

Coastal States Receive Restoration Money in Energy Bill

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An expansive energy bill signed by President Bush earlier this week provides about \$1 billion in coastal impact assistance for six states.

Louisiana will receive \$540 million over four years to aid in restoration efforts for the state's coast and wetlands. Texas will receive about \$230 million and the remainder will be split between Alabama, Mississippi, California and Alaska.

The funds will be provided as part of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.