

Strategic petroleum reserve - Weeks Island storage site.

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New legislation affects U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Hurricane Ike made landfall near Galveston, Texas as a Category 2 hurricane on September 13, 2008, before the petroleum industry had recovered from Hurricane Gustav. The connection was confirmed by correlative measurements of sediment slump rates, piezometric surface deflection, and brine influx rates into the mine. Based on this analyses, DOE has determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act NEPA and has issued the Finding of No Significant Impact FONSI.

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A sinkhole measuring 11 m 36 ft across and 9 m 30 ft deep was first observed in alluvium overlying the Weeks Island, Louisiana, salt dome in May 1992, but it was about a year old, based on initial surface appearance and subsequent reverse extrapolation of growth rates. The Department of Energy received several emergency requests from refiners for assistance in securing supplies of crude oil adequate to avoid cutting back on refining operations. The first crude oil moved out of the Reserve on October 19, 1990, and the test sale was completed on December 3, 1990.

Salt dissolution sinkhole at the Weeks Island, Louisiana, Strategic Petroleum Reserve storage site (Conference)

An initial group of offerors was selected on October 4, 2000.

Geotechnical studies associated with decommissioning the strategic petroleum reserve facility at Weeks Island, Louisiana: A case history

The first oil delivery occurred on September 3, 2005, and continued in a series of batches through October, totaling 9. A second and much smaller sinkhole was first noticed in early 1995 on an opposite edge of the SPR mine, but with a very similar geological and mine mechanics setting.

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To ensure the SPR is ready to respond to emergencies, DOE occasionally conducts test sales. The dissolution of salt below the sinkhole that initiated the leak into the mine was likely caused by several confluent geologic processes, and exacerbated by mining-induced stresses that created fractures which served as hydrologic flowpaths.

Final state of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Weeks Island Mine

. From May 22 through August 5, 1996, the Defense Fuel Supply Center awarded twenty-four contracts to nine oil companies.

Environmental Assessment for decommissioning the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Weeks Island Facility, Iberia Parish, Louisiana (Technical Report)

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By September 28, a total of 5.

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