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## on the cover

#### Cover photo provided by NASA/JPL

#### Space Radar Image of the Mississippi River

This month's cover photo of the Mississippi River at Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas comes from NASA's Spaceborne Imaging Radar-C / X-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SIR). SIR was developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in conjunction with the German and Italian space agencies. Launched by space shuttle Endeavor in April and October 1994 for a two-part mission to examine geology, hydrology, ecology, and oceanography of Earth, SIR collected data on terrestrial soil moisture content, ocean dynamics, volcanism, tectonic activity, and soil erosion, and desertification. The three frequencies of radar allowed the satellite to collect data regardless of cloud cover or light conditions. By comparing the satellite data to simultaneous measurements made on the ground at areas of interest, researchers were able to evaluate a variety of scientific disciplines and natural environments. The radar revealed previously unidentified features like ancient fluvial channels in the Sahara, safe vantage points to assess hazardous volcanoes, and even provided insight into archeological sites in Cambodia and northwest China.

# From the Editor

Though I'm not naïve enough to believe that science exists in a vacuum, many science related headlines make me want to bang my head against a wall in frustration or even despair. All geologists, regardless of their field, are subject to controls of politics, market forces, and natural phenomena beyond our influence. I don't mean to suggest that geology is a field of "woe unto me" sentimentality, but it can be hard to stave off cynicism when so many scientific battles feel like losing ones. In this light, moments like President Kennedy's 1962 Houston speech where he laid out his policy goal to put a man on the moon are particularly striking. Words without action are the worst sort of wasted time. But even with this truth, I am constantly reminded that words still matter. In geology, the data guides results, but the words still matter. They matter in how we communicate, how we disagree, how we learn, how we fail, and how we take on hard challenges without any guarantee of recognition or even success.

"But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain? Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas? We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too." – President John F. Kennedy

> aura Laura Sorey, Editor

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT CHRIS MCLINDON

#### NOGS – The State of the Society

In the modern political era it has become almost trite for a State of the Union (or State of the State or State of the City) Address to include the phrase, emphatically stated, "The state of the Union is strong." The real issues challenging the Union must be teased out from the text of the address. It is only for this reason that I would hesitate to start this letter with the phrase, emphatically stated, "The state of the New Orleans Geological Society is strong." I actually believe that it is strong. We all recognize that the Society has been changing. Membership numbers have been on a downward trend for a few decades. In recent years the Board of Directors has decided to begin the transition from a printed NUGSLUG to an online digital version, to close the permanent NOGS office at 810 Union Street, and to move to a part-time contractor instead of a full-time employee of the organization to fill the role of administrator after Annette retires at the end of this year. The NOGS mailing address will be changed to a post office box number. I think it is important to understand these changes in context.

For much of the last 30 years, NOGS has been largely sustained by a steady stream of income from advertisements in the NOGS LOG. With the combined effects of a general exodus of oil and gas companies from Louisiana and sharp downturns in the oil and gas economy due to product prices, the revenue from these advertisements has dropped substantially over the past few years. The Society has endured persistent monthly deficits in expenses versus income for many months now. I don't believe that this type of impact is exclusive to NOGS. I believe it is a reflection of fundamental changes in the nature of all advertising in print and digital media. As WWL-TV reporter David Hammer explained at the February NOGA luncheon, virtually all institutions that have historically relied on advertising income are being forced to make fundamental changes. The proactive decisions of the NOGS Boards of Directors over the past few years have brought about the necessary actions to insure the viability of the Society going forward. I suspect that after things settle out from the changes being made this year, we will be very close to a revenue-neutral sustainability, allowing for a possible increase in annual dues.

I believe that the strength of the Society should be measured by a single metric – the degree to which we fulfill our core mission as stated in the Society by-laws: "This Society was organized on October 3, 1941, as a nonprofit organization for the express purpose of facilitating the development of the profession and science of Geology with specific emphasis on its relationship to the exploration for and production of petroleum and natural gas. Secondary related objectives include encouraging the adoption of improved methods of exploration and exploitation; the dissemination of pertinent geological and technological data; and the maintenance of a high standard of professional conduct on the part of its members."

