

decision to approve the ozone maintenance plan and the redesignation of Pointe Coupee Parish to attainment for ozone effective December 20, 1996 (62 FR 648, January 6, 1997).

### 1.1.2 8-hour Ozone in Pointe Coupee Parish

On April 15, 2004, the EPA designated and classified areas for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS (69 FR 23858, April 30, 2004). Pointe Coupee Parish was designated attainment with an effective date of June 15, 2004

## 1.2 Geographic Location/Parish Description

Pointe Coupee Parish is located in southeast Louisiana and has a total area of 591 square miles. The parish seat is the city of New Roads. The land is mainly made up of prairies, but there are some swampy areas in the western part near the Atchafalaya River, and a few low bluffs. It has been determined that Pointe Coupee's levees lining the Mississippi River are the best maintained in the state of Louisiana. Agriculture is predominant in the area, with hundreds of acres planted in soybeans, sugarcane, cotton, corn and vegetables. Industry includes a power plant, a sugar mill, and pecan shelling plants, a cotton gin and a grain elevator. Pointe Coupee Parish has a population of approximately 22,763 as of the 2000 Census.<sup>1</sup>

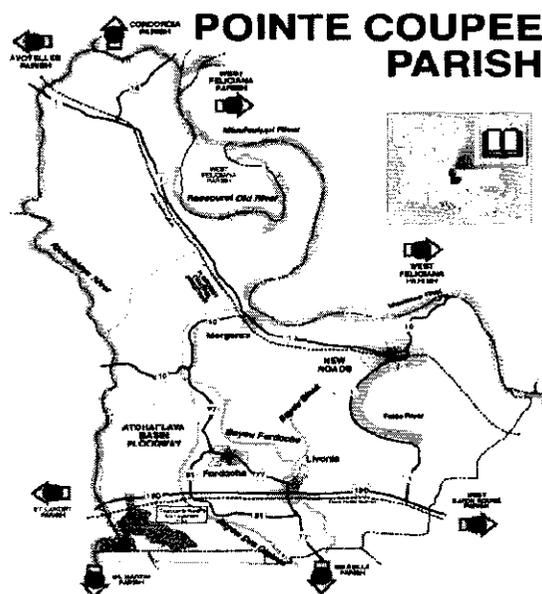


Figure 1: State Map Illustrating Pointe Coupee Parish

<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pointe\\_Coupee\\_Parish,\\_Louisiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pointe_Coupee_Parish,_Louisiana)