

As local, state and federal leaders, businesses and individuals work to clean-up and stop the continuing oil spill in the Gulf, another challenge comes in the form of the federal moratorium on new offshore drilling. We at the VPC are doing our part by working with business leaders and government officials to do everything we can to lift the moratorium and prevent an even greater economic disaster from taking place.

The VPC is playing a major role in the region's recovery from the Gulf Oil Spill. Serving as one of the five staging areas along the Gulf Coast, the VPC hosts an oil spill response team and command post that responds to daily challenges of this oil spill crisis. With the Deepwater Horizon site located only 40-50 miles from Venice, activity in the area is poised to remain high for the foreseeable future.

While the efforts to contain and eventually stop the spill continue, the increase in activity is not hindering the continued drilling, production and construction work in the Gulf. Over 2,000 workers can now be seen at the VPC's multiple staging areas working in a variety of ways. Truck-loads of pipe and drilling products arrive daily, along with oil containment boom, pallets full of absorbent material, skimmers, communication trailers and boats.

Having portions of coastal Louisiana closed to fishing has hindered the normally busy tourist season for recreational fishing and important commercial harvesting. However, there are many thousands of acres of untouched marsh that are still safe, and I encourage you to call marina personnel and inquire about the fishing opportunities that exist today.

The VPC is working with government officials, agency representatives and BP to facilitate the clean up effort. Recent visitors to the complex include President Barrack Obama, Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, Cabinet level members, Governor Bobby Jindal and BP CEO Tony Hayward.

Here at the VPC, we are proud to call ourselves an Oil and Gas Town. For more than 60 years, we have been at the forefront of providing service to the energy industry, and we plan on continuing to do so for the next 60 years. COME JOIN US!

I encourage you to continue reading the newsletter to find out more about what's going on at the VPC.

Sincerely,

George Pivach II  
Vice President and General Counsel

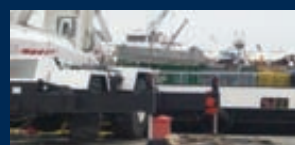


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# INDUSTRY UPDATES

## Fab-Con, Inc.

With over 50 years of oilfield and marine construction and fabrication experience, Fab-Con Inc. is capable of various aspects of construction, such as pile driving, building production platforms and laying pipelines. Their specialties also include fabrication and installation of production equipment, dredging, levee construction, laying shell pads, and also demolition and P&A projects.

Incorporated in 1987 by the Giles Family, Fab-Con was originally located at 39804 Hwy 23 in Boothville, La. After several successful years operating there, they expanded by opening a dockside location in the Venice Port Complex at 117 McDermott Road to provide better service to its customers. Fab-Con has current MSA's in place with most of the major oil companies in the Gulf as well as several independent oilfield companies and operators.

After taking the full impact of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Fab-Con relocated to 1710 Young's Road in Morgan City. The bulk of fabrication, offshore support, and crew dispatching took place at this location until repairs and renovations to the Boothville/Venice location were completed.



In 2007 Fab-Con opened an office in Gonzales, where they handle all payables, payroll, and receivables.

The Boothville/Venice shop is once again fully functional, and this is where they perform the bulk of their aluminum fabrication and steel and piping fabrication. Full operations including blasting and painting are also being carried out there.

Fab-Con's Venice dock is also open and operating at the present time, providing dockside support and storage services to several oilfield companies. They recently completed dredging the slip and installing new sheet pile bulkheads in an effort to provide the best and safest dockside facility possible. Safety and customer satisfaction are their highest priorities.

In July of 2007, Fab-Con opened dockside service and repairs at their Morgan City location. Labor and support personnel are dispatched from both the Morgan City and Boothville/Venice locations, and the company can provide full service fabrications from either location on demand.

At this time, Fab-Con is proud to announce the success of their safety and training program. As of January 2010, they reached 1 million man-hours without a recordable incident!

For more information, please visit [www.fab-con.net](http://www.fab-con.net).



E&P Waste Management

## US Liquids of Louisiana (USLL)

US Liquids of Louisiana (USLL) has continuously operated a fully permitted Louisiana Department of Natural Resources-approved and U.S. Coast Guard-regulated Exploration and Production (E&P) Marine Waste Transfer facility in the Venice Port Complex since 2002. The Venice transfer station is one of USLL's 12 fully-manned, equipped and permitted marine facilities serving the oil & gas industry's E&P waste management needs in the Gulf of Mexico, northwest Louisiana and south Texas.

USLL prides itself as being the only E&P waste management company in the E&P disposal business that not only treats and disposes of these waste products, but also recycles them into permitted and approved re-use material applications. The E&P treated re-use material has been accepted and certified by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Texas Railroad Commission and is available for use in various con-

struction and fill projects.

A vital and reliable component to the various E&P operations utilizing the VPC and other surrounding facilities, USLL's Venice facility provides a full complement of dockside E&P waste management and cleaning services for the oil and gas industry. With frontage on both Tidewater Road and water front on "Slip #1," the company occupies approximately 6 acres of property in the VPC.

USLL is very excited about the many improvements recently completed and those currently underway at the Venice Port Complex. These projects will have a positive impact on the Venice Port Complex and the industry. Come and see what USLL is all about at 367 Tidewater Road, Venice, La.

