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Texas General Land Office Oil Spill division, Coast Guard hold public meeting *Corpus Christi meeting set for March 25*

AUSTIN—The Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program welcomes the public to a joint meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard Wednesday, March 25 at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Natural Resources Center, Suite 1003. The meeting will last from 8 a.m. to noon.

The meeting will provide a chance to catch up on the latest developments with both the Land Office and the U.S. Coast Guard. Staff from both agencies will make presentations and answer questions. This is a great opportunity to meet pollution prevention and response personnel and network with colleagues.

Among the topics to be discussed are response efforts to hurricanes, an update on abandoned or sunken vessel removal efforts including the work done in Aransas Pass, a presentation by the Texas Shrimp Association, and an update on the Valero Supplemental Environmental Project.

Also at the meeting, CITGO Refining & Chemicals will be honored with the Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act Award in a special ceremony.

The OSPRA Award honors those who are examples of how industry and regulatory agencies can work together to protect our environment. Over the last 13 years, the Texas General Land Office has recognized small and large organizations, including non-profits and public agencies, as well as those from the private sector who make a strong contribution to protecting or preserving Texas' fragile coast.

WHO: Texas General Land Office, USCG and Area Committee Meeting
WHAT: Information Transfer Meeting
WHERE: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Natural Resources Center, Suite 1003
WHEN: 8 a.m. to noon
WHY: Catch up on the latest developments with both the Land Office and the U.S. Coast Guard

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