other things: 1) an independent audit of the District's operations to identify any current concerns about legal deficiencies, 2) an opportunity for the Auditor to make suggestions for improvements to District operations, and 3) quarterly informational meetings to improve public awareness of District activities. U.S. District Court Judge Patricia Minaldi dismissed the lawsuit but retained jurisdiction to enforce the settlement. TELC represented RESTORE—a grass-roots citizens' organization—in the case, No. 12-cv-2602.

Mississippi DEQ revises land application permit to include additional protection for the environment: On April 8, 2014, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality issued a final Water Pollution Control permit to Groundworx, LLC, which responds to concerns that Gulf Restoration Network raised during the public comment period on the draft permit. The permit is for spray irrigation of pretreated municipal and industrial wastewater on land surfaces around Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Following GRN's suggestions in the comments, the final permit includes surface water monitoring requirements for area streams, groundwater protection measures, and tighter discharge limits. TELC submitted the comments on GRN's behalf on February 22, 2014.

Louisiana DEQ revises Settlement Agreement with ExxonMobil to close loopholes and improve enforceability of injunctive and stipulated penalty provisions: On January 9, 2014, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality finalized a Settlement Agreement with ExxonMobil, Baton Rouge, over numerous violations of the Clean Air Act at ExxonMobil's various Baton Rouge facilities, including its Chemical Plant. The Agreement requires ExxonMobil to implement a Spill Prevention Control Plan, to pay penalties and to fund Beneficial Environmental Projects. The Agreement also includes a stipulated penalty provision. TELC submitted comments on behalf of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Ms. Stephanie Anthony on the draft agreement on October 13, 2013, addressing the many significant loopholes and laxities in the proposed Agreement. In the final Settlement Agreement, LDEQ responded to a number of the concerns raised in TELC's comments, improving the strength and enforceability of ExxonMobil's obligations under the Agreement.

EPA objects to illegal Clean Air Act permit: On January 30, 2014, EPA granted in part and denied in part petitions for an EPA objection to Louisiana's Clean Air Act permit for the Nucor facility in Convent, St. James Parish, Louisiana. The Tulane Environmental Law Clinic submitted these petitions on behalf of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Sierra Club on October 3, 2012, May 3, 2011, and June 25, 2010. The Nucor facility, as permitted, comprises a pig iron plant and a direct reduced iron (DRI) plant, both to produce feedstock for steelmaking. EPA granted the petitions because the state's permit 1) fails to control hazardous air pollutants from "charging" operations at approximately 140 coal-fired ovens in the pig iron process, 2) fails to include enough monitoring to ensure compliance with permit requirements that apply to sources of emissions from the pig iron process, and 3) fails to include emission limits to implement the health protection standard for particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less in the DRI process.

Court requires EPA to determine whether numeric nutrient standards are necessary to meet Clean Water Act requirements: On September 20, 2013, a district court granted the plaintiffs summary judgment in *Gulf Restoration Network et al. v. Jackson*, No. 12-cv-677 (E.D. La.) (2013 WL 5328547). The plaintiffs challenged EPA's denial of a petition for rulemaking to establish numeric standards to abate water quality degradation, including the massive low-oxygen "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. EPA had denied the petition without determining whether numeric standards were necessary. The court remanded the decision to EPA, requiring a response within 180 days. TELC was part of a legal team on this case led by the Natural Resources Defense Council.



Members of the Plaquemines Parish Council, Ironton community members, and members of the Christian Missionary Baptist Ministers Association gather on the steps of the Plaquemines Parish Courthouse.

On behalf of and in consultation with its clients, TELC manages the Clean Air Initiative to target dangerous air pollution in Louisiana from industrial facilities, including oil refineries and chemical and petrochemical manufacturing facilities, which are overwhelmingly concentrated in lower-income, minority communities. The Initiative's goals are to abate dangerous air emissions, deter industry violations of the Clean Air Act, and empower citizens to participate effectively in the permitting and enforcement processes. Below are clean air matters the Clinic worked on during the 2013–2014 academic year:



Lawsuits & Administrative Adjudications

Citizens Against Multi-Chem v. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, No. 2014-C-1464 (La. July 8, 2014) (Applying for a Louisiana Supreme Court writ to review a First Circuit Court of Appeal decision holding that the 19th Judicial District Court had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal of a minor source Clean Air Act permit that LDEQ issued to a chemical facility) (178-001.2)

