

October Update

October was a busy month; I had another midterm in my environmental toxicology class in addition to handing in a final paper on the toxicology of agents present during and after the Murphy Oil spill in Chalmette, La. Prior to this, I participated in a volunteer program in New Orleans restoring an elementary school that was forced into use after Hurricane Katrina.

As for my internship I finished meeting with all of the extension agents and was fortunate enough to meet with a representative of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP). I also assisted Sea Grant with Ocean Commotion. This is an annual event where thousands of elementary and middle school classes were ushered through displays of anything pertaining to coastal Louisiana (e.g. subsidence, oil spills, natural resources). To finish off the month, I completed the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office (LOSCO) oil spill response course held at the Exxon Mobil Oil Refinery here in Baton Rouge. This course covered everything from notification, to clean up procedures, to mapping out the response process for hypothetical oil spills in coastal Louisiana.

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Disappearing land in Louisiana

