



# Louisiana Oil & Gas Association

Protecting and promoting the future of Louisiana's oil & gas industry

LOGA MEMBER BENEFITS

## LOGA Works for YOU!

**One Voice.**

**One Goal.**

**Join LOGA.**



As a member of the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association (LOGA), you will join with our membership of over 900+ independent producers and service companies who have stepped forward to support Louisiana's oil & gas industry and actively promote their own business interests. LOGA is a working organization, **working for you!** LOGA's achievements help the entire oil and gas industry in Louisiana - not just our membership. **LOGA is your advocate in the state of Louisiana, the Energy State!**

In past years being involved in the political process was not a necessity for a business. Other than issues on taxes and occupational licenses, business was not affected by state and federal governments. Today, as you are well aware, business is being regulated out of doing business. This is a reality. Companies can no longer be a non-participant in the bureaucracy and political systems that are regulating them. You can no longer take the position that someone else will handle the problem, or that your state and congressional representative will protect your interest. Looking at today's conditions, that philosophy has not worked. LOGA was organized to represent the independent and service sectors of the oil and gas industry in Louisiana. Our primary goal is to provide our industry with a working environment that will enhance it by creating incentives, warding off tax increases, changing existing burdensome regulations and educating the public and government of the importance of the oil and gas industry in the state. **LOGA confronts and deals directly with the many issues that are causing harm to the industry.**

As a member of LOGA you will enjoy the following benefits:

- ✦ Receive the informative **LOGA Industry Report**, which is published three times a year. A newsletter designed to keep members up-to-date of factors and events in Louisiana's oil & gas industry. Also, a great vehicle for advertising your business or product to LOGA's members.
- ✦ Receive and be listed in the member exclusive **LOGA Membership Directory**.
- ✦ A yearly subscription to **The American Oil and Gas Reporter**.
- ✦ Instantly receive "**Alerts!**" electronically and have your voice heard regarding recent legislation and efforts affecting the oil and gas industry through LOGA's Grassroots Network.
- ✦ Instantly receive **Daily Industry News** that is affecting Louisiana's oil and gas industry. Stop searching through endless websites and fighting with the morning newspapers, LOGA puts it all together for you and sends it straight to your email for your daily consumption.
- ✦ Periodic correspondence keeps you abreast of the decisions being made in the Legislature and the battles that make them happen. LOGA is your employee, working for your business interests!
- ✦ By becoming a member of LOGA, you help fight the anti-industry laws of the state and be a part of the decisions.

LOGA also hosts *year round industry events* to highlight initiatives and create networking opportunities with industry executives. **Go to [WWW.LOGA.LA](http://WWW.LOGA.LA) to see dates and more information on each event.**

The achievements enjoyed by LOGA, under the direction of Raymond J. Lasseigne, Chairman, Don G. Briggs, President and the Board of Directors have been numerous and perhaps even a bit volatile at times, but with long-reaching results. These results are beneficial not only to the oil & gas industry but to the state as a whole.

### JOIN LOGA TODAY!

Make a valuable investment in your business! All members receive the services and products outlined above, with individual memberships starting at just \$450 annually; All membership dues are 75% tax deductible, and new members can sign up at any point in the year.

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For more information on the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, go to [www.loga.la](http://www.loga.la)



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LOGA is working for you!

**New Member Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select desired Membership Level:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildcatter	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Platinum	\$10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Triple Platinum	\$15,000

**Type of Company:**

- Consultant
- Environmental
- Financial
- Geologist
- Insurance
- Judicial
- Land
- Oil & Gas Producer
- Seismic
- Service
- Tax
- Other

**Payment Method:**

- Check Enclosed
- Credit Card

*(Visa, MasterCard and American Express ONLY)*

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Email completed PDF to [ben@loga.la](mailto:ben@loga.la)
2. Fax completed form to 225.388.9561
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*“...we believe now more than ever LOGA is the most important organization representing the most important industry in Louisiana.”*

Quote taken during the LOGA Annual Meeting from the President and CEO of Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

These are only a few of the many issues/events LOGA has worked on in the past and is currently working on.

LOGA monitors hundreds of bills during legislative sessions, making sure those bills that would potentially impede our industry never pass. LOGA's determination has saved Louisiana's oil and gas industry substantial amounts of money.

#### **2006 Regular Legislative Session**

Without question, SB 655 (Act 312) is the most significant victory for LOGA since the *Meredith vs. Ieyoub* victory in 1995. LOGA made history with this legislation. Under SB 655, after a district court finds a party guilty of polluting at a legacy site, legal proceedings are put on hold and the case is sent to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. After a certain time, the defendant, plaintiffs and DNR determine whether there are any actual damages and all of them come up with a plan to remediate that site. Without SB 655, plaintiffs' attorneys have an incentive to artificially escalate cleanup costs and thereby increase their own take.

#### **2005 Regular Legislative Session**

House Bill 835 by Rep. William Daniel is what we call ACT 2 Incentives, which is the renewal of the severance tax exemption for re-entering an old well bore. The severance tax exemption in past years has been for two years, it is now for five years, a significant change. The new change was retroactive to January 1, 2005. House Bill 741 by Rep. Sydnie Mae Durand clarifies that sales taxes are not to be levied on repair services conducted in Louisiana on drilling rigs, machinery, and equipment and component parts that are used exclusively outside the territorial limits of Louisiana in the OCS.

