



WATERTOPIA

Imaginative solutions for clean and sustainable water

"The objective of this Act is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's water."

Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)

QUICK FACTS

- Coastal wetlands help protect coastlines by acting as a permeable barrier that slows waves and reduces flooding.
- The largest human-caused hypoxic zone currently affecting the United States, and the second largest worldwide, occurs in the northern Gulf of Mexico.
- The BP oil spill had an impact on Louisiana wetlands, barrier islands and the rate of coastal erosion.
- The coastal area is home to nearly one-third of Louisiana's population.

90%

OF TRAPPED HEAT

produce by greenhouse gases is absorbed by the ocean

8

INCHES

Sea levels have risen 8 inches since the beginning of the 20th century. The current rate is accelerating.

100

MINUTES

Every 100 minutes a football field of wetlands vanishes into open water

Resources

<https://www.noaa.gov/> (@noaa)

<https://www.nrdc.org/issues/water> (@nrdc_org)

<http://mississippiriverdelta.org> (@restoredelta)

https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resources/125/infographic-sea-level-rise/

<https://www.healthygulf.org> (@healthygulf)

