

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Storm Debris Use in Coastal Restoration General Resolution

January 13, 2006

Overview: Resolution to call for the exploration of uses of storm debris in restoring Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have generated tens of millions of tons of debris and other waste material in the affected areas of Louisiana. This debris consists of many types of material, including construction and demolition debris, organic marsh material, white goods, automobiles, trees, and much more. While there are certainly categories within this waste that are not appropriate for re-use, there are also categories that may be re-usable, diverting them from the limited landfills now receiving storm waste. Further, if any of these materials are usable for coastal restoration purposes, replacing some of the lost marsh-building materials, they could contribute to the future protection of the state.

The Infrastructure and Transportation Task Force discussed the use of storm debris for coastal restoration at their December 14, 2005 meeting and hereby recommends that the LRA encourage funding and expedited permitting for experimental use of storm debris in coastal protection projects.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Recovery Authority does hereby accept the recommendations of the Infrastructure and Transportation Task Force to encourage the appropriate state and federal agencies to secure funds for and/or adopt an expeditious permitting process for the experimental use of hurricane-generated waste in coastal restoration or protection projects.*