Geoscience in Your State: Louisiana
By the numbers: Louisiana

- 6,570 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 1.74 billion gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
$477 million: value of nonfuel mineral production in 2017
75 total disaster declarations, including 26 flood, 23 hurricane, and 14 severe storm disasters (1953-2017)
$4.1 million: NSF GEO grants awarded in...

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Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in Louisiana

**Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority**
http://coastal.la.gov/
The CPRA is established as the single state entity with authority to articulate a clear statement of priorities and to focus development and implementation efforts to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority’s mandate is to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration Master Plan.

**Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality**
https://deq.louisiana.gov/
The Department's mission is to provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare while considering sound policies regarding employment and economic development.

**Louisiana Department of Natural Resources**
http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov/
The mission of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is to ensure and promote sustainable and responsible use of the natural resources of Louisiana so that they are available for the enjoyment and benefit of citizens now and in the future.

**Louisiana Geological Survey**
https://www.lsu.edu/lgs/
The goal of the Louisiana Geological Survey is to benefit the state of Louisiana by encouraging the economic development of the natural (energy, mineral, water and environmental) resources of the state; protecting the state and its citizens from natural, geological and environmental hazards; insuring the effective transfer of geological and oil and gas information.

**Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**
http://gohsep.la.gov/
GOHSEP works with local, State, Tribal and Federal authorities; private-sector partners; and private nonprofits (PNPs) to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from and mitigate against future emergencies and disasters.

**Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office**
http://www.losco.state.la.us/
LOSCO's primary function is to ensure effective coordination and representation of Louisiana's interests in all matters related to spill response and prevention. Its goals are to (1) minimize unauthorized discharges of oil, (2) provide for an effective spill response, (3) compensate the public for damages to the state's natural resources, and (4) assist the public through education, service, and public outreach.

Maps & Visualizations

Interactive map of offshore sand and gravel resources of the United States
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Marine Minerals Information System (MMIS) provides an interactive map with information on offshore sand and gravel resources for 18 states on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States. The system
Groundwater Protection in Oil and Gas Production

Introduction
The United States relies on groundwater for roughly 25% of its fresh water. This groundwater is found in porous, permeable rocks (aquifers) that often lie close to the Earth’s surface – the deepest freshwater aquifers are found more than 6,000 feet underground, but most are much...