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Helping Hackberry Recover from Hurricane Ike

Last fall, Hurricane Ike hit Hackberry with all of its might. The storm destroyed buildings and damaged homes, but it couldn't tear down the town's resolve. More determined than ever to rebuild and recover from the second major storm in three years, residents banded together and looked for ways to make Hackberry home again. Armed with creative ideas on how to help the town get back on its feet, the community turned to the Sempra Energy Foundation for disaster-relief help. The Sempra Energy Foundation is the 501(c)(3) private foundation of Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 energy services holding company based in San Diego. Cameron LNG is a Sempra Energy company.

The Cameron Parish School District suffered severe losses last year. One way the Foundation helped students adjust quickly was to replace uniforms lost during the storm. Another way was providing

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Hackberry students enjoy a snack provided by Sempra Energy Foundation.



Cameron LNG will be the most secure terminal on the ship channel, says Robles, who has more than 22 years experience in security.

Meet Nelson Robles: Cameron LNG's Marine & Security Supervisor

Nelson Robles was destined to have a career in security. After all, he had a perfect role model. His father served in the U.S. Army for 26 years, teaching Robles the value of keeping the country safe and secure.

After earning a degree in criminal justice at Louisiana State University, Robles spent the next 22 years working for some of the region's most esteemed law-enforcement agencies before becoming Marine & Security supervisor for Cameron LNG.

From his work as a special agent in Governmental Affairs at the Louisiana Attorney General's Office to his job as director of Homeland Security for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, Robles has always excelled under pressure. In 2002, he served 12 months in Afghanistan with the 3rd Special Forces. The unit found the largest cache of Taliban-owned weapons to date, and destroyed more than 350,000 pounds of explosives. Robles was awarded a Bronze Star for his service. He also

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Cameron LNG Provides Hands-On Learning Through Internship Program

Cameron LNG's Summer Internship Program gives local students an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills at the new, state-of-the-art terminal in southwest Louisiana. Launched last summer, two students have already successfully completed the program. In June 2009, Cameron LNG will have two new students participating in this program.

Omosigho Amadasu, who was born in Nigeria, is a Louisiana resident and sophomore at McNeese State University studying plant process technology. She will begin work this summer as an Operations intern. Another McNeese State University student, Adam Bellow will intern with the Cameron LNG engineering team. He is a senior majoring in chemical engineering.

"The purpose of this specialized internship program is to provide an interactive experience that will allow the students to observe, practice and



Cameron LNG's 2008 student interns, Phillip Andrepont and Chelsea Styron.

use academic theory learned in the classroom on real work projects," explained Melissa Portie, Cameron LNG's Human Resources manager.

The eight-week, paid program offers two summer internships in engineering (mechanical/electrical/chemical), operations or instrumentation. Students must be enrolled in an accredited university, community college, technical or

vocational school and working toward either a bachelor's or associate's degree. To qualify, applicants must be a sophomore, junior or senior with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

"The intern program is receiving a lot of attention, and we are attracting the best and brightest students," said Evers. "Once the plant is fully operational, we hope to expand the program."

Recruitment efforts are focused on a number of Louisiana schools, including Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, Southern University-Baton Rouge, Grambling University-New Orleans, Baton Rouge Community College, McNeese State University-Lake Charles, SOWELA Technical College-Lake Charles, University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana Tech-Ruston.

To learn more about the Cameron LNG Program, please contact Melissa Portie at 337-762-3270 or mportie@sempraglobal.com.

Black Lake Terracing Project Recognized by Governor Jindal

In early 2009, Governor Bobby Jindal announced that Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) is signing a cooperative agreement with Ducks Unlimited, a leading conservation group, to restore and protect nearly 2,500 acres of coastal marshland in Southwest Louisiana including the Black Lake project. A combined \$3.26 million in state funds, federal grant money and private donations will go toward building 250,000 linear feet of marsh terraces in areas that were once healthy marsh, but have become open water due to the effects of saltwater intrusion and the impact of Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

The Sempra Energy Foundation joined other public and private partners to provide the matching dollars to Ducks Unlimited. This effort made the group eligible for grants from the federal government through the North American Wetland Conservation Act and CPRA.

"Our agreement with the state of Louisiana represents yet one more tangible example of Ducks Unlimited's commitment to protecting this vital coastline for wildlife and people," said Ducks Unlimited executive vice president Don Young. "Conservation of the Gulf Coast's wetlands is one of the key priorities of Ducks Unlimited's



Terraces across Black Lake will protect against erosion and salt water contamination.

continent-wide Wetlands for Tomorrow Campaign. We thank Governor Jindal for his strong leadership and partners like the Sempra Energy Foundation in making this project a reality."

The Black Lake tract is five miles west of Hackberry. The funds will go

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Cameron LNG Construction Update

Four years and two hurricanes later, the Cameron LNG terminal is 99 percent complete. Full commercial operation is expected to begin in just a few months.

“With every construction project, a manager expects challenges and two Category 3 hurricanes in a three-year period certainly gave us a few to tackle,” said Alan Zachary, Cameron LNG’s construction site manager. “But, with a strong team effort and a commitment to keeping this project moving forward, we have met every challenge head on.”

At this time, the average number of construction workers on site is 500. The construction workforce peaked last summer with an average of 936 skilled laborers.

In April, the Operations team moved into their new home, a newly finished administration building on the southwest corner of the site.