By that measure NOGS is as strong as it has ever been. NOGS is engaged with the Louisiana Geological Survey in developing the Coastal Geohazards Atlas and co-sponsoring the Coastal Geology Symposium. We are engaged with the local chapters Society of Petroleum Engineers and the American Association of Drilling Engineers in co-sponsoring the Deepwater Technical Symposium including a day-long geological seminar. We are engaged with local universities in providing scholarships, mentoring Imperial Barrel Award teams, and direct involvement in the development of master theses and PhD dissertations. NOGS has sponsored field trips to examine the relationships between geology and regional flood protection. We are engaged with the Children's Museums of New Orleans and St. Tammany through the tireless work of Tom Bergeon and his volunteers, not only providing substantial financial support but offering meaningful content support that promotes the science of geology. NOGS members are involved in supporting earth science education at local elementary and high schools and their science fairs. NOGS member Dave Cope is an integral part of the New Orleans Gem and Mineral Show and its associated field trips. And last but not least, the monthly luncheons provide an excellent outreach to provide insights into geology to the local community, as evidenced by the presentation by Dr. Richard Campanella at the March luncheon.

The nature of the physical presence of the New Orleans Geological Society will continue to evolve over time. I would personally like to see the organization become more streamlined – shifting from a somewhat rigid structure of committee chairs for an array of functions to a more flexible arrangement of individuals that are willing to champion some aspect of the core mission of the organization under the oversight of the Board of Directors. Whatever course those changes may take, I believe that our success will continue to be measured by fulfilling that core mission.

#### Chris McLindon



# Save The Date

# August 27-29 2018

# New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center

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## April 9 • NOGS Luncheon

#### **Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome**

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Presentation:

Hydrocarbon Exploitation: The Role of Laboratory Geomechanics

Guest Speaker:

#### Igor Faoro, PhD

Core Laboratories • Houston, Texas See page 8 for Abstract and Biography

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April 7

#### April 29

Family Fun Eat & Run City Park • New Orleans, Louisiana For more information: http://nolarunning.com/

## April 17

SIPES 3rd Annual Membership Drive Crawfish Boil The Harbor Bar & Grill • Metairie, Louisiana For more information: www.sipesneworleans.org or www.sipes.org

#### May 18

NOGS-PLANO-SPWLA Golf Tournament

Bayou Oaks at City Park • New Orleans, Louisiana See announcement on inside cover (pg 2) and registration form on page 15.

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## Hydrocarbon Exploitation: The Role of Laboratory Geomechanics

Presented by Igor Faoro, PhD

Core Laboratories • Houston, Texas

#### ABSTRACT

Petroleum Geomechanics is concerned with rock and fracture behavior in reservoir, drilling, completion and production engineering. In more detail, Geomechanics aims to understand how soils and rocks deform to changes of stress, pressure, chemistry and of temperature. During last several decades, intense research has been conducted to better comprehend the processes that link temperature (T), hydrologic flow (H), mechanical deformation (M), and chemical alteration (C) in fractured rock/ soils systems. The study is complex because these processes are strongly interconnected as one process affects the initiation and progress of another. In this presentation we will show how THMC couple processes impact the initiation and propagation of hydraulic fracturing in the heterogeneous fractured/ porous media. In particular we will focus on the influences that the in situ stresses and the complexity of geological structures have on the fracturing design. Finally, we will describe which laboratory technical innovations are fundamental tools to understanding and to optimizing the practice of fracking.

