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ExxonMobil pays \$1.7 million for coastal needs in accordance with Oct. agreement

BATON ROUGE – As part of a consent decree worked out with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, ExxonMobil recently made a payment of \$1.7 million to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation.

An agreement between DEQ and the foundation says the money will be used for the acquisition of coastal lands.

In October, DEQ joined federal agencies in settlements with ExxonMobil and Chalmette Refining. The ExxonMobil agreement will result in a \$900,000 cash payment to DEQ. Another part of the settlement called for the beneficial environmental project that consists of the \$1.7 million that was paid to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation. The funds will go toward either the acquisition of coastal lands which are important as fish and wildlife habitat or to the enhancement of the state's coastal restoration effort.

ExxonMobil is also responsible for making emissions reductions at the Baton Rouge Refinery. Those reductions are estimated to be 1,400 tons per year of nitrogen oxides and 50 tons per year of sulfur oxides.

Five other refineries throughout California, Illinois, Montana and Texas are also scheduled to reduce air emissions as part of the October nationwide settlement. The national agreement calls for the company to pay a total civil penalty of \$7.7 million.

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