Citizens Against Multi-Chem and Marcella Manuel v. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, No. 617003 (La. 1 Cir., June 18, 2013) (Appealing a 19th Judicial District Court judgment that dismissed a challenge to an LDEQ decision to issue a minor source Clean Air Act permit to a chemical facility without conducting an environmental impacts analysis or notifying the public) (178-001.1) Adverse decision May 22, 2014

Concerned Citizens Around Murphy v. Perciasepe, No. 2:13-cv-03006 (E.D. La. May 15, 2013) (Seeking an injunction to require EPA to terminate, modify, or revoke an air permit issued for the Valero Meraux Refinery in St. Bernard Parish pursuant to the Clean Air Act) (161-006.2)

Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish, Inc., et al. v. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, No. 2014-ca-0421 (La. 1 Cir., March 25, 2014) (Appealing the 19th JDC's January 2, 2014, decision to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction a challenge to LDEQ's issuance of a Clean Air Act "minor source" permit to RAM Terminals LLC) (177-005)

Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Sierra Club v. Jackson, No. 1:12-cv-01096 (D.D.C. July 2, 2012) (Seeking an injunction to require EPA to grant or deny the plaintiffs' petition for an objection to state-issued air permits for the proposed Nucor Steel Facility in Romeville, Louisiana, based on allegations that the permits fail to meet Clean Air Act requirements) (101-115.5) Dismissed after settlement Feb. 18, 2014

Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish, Inc., et al. v. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, No. 615595 (19th Jud. Dist. Court, Sept. 21, 2012) (Appealing LDEQ's issuance of a Clean Air Act "minor source" permit to RAM Terminals LLC based on allegations that LDEQ failed to comply with its public trustee duty under the Louisiana Constitution, art. IX, sec. 1, and that the facility creates unacceptable risks to the communities in the vicinity of

the proposed facility and to the planned Myrtle Grove Diversion—a freshwater diversion designed to begin restoration of Louisiana’s disappearing coastal wetlands) (177-001) Dismissed January 2, 2014

Comments, Notices, and Administrative Petitions

Notice of Intent to Amend Suit against EPA on behalf of Concerned Citizens Around Murphy (providing notice of intent to amend *Concerned Citizens Around Murphy v. EPA*, No. 2:13-cv-03006 (E.D. La. May 15, 2013) to include additional claim to enforce EPA’s non-discretionary duty to respond to a petition for an EPA objection to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality’s issuance of a Title V Air Operating permit for Valero Energy Corp.’s Meraux, La. Refinery) (161-006.2) (May 30, 2014)

Notice of Intent on behalf of Sierra Club to sue Heck Industries, Inc. under the Clean Air Act (Alleging breach of a duty to control fugitive emissions from a concrete loading operation) (126-021) (Feb. 28, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Ms. Stephanie Anthony to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (noting numerous problems with, and unenforceability of, the proposed settlement agreement between ExxonMobil and LDEQ to resolve past and future violations of the Clean Air Act by ExxonMobil) (101-055.1) (Oct. 14, 2013)

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION INITIATIVE

The Water Quality Protection Initiative addresses water pollution problems in Louisiana by enabling citizens to pressure the responsible government agencies to protect water resources and to enforce the Clean Water Act directly against polluters. The Water Quality Protection Initiative’s goals are to reform water protection programs, to abate harmful water discharges, and to empower citizens to participate effectively in permitting and enforcement processes. The Clinic worked on the following matters during the 2013–2014 academic year:



Lawsuits & Administrative Adjudications

Guindon v. Pritzker, No. 14-cv-45 (D.D.C., motion filed June 24, 2014) (Moving to intervene on behalf of the Charter Fisherman’s Association in a case challenging the National Marine Fisheries Service’s implementation of annual quotas for recreational fishing of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act) (182-002)

RESTORE v. Beauregard Water Works District No. 3, No. 12-cv-2602 (W.D. La., Sept. 28, 2012) (alleging that the Water District in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, violates the Safe Drinking Water Act by 1) skipping required samples of various contaminants, 2) failing to report data and corrective action in annual Consumer Confidence Reports, 3) violating the total coliform drinking water standard, 4) certifying compliance without regard to violations, and 5) failing to follow certification requirements for the competence of operators) (170-001) Settled May 23, 2014