#### THE APRIL LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 6. CONTACT THE NOGS OFFICE

#### BIOGRAPHY

Igor Faoro is the Sr. Geomechanics Consultant for Core Laboratories, based in Houston, and is responsible for providing support and consulting services to the rock mechanics laboratory. His expertise extends to fracture conductivity, hydraulic fracturing, fluid transport properties, static and dynamic physical/mechanical characterization, thermal-hydraulic-mechanical-chemical coupled processes, surface roughness analysis and acoustic emissions. He previously worked as Senior Engineer/Geoscientist at ConocoPhillips Subsurface Laboratories in Bartlesville, OK after a post doctorate at the University of Durham, UK. He has a MS in Civil Engineering from Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy; a M.S. and a PhD in Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA.

## "And Looking Ahead . . . "

The next luncheon will be held on May 7. Our guest speaker, An Li from LSU, will present "3-D Modeling of Subsurface Stratigraphy in the Lower Mississippi River Delta." Contact the NOGS office at 504-561-8980 or use the PayPal link at www.nogs.org to make your reservation.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL - JULY 2018

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2018	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO
1 Apr	Easter		
7 Apr	Super Science Saturday	Louisiana Children's Museum 11:00 - 3:30	Tom Bergeon tom.bergeon@upstreamexp.com
9 Apr	NOGS Luncheon Presentation "Hydrocarbon Exploitation: The Role of Laboratory Geomechanics" Speaker: Igor Faoro • Core Laboratories	Holiday Inn Superdome	annette@nogs.org or 504-561-8980
22 Apr	Earth Day		
23 Apr	LSU G&G Lecture Series "Feared and Actual Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Northwest Louisiana" Douglas Carlson - LGS	LSU Baton Rouge E137 Howe-Russell-Kniffen 3:30 pm	www.lsu.edu/science/geology/ seminars/item72050.php
29 Apr	Family Fun Eat & Run	City Park • New Orleans	http://nolarunning.com/
7 May	NOGS Luncheon Presentation "3-D Modeling of Subsurface Stratigraphy in the Lower Mississippi River Delta Speaker: An Li • LSU	Holiday Inn Superdome	annette@nogs.org or 504-561-8980
18 May	NOGS - PLANO - SPWLA Golf Tournament	Bayou Oaks at City Park New Orleans, LA	See announcement on page 2. Registration forms on page 15.
17-19 May	2018 History of Oil Symposium - Petroleum History Institute	Salt Lake City, Utah	www.petroleumhistory.org
20-23 May	AAPG Annual Convention & Exhibition - ACE 101 Theme: "Bridging Fundamentals & Innovation"	Salt Lake City, Nevada	http://ace.aapg.org/2018
10-11 Jul	Louisiana Coastal Geology Symposium	LSU Baton Rouge, LA	http://www.lsu.edu/ces/conferences/ lcgs2018/index.php

#### New Orleans Chapter of Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists presents its

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"The objective of the Auxiliary is to promote fellowship among the wives of the members of the New Orleans Geological Society and to render assistance to NOGS upon request."



David Hammer, WWL-TV Investigative Reporter



Beverly Kastler, Jean Jones



Peggy Rogers, Marjie Conatser - NOGA President

## **NOGA February Luncheon**

On February 21, the members of the Auxiliary held a luncheon at the Waldorf Room of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. Spouses and guests were invited to attend and to hear David Hammer, Investigative Reporter for WWL-TV, speak. He spoke of some of his recent reports and also the changes happening in the print and TV media. Chris McLindon, President of NOGS, and his wife Jaye were invited to attend. Thanks to Trez Zotkiewicz, Linda Peirce, and Ann Duffy for handling the details and to Camille Yeldell for contacting Mr. Hammer.

While everyone enjoyed the day, it was also bittersweet as we said goodbye to two of our very active members. Jean Jones will be moving to Virginia to be near her son. Beverly and Everett Kastler are moving to the Dallas area to be closer to one of their daughters. Both ladies have been on the board, serving in many capacities including president, and they have also opened their homes to NOGA for the September luncheon and the Spring Social. They will be missed.

The next meeting of NOGA will be on April 7 at the home of Trez and Jim Zotkiewicz. Once again spouses and guests are invited. We will close out this year on May 9 at the New Orleans Country Club.

