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## Interior Disburses \$94.7 Million to Louisiana in FY18 Energy Revenues

*GOMESA Phase-II disbursements will fund important coastal conservation, restoration and hurricane protection projects*

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary David Bernhardt announced that the Department will disburse more than \$94.7 million to Louisiana and its coastal political subdivisions (CPS) on April 26, 2019. This represents the second disbursement under Phase II of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA). The funds are derived from qualified oil and gas leasing revenues on the Outer Continental Shelf, and disbursed in accordance with the revenue-sharing provisions of the GOMESA legislation.

“Under President Trump’s leadership, Interior continues to deliver on the promise of advancing American energy security and economic prosperity,” **said Secretary Bernhardt**. “These disbursements shared directly with the Gulf producing states and local communities are a direct result of the responsible development of our energy resources.”

“This funding is critical to our efforts to restore and protect our coast and will allow the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to construct hurricane protection and coastal restoration projects that will better protect our communities, help restore our coast, and make our state more resilient,” **said Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards**.

“GOMESA revenue is essential to restore and protect Louisiana’s coasts,” **said Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy**. “I thank the Trump administration for their support of this funding and will continue to work with them, and the entire Louisiana delegation, to preserve this important program.”

“Each year, Louisiana receives a portion of the revenue that the federal government derives from offshore drilling. This money is made off Louisiana’s coast, and it is used to battle coastal erosion. It’s no secret that our coastline is disappearing, threatening coastal families and jobs. This increase in funding will help us restore our wetlands and preserve Louisiana’s future,” **said Louisiana Senator John Kennedy**.

“Today’s announcement is welcome news for Louisiana families and communities. Revenues from oil and gas activity in the Gulf of Mexico are vital to restoring our coast and protecting coastal communities, which is why I’ve fought to protect this revenue sharing from attempts to raid it,” **said House Republican Whip Steve Scalise (LA-01)**. “Through this revenue sharing, Louisiana will receive nearly \$100 million to invest directly into vital coastal restoration and hurricane protection projects that provide greater security against strong Gulf storms and floods. American energy dominance will play an increasing role in the revenue sharing dollars coming

to Louisiana, and I look forward to working with President Trump to support a robust energy strategy in the Gulf of Mexico which allows us to better protect the coast we love. I will also continue fighting every day to equalize the revenue sharing from offshore production with that from onshore drilling so that we can finally get our fair share of energy revenues generated off our coast.”

“This year, Louisiana will receive more than \$94 million in GOMESA funding. This is a big win for our state and a result of continued efforts here in Congress to ensure Louisiana receives the greatest share possible from offshore revenues. The robust oil and gas industry in our state is key to America's economy and energy independence, and I will continue to do all I can to protect Louisiana's interests,”said **Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04)**.

“Energy producing states along the Gulf Coast have waited a long time to start getting a fair share of offshore energy revenues, especially in Louisiana – where the Gulf has eroded over 2,000 square miles of our coast,” **said Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06)**. “Every single penny of this funding will be invested in urgent coastal restoration and hurricane protection efforts to protect Louisiana lives, communities, culture and a nationally-important economic engine responsible for 80 to 90 percent of all offshore energy production in federal waters in the United States.”

During FY 2018, Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) disbursed approximately \$76 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and \$309 million to the U.S. Treasury from bonuses, rentals, and royalties paid for GOMESA leases. As required by the legislation, disbursements to LWCF and Treasury are made in the same year of receipt; disbursements to the states and CPS are made the year following the year of receipt.

Revenue-sharing allocations and disbursement detail for the FY 2018 receipts will be published April 25, 2019, on the Department’s website at: <https://revenuedata.doi.gov/how-it-works/gomesa>.

The following amounts will be shared with the Louisiana and its subdivisions in FY 2019:

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| <b>State of Louisiana</b> | <b>\$75,782,553.46</b> |
| Assumption Parish         | \$624,301.84           |
| Calcasieu Parish          | \$1,006,346.20         |
| Cameron Parish            | \$1,294,393.87         |
| Iberia Parish             | \$993,921.56           |
| Jefferson Parish          | \$1,571,308.46         |
| Lafourche Parish          | \$980,198.20           |
| Livingston Parish         | \$783,550.00           |

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| Orleans Parish              | \$1,299,392.45         |
| Plaquemines Parish          | \$1,856,690.72         |
| St. Bernard Parish          | \$892,386.94           |
| St. Charles Parish          | \$666,344.39           |
| St. James Parish            | \$582,115.69           |
| St. John the Baptist Parish | \$629,068.20           |
| St. Martin Parish           | \$704,743.85           |
| St. Mary Parish             | \$833,307.13           |
| St. Tammany Parish          | \$1,030,784.21         |
| Tangipahoa Parish           | \$752,643.60           |
| Terrebonne Parish           | \$1,450,355.84         |
| Vermilion Parish            | \$993,785.17           |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$94,728,191.78</b> |

GOMESA payments are subject to sequestration requirements under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue manages and ensures full payment of revenues owed for the development of the nation's energy and natural resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and onshore Federal and Indian lands. In performing this important fiduciary role, ONRR collects an average of over \$10 billion dollars in annual revenue -- one of the Federal government's largest sources of non-tax revenue.