Gulf Restoration Network, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Sierra Club v. United Bulk Terminals Davant, LLC, No. 14-608 (E.D. La, March 18, 2014) (Alleging that coal and petroleum coke discharges into the Mississippi River and failure to clean up and monitor spills violate the Clean Water Act) (157-045)



Discharges to the Mississippi River from the United Bulk coal terminal in Plaquemines Parish

Guindon v. Pritzker, No. 13-cv-988-BJ (D.D.C., amicus papers filed Jan. 10, 2014) (Appearance on behalf of five individuals who work in the recreational fishing business as amici in support of the plaintiffs' challenge to the National Marine Fisheries Service's approach to managing recreational fishing of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (182-001) Motion for amici appearance denied January 30, 2014

Gulf Restoration Network, et al v. Gina McCarthy, No. 13-31214 (5th Cir., Nov. 21, 2013) (Federal appeal of the district court's remand of EPA's denial of a petition for rulemaking under the Clean Water Act to establish numeric water quality standards for nitrogen and phosphorous for Mississippi River Basin states, to abate water quality degradation including the massive low-oxygen "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico (173-001.1)

Gulf Restoration Network, Missouri Coalition For The Environment, Iowa Environmental Council, Tennessee Clean Water Network, Minnesota Center For Environmental Advocacy, Sierra Club, Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc., Prairie Rivers Network, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Environmental Law & Policy Center, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. v. Jackson, No. 12-cv-677 (E.D. La. Mar. 13, 2012) (Challenging EPA's denial of a petition for rulemaking under the Clean Water Act to establish numeric water quality standards for nitrogen and phosphorous for Mississippi River Basin states, to abate water quality degradation including the massive low-oxygen "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico) (173-001). Favorable Judgment September 20, 2013

Waterkeeper Alliance, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, Galveston Baykeeper, Louisiana Bayoukeeper, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, Louisiana Environmental Action Network v. U.S. Coast Guard, No. 13-289 (D.D.C. Mar. 5, 2013) (Appealing the U.S. Coast Guard's refusal to divulge documents under the Freedom of Information Act related to an eight-year oil leak at Taylor Energy Co.'s MC-20 site in the Gulf of Mexico and Taylor's decommissioning efforts) (101-127.1)

Little Tchefuncte River Association and Gulf Restoration Network v. Artesian Utility Company, Inc., No.12-1923 (E.D. La. July 24, 2012) (Alleging wastewater discharges to the Tchefuncte River without a permit, in violation of the Clean Water Act, at a Covington sewage treatment facility) (167-002)

Gulf Restoration Network v. City of Hattiesburg, No. 12-cv-36 (S.D. Miss., Mar. 2, 2012) (Alleging ongoing violations of Clean Water Act discharge permits at two Hattiesburg sewage and wastewater treatment lagoons) (157-039)



Supervising attorney Corinne Van Dalen meets with student attorneys Christopher Valletta and Lauren Kasperek about litigation against the City of Hattiesburg and the State of Mississippi to abate Clean Water Act violations at two Hattiesburg sewage treatment lagoons

Apalachicola Riverkeeper, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, Galveston Baykeeper, Louisiana Bayoukeeper, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper, and Waterkeeper Alliance v. Taylor Energy Company, L.L.C., No. 12-337 (E.D. La, Feb. 2, 2012) (Alleging that oil leaking into the Gulf from the Taylor Well(s), approximately 11 miles off the coast of Louisiana, violates the Clean Water Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) (101-127)

Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association – West, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, and Louisiana Environmental Action Network v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et al., No. 11-cv-461 (W.D. La., March 22, 2011) (Alleging that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act when it issued after-the-fact permits for a project that altered over 600 acres of swamp in Louisiana black bear critical habitat in the Atchafalaya Basin without consulting the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) (155-004)