“It is nice to have everyone under one roof,” said Randy Oakley plant



Cameron LNG’s new administrative building will house the 59 members of the Operations team.

manager for Cameron LNG. “The new building allows us to work more efficiently and have a more cohesive team.”

Other work underway during the final phase of construction includes:

- Completion of hydrostatic testing to ensure mechanical integrity.
- Installation of Perlite insulation in all tanks.
- Final marine berth dredge which will be done in the upcoming weeks just before the first cargo arrives.

Meet Nelson Robles CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

received an Army Commendation Medal for his service during Hurricane Katrina, then earned a Meritorious Service Medal for supervising the rescue of 150 people from a nursing home threatened by an eight-foot surge during Hurricane Ike.

When Robles isn’t serving his nation or our neighbors, he’s busy making Cameron LNG the safest and most secure LNG receipt terminal on the Calcasieu Ship Channel. In his position, Robles oversees security elements for Cameron LNG to ensure

it meets all Maritime Transportation Security Act regulations. He’s also responsible for all aspects of marine interface with vessels calling at the terminal.

Robles says he’s honored to work with such highly qualified and dedicated co-workers, and he’s committed to providing a safe and secure environment for them to conduct LNG operations.

“Cameron LNG has more security initiatives than any other project on the ship channel. We’ve set the standard for others to follow.”

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funds to replace equipment and textbooks that couldn’t be protected from the storm’s rising waters.

Even though schools were reopened at record speed, making up the classroom time lost required extended school day schedules. The Sempra Energy Foundation assisted by funding a healthy snack break program that gave students an energy boost and an opportunity to socialize with their friends.

The West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital’s Hackberry Clinic is a vital resource for the community. The flood waters from Hurricane Ike destroyed the clinic, leaving staff without a sanitary place to treat patients.

Working with hospital administrators, the Foundation secured a temporary trailer where nurses could treat patients at the Hackberry site and provide all of the services offered through the clinic. In the past, the Foundation has funded free flu shots for residents. This year the inoculations were expanded to include tetanus shots that may have been needed because of exposure to contaminated materials removed during cleanup.

Another vital public service agency, the **Cameron Parish Sheriff’s Department**, required a temporary, post hurricane living facility where staff could rest and carry out some day-to-day work-related tasks. Thanks to a grant from the Foundation, the Sheriff’s Department now has secure trailers it can use as sleeping quarters for staff during emergencies or to secure critical evidence for ongoing investigations and trials.

The Sempra Energy Foundation was honored to help Hackberry during its time of need and will continue to look for ways to contribute to the richness of the local culture and help the region thrive.

A Closer Look: Sempra Energy Foundation's Commitment to Educating Our Youth

Last spring, the Sempra Energy Foundation provided the Cameron Parish School District with \$20,000 to support math, science and agriculture programs. Teachers were asked to think “outside the box” and request funding for programs that would truly excite students in these areas. The teachers earned an A+.

From a beach-water-erosion study to a CSI-themed simulated disease-transmission lab, local teachers looked for interactive ways to engage students. Now, a year later, here is an inside view from one of the teachers who made it happen.

Hackberry High School science teacher, Gregoire Theriot, has a passion for learning. Now in his third year of teaching, he admits that he has always been drawn to the profession, partly from serving as a mentor when he was a student at South Cameron High School. As he entered McNeese University, focusing on pre-med courses, he recalled his mentoring experience and was drawn toward teaching. He proudly states, “I have never regretted that decision.”

Theriot believes that students want to be wowed by education, which is one of the many reasons he enjoys teaching science. “In science, simply turning on a microscope and showing students a water sample introduces them to an entirely different world. Science just offers so many fascinating insights into this vast, diverse world we live in.”

Science also gives him the chance to include hands-on learning for his students through Hackberry High School's Science



Tech Center. The Center received funds from the Foundation's Math, Science & Ag Alliance. The teaching facility features a complete lab and provides interactive learning in the physical, environmental and elementary sciences as well as biology and chemistry. The Center's equipment includes 20 laptop computers and scientific data devices such as motion and carbon-monoxide detectors and digital microscopes. This environment

provides a place where students can perform leading edge experiments. For instance, students can study the turbidity and the clarity of water using special “motic” microscopes and probes that can connect to a laptop computer.

As Theriot sees it, the Science Tech Center allows students to gain a deeper understanding of concepts and develop higher-order thinking skills. By forming hypotheses and developing procedures for scientific experiments, students are enhancing their cognitive abilities while having a fun in the process. “The Science Tech Center introduces students to new ideas, igniting curiosities that will hopefully lead them to pursue careers to make positive changes in their lives,” he explained. Thanks in large part to teachers like Theriot, the Math, Science & Ag Alliance has been a huge success.

Black Lake Terracing Project

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to construct marsh terraces. The terraces are long, narrow ridges, designed to limit saltwater intrusion and break up waves that can cause further coastal erosion. The result is improved water quality and additional plant growth.

Terraces also reduce wave energy and improve water clarity, promoting the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation like widgeon grass, pondweeds and other beneficial waterfowl foods. Reduced wave energy also lessens

erosion of marshy land that contains shallow ponds providing habitat for a range of waterfowl and other wildlife, as well as commercially or recreationally important fisheries for white and brown shrimp, red drum and blue crabs.

The project will also restore and protect the natural habitat for the nation's waterfowl that migrate to Louisiana each winter. Louisiana's coastal marshes host up to 10 million of the nation's wintering waterfowl every year.

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