Mary Walther, NOGA Director



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#### **NOGS Finds Winners at 2018 Region 9 Science and Engineering Fair**

On February 27 and 28, NOGS members judged Junior Division and Senior Division Earth Science exhibits at the Region 9 Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair at Tulane. My fellow judges were **Dave Cope, Jim McCarty,** and **Dave Reiter. Liz McDade** was also a Category Judge for Earth and Environmental Science and official NOGS Photographer for the day. Thanks much to all of you!

Five students shared the \$350 in cash prizes. We awarded only a second and a third prize in the Junior Division because we felt the exhibit quality did not measure up to the standards NOGS members expect to see.

Our Senior Division winner was Ashley Seiser, who studied "Can Google Earth be Used to Demonstrate How the Upside of a Surface Fault Remains Stable Compared to the Downside of a Fault?" You may recall we saw Ashley's work last year when she used Google Earth to measure growth in islands south of diversion projects. She showed her work last May in the presence of Dr. Nancy Dawers of Tulane and President Chris McLindon. our resident experts and leaders in documenting wetlands subsidence. This year, Ashley documented the relationship between upthrown and downthrown wetland losses. The economic impact is sooooo huge. Ashley's teacher is NOGS Honorary Life Member Cathy Boucvalt. Ashley also won special awards from the American Meteorological Society and the Association for Women Geoscientists (also judged by NOGS). Ms. Boucvalt was recognized by New Orleans NACE International for mentoring the student project best representing corrosion and received the Bruce J. Helm Foundation teacher award for student with most outstanding medical research project. She was also awarded the Senior Division Teacher Award and was certainly a major reason for John Curtis Christian School's recognition with the Senior Division School Award.

The **second-place senior exhibit** was done by **Tanesia Green** of **Edna Karr**, "How Does the Type of Sediment Affect the Biodiversity Index of Restoration Sites?" Apparently, there was a field trip run last year out to Bayou Dupont and Carnaevan to study freshwater diversion projects, and Ms. Green's work was the best of several which studied effects of diversion.

The **third-place senior exhibit** was done by **Claire Hudson**, of **Patrick Taylor**, also an outgrowth of the diversion trip, "To What Extent are New Wetland Restorations Contaminated with Nutrient Pollutants?"

In the **Junior Division**, the **second-place Junior winner** was **Kayla Roy** of **Lake Forest Elementary Charter**, who grasped the importance of compaction and permeability of earth materials used in sandbags in her project "Sandbag Materials."

**Third place** went to **Madison Verbest** of **John Curtis**, who innovatively studied the effect of the subsurface during earthquakes in "The Dirt on Soil: Does Soil Type Affect Building Stability During an Earthquake?" Her teacher, **Nicole Fabacher**, won the teacher award in the Junior Division.





# NOGS/PLANO/SPWLA 2018 Annual Golf Tournament REGISTRATION

#### Please register early! Tournament is May 18th!

We hope this event will fill up, and we are limited to only 100 players. Remember you are not registered until NOGS has received payment and you are confirmed by Annette.

Make sure you supply your handicap or a score that typifies a set of rounds of golf.

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#### South Louisiana and Offshore Gulf of Mexico Exploration and Production Activities

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT, ONSHORE AREA By Carlo C. Christina and Kevin J. Trosclair

The Baker-Hughes United States rig count for the month of February averaged 967 rigs, up 30 rigs from the prior month's average. The Louisiana rig count (not including the OCS) averaged 45 rigs for the month of February.

North Louisiana Rigs:	37
South Louisiana Rigs:	8
Land	6
Inland Waters	2

#### NEW LOCATIONS

In Avoyelles Parish, **North Bayou Jack Field**, (A), Torrent Oil will re-enter the W. A. Moncrief #1 Roy O. Martin, (SN 154571), to test the Austin Chalk at a depth of 15,624 feet. The #1 Indigo Minerals, (SN 250795), is located in Sec. 23, 2S-5E. The #1 Martin was drilled and completed in 1977 in the Austin Chalk and produced for 32 years, a total of 582,224 barrels of oil.