Comments, Notices, and Administrative Petitions

Comments on behalf of the Gulf Restoration Network to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (Opposing changes to Louisiana's antidegradation regulations which would lower protections for Outstanding Natural Resource Waters in violation of EPA regulations that interpret the Clean Water Act) (157-024) (July 1, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Town of Abita Springs to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (Opposing the application of Helix Oil for “unitization” of a tract of land in suburban St. Tammany Parish upon which it will drill a well to conduct fracking operations) (June 24, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Gulf Restoration Network, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper and the Sierra Club, Delta Chapter, to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on Louisiana’s proposed Clean Water Act 2014 Integrated Report and List of Impaired Waters (Opposing the proposed delisting of the nearshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico for Dissolved Oxygen impairment, the delisting of dozens of other waterbody subsegments based on insufficient information, and the LDEQ removal of all High Priority classifications for TMDL preparation) (June 11, 2014)

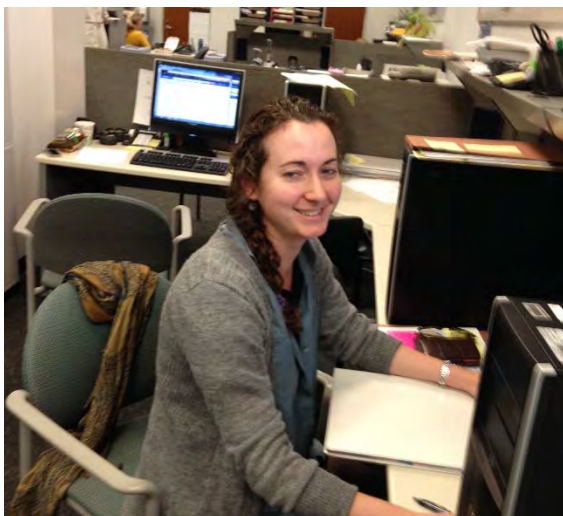
Comments on behalf of Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network, and RESTORE (alleging problems and deficiencies with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cameron LNG, LLC’s and Cameron Interstate Pipeline, LLC proposed liquefied natural gas liquefaction and export facility and connecting pipeline) (126-002) (March 3, 2014)

Comments on behalf of Gulf Restoration Network, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, O’Neill Couvillion, and Janice O’Berry (Opposing Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality proposed reissuance of wastewater discharge permit to Bogalusa paper mill, now owned by International Paper, because of agency failure to require updated treatment technology and reliance on flawed study of effect of discharge on aquatic life in the Pearl River) (Feb. 25, 2014)

Comments on behalf of Gulf Restoration Network (Requesting supplemental application materials and changes to draft permit for Groundworx, LLC’s proposal to apply pretreated municipal and industrial wastewater to forested areas around Hattiesburg, MS) (157-039.1) (Feb. 22, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Ouachita Riverkeeper to EPA (Requesting disapproval of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality’s Triennial Review and proposed revisions to Arkansas Water Quality under Clean Water Act Section 303 due to the failure of revisions to include attainable uses.) (166-006) (Dec. 19, 2013)

Notice of Intent of Gulf Restoration Network, Louisiana Environmental Action Network and Sierra Club to sue United Bulk Terminals Davant, LLC under the Clean Water Act (Alleging discharge of coal, petroleum coke, and related pollutants into the Mississippi River without a permit is a violation of the Clean Water Act) (157-045) (Nov. 20, 2013)



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ENDANGERED WETLANDS INITIATIVE

Wetland loss in southern Louisiana has reached catastrophic proportions, threatening the productivity of ecosystems, the economic viability of its industries, and the safety of its residents. The Endangered Wetlands Initiative uses client-directed administrative comments and litigation to enhance citizen efforts to protect and restore wetlands and empower citizens to participate effectively in wetlands decisions. On behalf of its clients, the Clinic worked on the following matters within its Endangered Wetlands Initiative during the 2013–2014 academic year:



Lawuits & Administrative Adjudications

Industrial Pipe, Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish Council, et al., No. 2014-C-1653 (La. Sup. Ct., Aug. 1, 2014) (Applying for a writ on behalf of the Oakville Community Action Group and others for review of a Louisiana Fourth Circuit decision upholding a 25th Judicial District Court judgment that granted Industrial Pipe a coastal use permit for disposal of waste in coastal wetlands in Plaquemines Parish) (104-029.3)

Industrial Pipe, Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish Council, et al., No. 59-189 (La. 4 Cir., May 29, 2013) (Appealing, on behalf of the Intervenor Oakville Community Action Group, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Gloria Mayfield, a 25th Judicial District Court judgment granting landfill owner/operator Industrial Pipe's challenge to the denial of its Coastal Use Permit application by the Plaquemines Parish Council) (104-029.2) Adverse decision May 21, 2014

