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Troy,

We were told that Chairman Graves (LA) is planning to call the administrator regarding some issue with the LOOP permit. Here is some information for you.

David

Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), LLC, Deepwater Port Complex, Louisiana

LOOP is the only port in the U.S. capable of offloading a wide range of vessels including Ultra Large Crude Carriers (ULCC) and Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC) down to Medium Range (MR) Tankers. LOOP is a joint venture of Marathon Pipe Line LLC, Valero Terminal and Distribution Company, and Shell Oil Company. LOOP, regulated by both state, EPA and Maritime Administration, is looking to add export capability to its operations and may need new water and air permits. The water discharge permit is issued jointly by the state of Louisiana and Region 6, and the existing permit expired years ago. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Region 6 have been working with the facility to renew the discharge permit and incorporated whole effluent toxicity (WET) requirements for their brine discharge. LOOP most recently has taken the position that it does not require any federal permits (air or water) for its operations. This issue remains unresolved. Anne and I are hoping to meet with company officials to discuss this soon, and coordinating closely with LDEQ Dr. Brown.

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