Torrent Oil will drill an Austin Chalk well in St. Landry Parish, **Moncrief Field**, (**B**), in Sec. 4, 3S-6E. The #1 Torrent H, (SN 250806), will be drilled to a proposed depth of 23,292 feet, (16,084 feet true vertical depth), as a horizontal well. It offsets the #1 Turner, (SN 221620), which was drilled as a Tuscaloosa Sand test to a total depth of 17,250 feet in a vertical hole. The well was completed through perforations 16,822 to 16,848 feet, flowing only 250 MCFD.

In Lafourche Parish, **Lake Enfermer Field**, **(C)**, LLOX will drill the #1 Castex Lafourche LP, (SN 250823), in Sec. 14, 20S-22E to a proposed depth of 14,500 feet to test the M Sand.

Upstream Exploration continues to develop its discovery in **East Cox Bay Field**, (**D**), in Plaquemines Parish with its #2 SL 21380, (SN 250826). It will be drilled to a proposed depth of 15,000 feet, (13,000 feet true vertical depth), in 26, 18S-26E.

The field was discovered In December 2014 and the confirmation well was completed in December 2016. To date, these 2 wells have produced more than 500,000 barrels of oil and 1.39 billion cubic feet of gas. In **Boutte Field**, (E), St. Charles Parish, LLOX has drilled the #1-A Simoneaux Family Land, (SN 250809), to a total depth of 14,221 feet and is preparing to complete it in Sec. 1, 15S-20E. It is located 6700 feet from its #1 Family Land, (SN 250321), which was drilled to a total depth of 12,827 feet and was completed flowing 2025 MCFD and 25 BCPD from a Cib op sand.

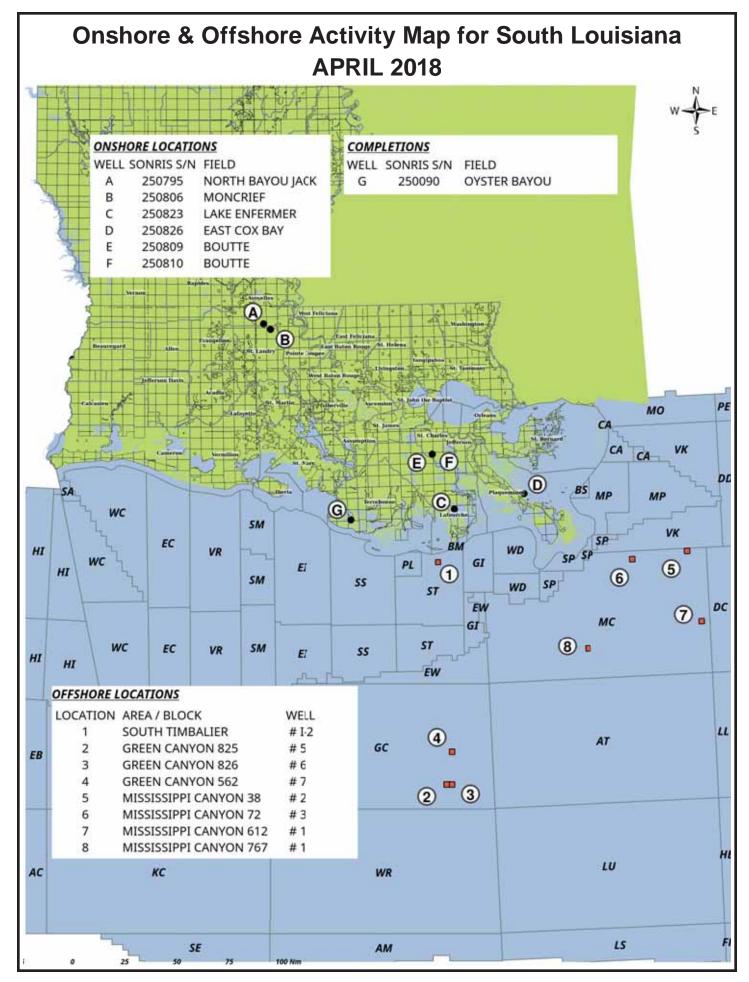
LLOX will also drill the #2 Simoneaux Family Land, (SN 250210), in **Boutte Field**, (**F**), to a proposed total depth of 13,000 feet, in Sec. 1, 15S-20E.