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper and Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association v. Bostick, No. 14-649 (E.D. La. March 20, 2014) (Alleging that by authorizing a wetlands fill project under an inapplicable regional general permit and by failing to consider cumulative environmental impacts, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision violates the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act) (155-005.2)

Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association – West, Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, and Louisiana Environmental Action Network v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, No. 14-cv-173 (W.D. La., Feb. 4, 2014) (Alleging that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service violated the Freedom of Information Act when it refused to provide documentation regarding its review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' request for consultation on permits which are the subject of Plaintiffs' ongoing litigation) (155-004.1)

Markle Interests, LLC v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service et al. (E.D. La. motion filed April 25, 2013) (Local counsel on intervention on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity and Gulf Restoration Network in support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's designation of critical habitat for an endangered species, the dusky gopher frog) (169-002) (Favorable ruling August 22, 2014)

Comments, Notices, and Administrative Petitions

Request for a Public Hearing on behalf of Save Our Hills to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (To enable the community to express their opposition to the application of Southern Aggregates for a Clean Water Act § 404 permit to dredge wetlands in Livingston Parish directly next to the Oak Hills subdivision to operate an enormous strip mine to obtain gravel for commercial sale) (184-001) (August 13, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network to EPA (Opposing the promulgation of a rule listing activities exempted from Clean Water Act § 404 permitting requirements as an “interpretive rule” without full public participation) (101-130) (July 7, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Gulf Restoration Network to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (Opposing changes to Louisiana’s antidegradation regulations which would lower protections for Outstanding Natural Resource Waters in violation of EPA regulations that interpret the Clean Water Act) (157-024) (July 1, 2014)

Comments on behalf of the Town of Abita Springs to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Opposing granting of a Clean Water Act § 404 permit to Helis Oil to dredge and fill wetlands in St. Tammany Parish to create a well pad from which to establish a fracking operation, based on its violation of zoning, availability of alternative sites, and being contrary to the public interest) (183-001) (June 16, 2014)

Comments on behalf of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club, Louisiana Environmental Action Network and the Waterkeeper Alliance to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Opposing approval of Enterprise Products Operating, LLC’s application for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit to construct a new ethane pipeline in four parishes, due to the project’s impacts on wetlands in Atchafalaya River basin.) (155-016.1) (June 9, 2014)

Comments on behalf of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network, and Louisiana Environmental Action Network to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Opposing approval of Shell Pipeline Company, LP’s application for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit and 401 certification for the Westward Ho pipeline, due to the project’s impacts on cypress forests and wetlands in Atchafalaya River basin.) (155-016) (Nov. 26, 2013)

Comments on behalf of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. (Opposing approval of Good Hope, LLC’s application for an after-the-fact Section 404 permit for logging roads, due to the project’s impacts on cypress forests in Atchafalaya wetlands.) (155-012.1) (Sep. 25, 2013)



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION INITIATIVE

The Community Preservation Initiative helps Louisiana residents defend their communities and environment against damage from land use decisions that threaten the historic value, cultural fabric, and environmental integrity of communities. On behalf of citizens and community organizations, the Clinic represented communities in the following matters during the 2013–2014 academic year:



Lawsuits & Administrative Adjudications

Louisiana Environmental Action Network v. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, No. 630630 (19th Jud. Dist, May 19, 2014) (Appealing LDEQ's issuance of a landfill permit for the Brooklawn Disposal Facility based, inter alia, on arguments that: LDEQ lacked jurisdiction to grant the permit because the agency's prior denial was still before the district court, LDEQ based its decision on a flawed consideration of alternatives, and the permit contributes to a disproportionate environmental impact on a lower-income, minority community) (101-131)

Woodland Borrow Pits, LLC v. Plaquemines Parish Gov't, No. 61-075 (25th Jud. Dist, intervention filed Jan. 30, 2014) (Intervening as defendant on behalf of the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish and others to resist a mandamus petition seeking to force the Plaquemines Parish Council to grant a borrow pit permit application) (177-004) Settled July 14, 2014

