WAR Input 3/7/17

CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT FOR LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL PORT (LOOP): EPA and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) are drafting a joint reissuance permit for LOOP. On March 7, 2017, EPA R6 and LDEQ discussed the most recent proposal for addressing whole effluent toxicity (WET) at Outfall 004, which discharges brine from the Brine Storage Reservoir into an impaired waterbody. Significant amounts of brine water are utilized to manage the oil reserves. WET biomonitoring is used to ensure the state's water quality standard for "no discharge of toxics." This deepwater port receives and temporarily stores significant amounts of crude oil, and the facility has considerable onshore storage facilities and pipelines. **Isaac Chen 665-7364, Silvia Bogdan, 665-2749, Kay Schwab 665-6635.**