For more information call Mike Little at 337.824.3194 or visit [uslla.com](http://uslla.com)

## Ambar, NOV Fluid Control

A longtime tenant at the VPC, Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services LP (Ambar), is a U.S. based drilling, completions fluids and rental equipment company. Earlier this year National Oilwell Varco (NOV) acquired Ambar making it part of the well site services division of NOV Fluid Control.

Ambar's VPC site provides proprietary water, diesel and synthetic based drilling fluids as well as exclusive completions products used during the drilling and completion phase of wellbore construction. The company offers completion fluids, such as potassium chloride and zinc bromide; single source filtration services for land or offshore units; shorebase and warehouse services; and specialty products. It provides rental equipment, such as pre-mix tanks, pumps and compressors, frac tanks, dry bulk tanks, dust collectors, hoses, hoppers, and liquid tote tanks for drilling needs

Ambar's history of successful drilling and completions fluids projects in the Gulf Coast offshore and onshore make it an essential part of VPC's energy industry service suppliers. For more information on Ambar NOV call 504.534.9071.



## Oilfield Crawfish Boil-Off



On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the Buras Volunteer Fire Department held their Annual Oilfield Crawfish Boil-Off. This event raises funds for department improvement projects, such as equipment items, training and fire prevention at local schools, summer camp and vacation bible schools. The Oilfield Crawfish Boil-Off proved to be an entertaining event with music from the Big River Band and Aaron Foret and the Swamp Pop Band.

This year's event included 69, four-member teams who boiled some 17,000 pounds of crawfish. Crawfish were judged on color, taste, texture, flavor and appearance. The judges named Team PMI as the Top Crawfish Boilers of the Year with Team Nungesser coming in second and Shell Pipeline third. The People's Choice award went to Terry's Oysters, Inc and the Best in Shows went to Abe's Boat Rental.



## 2010 Trash Bash



We would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses and individuals for participating in the 2010 Trash Bash to clean up the major roads and thoroughfares in the Venice Port Complex.

### Participants in the April 22, 2010 trash bash included:

#### L&L

Lisa Galliano  
Melissa Rouse  
Cathleen Kimball  
Rebecca Bordelon  
Mark Pfister  
Tom Billiot  
Tracy Stebbins

#### PPSO

Allen Jolly  
Elton Lagarrigue

#### Viking Construction

Rolf Parelus

#### VPC

Joe Clark  
Tony Frickey

#### Couvillion

Anthony Uribe

#### Premier Industries

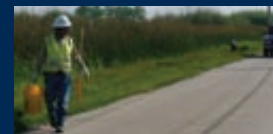
Norris Smith  
Michael Encalade  
Rodney Joseph  
Tervis Williams

#### Halliburton

Roger Mathews  
Rocky Anthony  
Bridgette Franovich

#### JW Stone

Jared Cabbage



# Infrastructure and Future Development

While most of the attention is now on the oil spill and cleanup effort in the Gulf, we at the VPC are also focused on long-term projects and maintenance. The deepening of Baptiste Collette Bayou from 15 feet to a depth of 26 feet is still on track and will greatly improve transportation for the oil and gas industry in and out of the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

The VPC also has undeveloped sites available for ground lease, or we can build to suit. If your business is looking to expand or relocate, please contact George Pivach, II for more information on one of the most strategic sites on the Gulf of Mexico. He can be reached at 504-392-1830 or e-mail [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com).

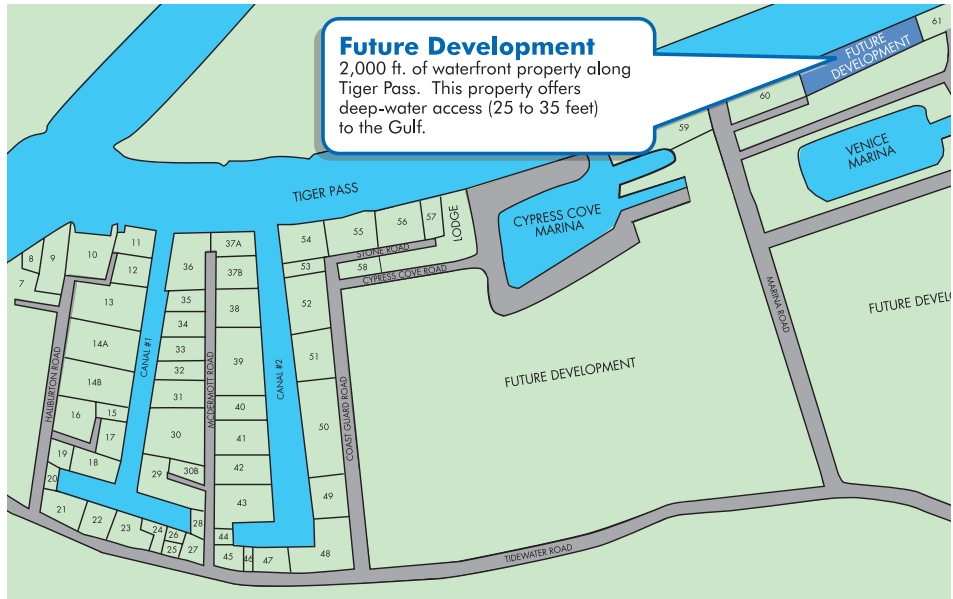


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The Venice Port Complex Report will be published quarterly. If you have any updates or news that you would like to contribute, please contact George Pivach II at 504-392-1830 or [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com) [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)

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