Woodland Borrow Pits, LLC v. Plaquemines Parish Gov't, No. 61-076 (25th Jud. Dist, intervention filed Jan. 30, 2014) (Intervening on behalf of the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish and others to support the Plaquemines Parish Council's denial of a Borrow Pit Permit application) (177-004) Settled July 14, 2014

Save Lake Peigneur, Inc., Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Roger Stelly v. Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, No. 122358E (16th Jud. Dist. Court, April 8, 2013) (Appealing LDNR issuance of Coastal Use Permit to Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC for creation of natural gas storage caverns in a salt dome underneath Lake Peigneur and alleging that LDNR failed to consider the potential negative impacts of the project to people and the environment) (172-001.5)

Comments, Notices, and Administrative Petitions

Comments on behalf of the Christian Missionary Baptist Ministers Association, Joyce Cornin and Velma Davis (Opposing application of RAM Terminal, LLC's application for Clean Water Act section 404 permits for proposed Midstreamer and Coal Terminal projects, and requesting a public

meeting, environmental impact statement, and National Historic Preservation Act section 106 review) (177-002.1) (Feb. 19, 2014).

Comments on behalf of Save Lake Peigneur, Inc., the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Mr. Roger Stelly (Suggesting changes to proposed rules of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources governing solution mining injection wells in salt domes and storage of hydrocarbons in solution-mined caverns in salt domes) (172-002) (Dec. 6, 2013)

Request for Reconsideration on behalf of the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines, Inc., Ms. Joyce Cornin, Ms. Velma Davis, the Sierra Club Delta Chapter, the Gulf Restoration Network, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Public Citizen to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary (requesting reconsideration of agency's decision to issue Coastal Use Permit to RAM Terminals, LLC to construct and operate a coal and petroleum coke export terminal near Ironton in Plaquemines Parish, based on pollution impacts, conflict with planned freshwater diversion, dangerous hurricane and storm risks, and economic instability of project) (177-002) (Sept. 14, 2013)

Comments on behalf of the Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines, Inc., Ms. Joyce Cornin, and Ms. Velma Davis, to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management (opposing application by RAM Terminals, LLC for Coastal Use Permit to construct and operate a coal and petroleum coke export terminal near Ironton in Plaquemines Parish, based on pollution impacts, conflict with planned freshwater diversion, dangerous hurricane and storm risks, and economic instability of project) (177-002) (Aug. 15, 2013)



Client representative Rose Jackson and TELC research assistant Nick Guarisco at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Ironton, Louisiana after a meeting on Woodland Borrow Pits.



- July 30, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- July 16, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- July 14, 2014, Machel Hall, intern Nick Guarisco, and Geri Davis attended a community meeting at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church with members of the Ironton, Louisiana community about Woodland Borrow Pits. Clients on the matter executed a settlement agreement with Woodland Borrow Pit owners.
- July 13, 2014, Machel Hall attended a community meeting at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church with members of the Ironton, Louisiana community about Woodland Borrow Pits.
- July 10, 2014, Geri Davis met with Louisiana Bucket Brigade employees on St. Rose, Louisiana community action on Shell and IMTT releases.
- July 2, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- June 26, 2014, Machel Hall and Geri Davis attended a community meeting at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church between members of the Ironton, Louisiana community and representatives from Woodland Borrow Pit about Woodland Borrow Pits.
- June 22, 2014, Machel Hall and Geri Davis attended a community meeting at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church between members of the Ironton, Louisiana community and representatives from Woodland Borrow Pit about Woodland Borrow Pits.
- June 22, 2014, Geri Davis attended church service at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and spoke to community members about Woodland Borrow Pits.
- June 18, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- June 16, 2014, Geri Davis and Corinne Van Dalen attended an LDEQ public hearing on the renewal of the solid waste permit previously granted to Industrial Pipe Landfill.
- June 16, 2014, Geri Davis and Corinne Van Dalen met with community leader, Rose Jackson, in Oakville, Louisiana.
- June 12, 2014, Geri Davis, Machel Hall and research assistant, attended a Plaquemines Parish Council Meeting on the Ironton Borrow Pit.