#### **COMPLETIONS**

In Terrebonne Parish, **Oyster Bayou Field**, (G), Castex Energy has completed its #1 SL 21614, (SN 250090), as a good gas well lowing 3030 MCFD and 276 BCPD through perforations 12,386 to 12,436 and 13,045 to 13,054. The well was drilled in Oyster Bayou to a total depth of 13,828 feet.

#### **OFFSHORE GULF OF MEXICO SHELF AND DEEPWATER ACTIVITIES** *by Al Baker*

During **February 2018**, the **BOEM** approved **60** Gulf of Mexico drilling permits. **Five** of these were for shelf wells, and **55** were for deepwater wells. Of the total number of permits, there were **8 new well permits**, **7** in **deepwater** and **1** on the **shelf**.



The seven deepwater new well permits were for 2 development wells and 5 exploration wells. The two development well permits were both given to BP Exploration & Production for their Green Canyon 825 #5 and Green Canyon 826 #6 wells. The five exploration well permits were awarded to Anadarko Petroleum for their Mississippi Canyon 38 #2 and Green Canyon 562 #7 wells, to Shell Offshore for their Mississippi Canyon 612 #1 and Mississippi Canyon 767 #1 wells, and to Deep Gulf Energy III for their Mississippi Canyon 72 #3 well.

The single new well permit on the shelf was given to **Arena Offshore** for their **South Timbalier 37 #I-12** development well.

On February 23rd, **IHS-Petrodata** reported that the Gulf of Mexico mobile offshore rig supply stood at **86**, which is **7 less** than last month. The marketed rig supply consisted of **50** rigs, of which **37** were under contract. The marketed rig supply number was **4 less** than reported last month, whereas the contracted rig supply number was **3 greater** than the previous month. The marketed contracted versus total rig supply utilization rate stands at **43%**, and the marketed contracted versus marketed supply utilization rate stands at **74%**. By comparison, the February 2017 total fleet utilization rate stood at

46.9% (versus 58.1% today) with 46 out of the 98 rigs under contract.

As of February 23rd, **BakerHughes** indicated that there were **17** active mobile offshore rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, which is **46%** of the rigs under contract mentioned above. This active rigs number is the same as reported last month. Of the 17 rigs, **2** are located on the **shelf**, and **15** are situated in **deepwater**. At the same time last year, there were also 17 mobile offshore rigs operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

As of February 23rd, the **BakerHughes** total U.S. rig count stood at **978** rigs, which are **3 additional** rigs than at the end of January 2018. Of the 978 rigs, **799** (**81.7%**) are **oil rigs** and **179** (**18.3%**) are **gas rigs**. A year ago, there were 754 rigs working in the U.S. Thus, the current rig figure represents a **29.7% increase** in rigs year over year. **Texas** still has the largest number of rigs with **482**, which is slightly less than half (49.3%) of the total number of rigs in the U.S. **Louisiana** has a total of **60** rigs.

By the time this article is published the **BOEM** will have conducted **OCS Sale 250** on **March 21, 2018**. The sale is being touted as the largest acreage offering in the history of offshore lease sales.

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You are hereby invited to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster session at the symposium.

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Additionally the Louisiana Geological Survey and the New Orleans Geological Society have joined forces in 2018 to lead the development of a Louisiana Coastal Geohazards Atlas. Several presentations will be made regarding the atlas and its progress.

For further information, please contact John E. Johnston III at hammer@lsu.edu.



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