#### **2004 Regular Legislative Session**

House Bill 651 by Rep. Wilfred Pierre provides for an increase to oilfield site restoration fees. House Bill 1623 by Rep. Hopy Hopkins was the Coal Seam Natural Gas Bill. This bill authorizes the commissioner of conservation, upon the application of an interested party, to enter an order for unit operation if unit operation promotes the development of such coal seam natural gas, prevents waste, and avoids the drilling of unnecessary wells.

#### **2003 Regular Legislative Session**

In conjunction with the Foster Administration, LOGA took a major lead in passing the Ground Water Protection Act by Rep. William Daniel (often referred to as the Corbello bill, now Act 1166). The passage of the Groundwater Protection Act defeated the trial lawyers in claiming damages to water aquifers without input of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources.

#### **2002 Regular Legislative Session**

HB 236, often referred to as Act 2, is now Act 74 of the 2002 Regular Session. Act 74 provides that production from oil and gas wells shall be exempt from severance tax for a period of two years when returned to service after being inactive for two or more years or having thirty days or less of production during the past two years.

#### **Processing Tax**

In most legislative sessions, attempts at passing processing taxes surface. These attempts have been defeated successfully. LOGA and others participate every session to once again defeat this erroneous tax. This issue is one that does not seem to go away. We will continue to oppose a processing tax of any kind.

#### **Permitting Process**

This issue is a top priority. LOGA's President is currently serving on a special committee appointed by the President of the Senate to review the permitting process and lure industry back to Louisiana. The permitting process in Louisiana has become a burdensome maze of walls for oil and gas operators. LOGA works closely with the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, Coastal Zone Management, State Minerals, Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to continuously improve the permitting process.

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*“LOGA for me and my business equates to specific action with results.  
Pure meat and potatoes!”*

*-Kenneth W. Smith  
President, T. Baker Smith Inc.*

#### **LIOGA, Meredith vs. Attorney General Richard Ieyoub**

On September 9, 1997 the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled contingency fee contracts without the explicit authority of the Louisiana Legislature are illegal, stopping a major attack by trial lawyers on Louisiana's oil and gas industry. During the 1998 Special Session, LIOGA participated in defeating an attempt by the trial lawyers to overturn the Supreme Court's decision. Like the processing tax, the issue of contingency contracts will continue in the forefront of the trial lawyers' agenda.

#### **Ad Valorem Taxes**

Ad Valorem Taxes - LOGA continues to aggressively pursue "Fair Market Value" as the benchmark in assessed values for all its members. LOGA representatives currently serve on a committee, appointed by the Louisiana Tax Commission (LTC) that is developing revised assessment procedures for oil & gas wells. For service companies, LOGA reviews the schedules proposed by the LTC to insure that no rules are passed that would result in improper assessment. Pipelines and related equipment are another area where LOGA strives for improvement in the assessment procedures adopted by the LTC.

#### **Seismic Fees**

On February 16, 2000 LOGA filed suit against the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries claiming that the \$60 per acre fee charged by DWF for access to State lands under DWF management to shoot 3-D is illegal. April 5, 2000, LOGA was successful in getting the trial court to grant a preliminary injunction against the DWF prohibiting them from charging the \$60 per acre access fee until a trial on the merits can be held. Settled out of court, which resulted in legislation requiring the Mineral Board to set seismic fees on state lands and state DWF managed areas.

#### **MMS Supplemental Bonding**

In early 2002, LOGA led the way to stop the Minerals Management Service (MMS) from increasing the Supplemental Bonding of wells from \$100,000 to \$450,000. LOGA organized a group of its members with production in the OCS to provide data to the MMS proving the average cost to plug and abandon a well bore in the OCS is \$100,000 or less. The MMS agreed with the data and decided not to go ahead with the proposed increase in bonding requirements.

#### **National Energy Policy**

LOGA worked with Louisiana's Congressional Delegation to support a National Energy Policy that reflected the needs of our membership.

#### **NPDES Storm Water Permits**

LOGA is currently working in liaison with other oil and gas associations to curtail potential impacts due to possible changes by EPA to The Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1342 (1)(2)). Industry's intent is to assist EPA in providing a ruling to exempt exploration and production activities which occur at oil and natural gas drill sites. Without Industry's strong input and EPA's cooperation and better understanding of our industry, the proposed regulations would further increase compliance costs for the Operator.

#### **Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board**

LOGA's President is on the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board. Oyster fisherman and oil and gas operators can begin by law, the process with a preliminary request for arbitration submitted by either the mineral owner or leaseholder. The process is to be completed ninety (90) days after the mineral project is completed and a final request for arbitration has been received by the Board. Submitting a case into arbitration does not forfeit either party's right to seek a judicial resolution; however, the existence and purpose of the Board is to expedite the claims process for the common benefit of both industries.

#### **Office of Conservation**

LOGA's President continues to work with the Office of Conservation in an ongoing effort to bring clarity and simplicity to the many regulations that regulate our industry.

*“IF BUSINESS IS YOUR PROFESSION, THEN YOU SHOULD MAKE POLITICS YOUR BUSINESS”*

*J. Paul Getty*