- June 12, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- June 10, 2014, Geri Davis attended a meeting on coal and rail traffic in Gretna, Louisiana.
- June 5, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- May 22, 2014, Geri Davis, Lisa Jordan and research assistant, attended a Plaquemines Parish Council Meeting on the Ironton Borrow Pit.
- May 15, 2014, Geri Davis participated in an EPA Briefing on the Clean Air Act Proposal for Petroleum Refineries
- April 30, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- April 23, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- April 22, 2014, Adam Babich participated in a Louisiana State Legislature Earth Day event and disseminated and displayed information on Tulane Environmental Law Clinic.
- April 11, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- April 10, 2014. Geri Davis attending a public health meeting at Dillard University.
- April 2, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call.
- March 18-21, 2014, Geri Davis attending an EPA conference on Environmental Justice and Community Training in Air Permitting and Rulemaking in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.
- March 12, 2014, Machel Hall and Geri Davis attending a meeting of the Clean Gulf Commerce Coalition in New Orleans.
- March 10, 2014, Geri Davis participated in an EPA Webinar for Dillard University Deep South Center for Environmental Justice webinar on “Introduction to My Environment, myRTK and ECHO TRI Tools.”
- March 7, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a CGCC implementation and prep for NOLA meeting.
- March 4, 2014, Geri Davis participated in EPA Permitting Speakers meeting on the March 18-20, 2014 RTP, NC training.
- February 25, 2014, Geri Davis met with Erin Platt about community outreach internship.

- February 23, 2014, Adam Babich and Geri Davis attended an Atachafalaya Basinkeeper board meeting at which the TELC was awarded a Super Swamper Award for 2013 by the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association West, and the Atachafalaya Basinkeeper.
- February 21-22, 2014, Adam Babich and Liza de Calderon participated in the Tulane University Environmental Law Summit.
- February 21, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call on United Bulk Terminals.
- February 19, 2014, Geri Davis attended a workshop of the Tulane Center for Public Service on Internships for the TELC.
- February 13, 2014, Geri Davis and students Ben Fuchs and William Lindsey participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference call on United Bulk Terminals.
- February 12, 2014, Geri Davis participated in an EPA Community Call on Proposed Air Rules.
- February 10, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce research teleconference.
- February 6, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a roundtable meeting with Gina McCarthy, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency on environmental justice and community outreach issues in Louisiana. Geri talked to Administrator McCarthy about RAM Terminals proposed a coal export terminal on the lower Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish near a proposed coastal restoration project. The coal export terminal may add heavy metals and toxins to the wetlands from runoff.



TELC Community Outreach Director Geri Davis meets with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, State Senator Karen Carter Peterson, and others

- February 5, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce meeting.
- February 4, 2014, Lisa Jordan and Geri Davis participated in a public meeting hosted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on water and air permits for International Paper Mill in Bogalusa, Louisiana.
- January 21, 2014, Geri Davis reviewed EPA Permits Community Training materials for North Carolina conference in March 2014.
- January 14, 2014, Geri Davis met with Candace Carraway of the Environmental Protection Agency on EPA Permits Community Training issues.
- January 14, 2014, Geri Davis attended a city council meeting in St. John the Baptist Parish, Edgard, LA on zoning for a proposed landfill.
- January 14, 2014, Geri Davis participated in an EPA “National Conversation on Ports with Port Stakeholders”
- January 13, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce Research Committee Meeting.
- January 13, 2014, Geri participated in an EPA Plan Permits Training meeting.
- January 11, 2014, Geri Davis attended Dredgefest Symposium in New Orleans, LA.
- January 9, 2014, Geri Davis participated in an EPA EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreements Pre-Application Meeting.
- January 8, 2014, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce meeting.
- January 6, 2014, Machel Hall and Geri Davis met with Pastor Haywood Johnson, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Ironton, Louisiana.
- December 17, 2013, Geri Davis met with Grace Morris of GRN and Devin Martin of Sierra Club on Holly Grove/Mid City/Old Metairie Railroads.
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- December 17, 2013, Geri Davis and Machel Hall participated in a meeting on United Bulk Coal Terminal.
- December 16, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce Coordinating Committee Meeting.
- December 12, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a meeting on the extension and relocation of the railroad between the Old Metairie, Holly Grove, and Mid City areas of New Orleans held at City of Love Church in New Orleans.
- December 5, 2013, Geri Davis attended a meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East on its decision to file suit against 97 oil, gas and pipeline companies to force them to restore damaged wetlands outside the East Bank levee system.
- December 4, 2013, Machel Hall and Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce conference.
- December 3, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a meeting in Ironton, Louisiana air monitoring with Audrey Salvant and Cornell Battle of Ironton and Brian Ernst of Wood Park, Grace Morris of GRN, Devin Martin of Sierra Club.
- November 26, 2013, Lisa Jordan participated in a public meeting on the Chicot Aquifer at the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.
- November 15, 2013, Geri Davis participated in an Environmental Leadership Meeting hosted by the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN).
- November 13, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) meeting with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District.
- November 12, 2013, Geri Davis hosted and participated in a Wetlands Strategy Taskforce Meeting on Corps of Engineers projects.
- November 7, 2013, Geri Davis participated in planning meeting for the Society of Environmental Journalists planned in New Orleans for September 2013.
- November 6, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce Meeting.
- October 31, 2013, Geri Davis set up an environmental justice service project with Dr. Simone Childs of Georgia Southern University School of Public Health between the Environmental Justice Subcommittee of the American Public Health Association, Darryl Malek Wiley of the Sierra Club and Warnetta Banks of the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development.

- October 25, 2013, Geri Davis submitted suggestions to Max Ciolino on city plastic bag ban.
- October 23, 2013, Geri Davis met Grace Morris of Gulf Restoration Network on Ironton, Louisiana railroad extension project and community outreach.
- October 23, 2013, Geri Davis met with Claudia Horsch, EPA Associate Director of Water Quality Protection Division, Paul Kaspar, EPA Section Chief NPDES Permits Oversight, Darryl Malek Wiley of the Sierra Club, and Matt Rota of Gulf Restoration Network on Louisiana water quality and permitting issues.
- October 10, 2013, Geri Davis attended a Plaquemines Parish City Council Meeting on borrow pit moratorium with Ironton Residents.
- October 9, 2013, Corinne Van Dalen, Lisa Jordan, Geri Davis and student Joshua Robinson met with Richard Webster of Public Justice.
- October 9, 2013, Machel Hall and Geri Davis participated in a Clean Gulf Commerce Teleconference.
- October 3, 2013, Geri Davis attended a planning meeting for the Tulane Environmental Summit 2014.
- October 1, 2013, Geri Davis hosted a Wetlands Strategy Taskforce Meeting on cypress chipping with Danna Smith of the Dogwood Alliance.
- September 30, 2013, Geri Davis attended the Clean Gulf Commerce Strategy Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- September 27, 2013, Geri Davis attended the EPA Region 6 Environmental Justice Training Workshop in New Orleans, LA.
- September 27, 2013, Adam Babich spoke on environmental justice at the U. of Michigan Law School Environmental Law & Public Health Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.
- September 20, 2013, Geri Davis formulated and reviewed materials for the EPA Train the Trainers Air Panel in North Carolina.
- September 10, 2013, Geri Davis attended a meeting between Ironton, Louisiana community residents and the railroad reps, including Robert Bach, President and COO of Rio Grande Pacific.
- September 10, 2013, Geri Davis attended a meeting between Ironton, Louisiana community residents and the railroad reps, including Robert Bach, President and COO of Rio Grande Pacific.

- September 4, 2013, student participated in a Clean Coastal Commerce Coalition teleconference.
- August 28, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a teleconference with Candace Crawford and panel on CAA Title V and NSR Training for EPA Train the Trainers event in North Carolina from October 29-31, 2013.
- August 21, 2013, Geri Davis met with Anna Rhybreck and Ryan of Bucket Brigade.
- August 20, 2013, Geri Davis participated in a teleconference with Candace Crawford of the EPA on developing and participating in a Train the Trainers event in North Carolina from October 29-31, 2013.
- August 19, 2013, Machel Hall and Geri Davis gave a presentation to Thai students for the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council on environmental issues and restoration in the Gulf Region.
- August 15, 2013, Machel Hall attended RAM Terminals, LLC CUP Public Hearing.
- July 3, 2013, Machel Hall and Geri Davis participated in a Clean Coastal Commerce Coalition teleconference on strategy for RAM Terminals, LLC CUP Public Hearing on August 14, 2013.
- July 3, 2013, participated in a Clean Coastal Commerce Coalition conference.



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