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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**GENERAL ORDER
REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF
CASES REMOVED SUBSEQUENT TO
Chevron USA Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish,
No. 24-813 (U.S. Supreme Court April 17, 2026)**

Brief Background

On April 27, 2026, a Joint Notice of Removal was filed in this Eastern District of Louisiana (“EDLA”), removing *The Parish of Plaquemines v. Riverwood Production Company, Inc.* (“Riverwood”), case number 60-989, from the 25th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana to this court where it was assigned Civil Action number 26-cv-888.¹ This removal followed the Supreme Court decision in *Chevron USA Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*, 608 U.S. ___, 2026 WL 1046461 (April 17, 2026), which vacated the Fifth Circuit’s decision² affirming remand to state court of a different EDLA case involving similar jurisdictional, factual, and legal issues as *Riverwood*.³ The recently re-removed *Riverwood* case was randomly allotted to District Judge Brandon Long and Magistrate Judge Karen Roby.⁴

In the attachment to the cover sheet accompanying the *Riverwood* Joint Notice of Removal, the removing parties, Exxon Mobil Corporation and Chevron U.S.A. Inc., provided a Notice of Re-Filed and Related Cases, noting that the state court case that was being removed was a “refiled case (most recently before Judge Vance).”⁵ The “Notice of Re-Filed and Related Cases” advised

¹ EDLA Case No. 26-cv-888, Doc. 2.

² *Plaquemines Parish v. BP America Production Co.*, 103 F.4th 324 (5th Cir. 2024), *vacated and remanded by Chevron, USA, Inc.*, 608 U.S. ___, 2026 WL 1046461 (April 16, 2026).

³ *The Parish of Plaquemines v. Northcoast Oil Co.*, 669 F. Supp.3d 584 (E.D. La. 2023)(Civil Action Nos. 18-cv-5228, 13-cv-6693).

⁴ EDLA Case No. 26-cv-888, Doc. 3.

⁵ R. Doc. 1-9.

that the case had been removed to the Eastern District of Louisiana twice previously, and was assigned Civil Action number 18-cv-5217 when removed the second time and 13-cv-6710 when first removed. EDLA case number 18-cv-5217 was most recently assigned to District Judge Sarah Vance and Magistrate Judge Michael North as recently as early 2023.⁶

Additionally, the “Notice of Re-Filed and Related Cases” included a list of cases that were brought by local governmental plaintiffs for land loss in the Louisiana Coastal Zone in state courts and removed to the Eastern District of Louisiana and to the Western District of Louisiana, and were remanded to various state courts.

Assignment of Removed Cases

If, and when, the cases brought by local governmental plaintiffs for land loss in the Louisiana Coastal Zone which were previously removed and remanded are removed again to the Eastern District of Louisiana subsequent to the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Chevron USA Inc.*, **the Clerk is hereby DIRECTED** to assign these re-removed cases to the district and magistrate judges to whom the cases were previously allotted at the time of most recent removal. The Clerk is further directed to assign a new civil action number to the re-removed cases as they have been pending in state court for several years.

If the district and/or magistrate judge to whom the re-removed case was previously assigned is no longer on the EDLA bench, **the Clerk is DIRECTED** to randomly assign the re-removed cases to a new district and/or magistrate judge with a new civil action number.

Any party removing a case listed on the attachment to this General Order, the “Notice of Re-Filed and Related Cases” included in the cover sheet accompanying Notice of Removal in *Riverwood*, Civil Action 26-cv-888, shall include in both the Notice of

⁶ Attachment to Cover Sheet, E.D. La. 26cv888, Doc. 2-9, p. 6.

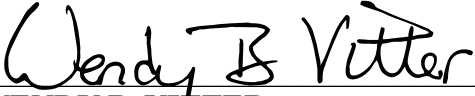
Removal and the Cover Sheet accompanying the re-removed case, the Eastern District of Louisiana case name(s), prior federal court case number(s), and district judge assignment(s) of the previously removed case(s), along with the name of the case, state court, and state court case number of the re-removed case.

Any party removing a case based upon the April 2026 *Chevron USA Inc.* Supreme Court decision, even though the case is *not* listed on the Attachment to this General Order, shall also provide the prior federal court information regarding case name, number, and district court assignment, as well as the name of the state court case, state court number and state court from which the case is being removed again.

Pursuant to this order, the parties having identified *The Parish of Plaquemines v. Riverwood Production Company, Inc.*, Civil Action 26-cv-888, as the same case that was previously removed and designated case number 18-cv-5217 in the Eastern District of Louisiana Case, last assigned to District Judge Sarah S. Vance and Magistrate Judge Michael B. North,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Civil Action 26-888 case is hereby **TRANSFERRED** to District Judge Vance and Magistrate Judge North for further handling.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 19th day of May, 2026.


WENDY B. VITTER
Chief United States District Judge
Eastern District of Louisiana

Attachment to General Order
Regarding Case Assignment of
Removed Cases Post-Chevron
USA, Inc., S.Ct. April 17, 2026

Notice of Re-Filed and Related Cases

Refiled case (most recently before Judge Vance):

The Parish of Plaquemines v. Riverwood Production Company, Inc., Nos. 18-5217, 13-6710 (E.D. La.) (State Court No. 60-00989 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).

**The following are cases brought by local governmental plaintiffs
for land loss in the Louisiana Coastal Zone**

Related prior federal proceedings:

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (before Judge Summerhays)

1. *The Parish of Cameron v. Auster Oil and Gas, Inc.*, No. 18-677 (State Court No. 10-19582, La. 38th J.D.C.).

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

2. *Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East v. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC*, No. 13-5410 (Judge Brown) (State Court No. 13-6911, La. Orleans C.D.C.).
3. *Bridget Dinvaux, District Attorney for the 40th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana v. Cambridge Energy Corp.*, No. 18-5462 (Judge Africk) (State Court No. 70,627 A, La. 40th J.D.C.).
4. *New Orleans City v. Apache Louisiana Minerals LLC*, No. 19-8290 (Judge Guidry) (State Court No. 19-3466, La. Orleans C.D.C.).

Related current federal proceedings:

Removed to federal court on April 27, 2026; new federal docket numbers forthcoming.

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

(prior cases were all previously before Judge Summerhays)

5. *The Parish of Cameron v. Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.* (previously No. 18-684) (State Court No. 10-19580, La. 38th J.D.C.).
6. *The Parish of Cameron v. Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC* (previously No. 18-689) (State Court No. 10-19578, La. 38th J.D.C.).
7. *The Parish of Cameron v. Atlantic Richfield Company* (previously No. 18-686) (State Court No. 10-19577, La. 38th J.D.C.).
8. *The Parish of Cameron v. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc.* (previously No. 18-678) (State Court No. 10-19574, La. 38th J.D.C.).
9. *The Parish of Cameron v. Bay Coquille, Inc.* (previously No. 18-685) (State Court No. 10-19581, La. 38th J.D.C.).

10. *The Parish of Cameron v. BEPCO, L.P.* (previously No. 18-690) (State Court No. 10-19572, La. 38th J.D.C.).
11. *The Parish of Cameron v. BP Production Company* (previously No. 18-687) (State Court No. 10-19576, La. 38th J.D.C.).
12. *The Parish of Cameron v. Brammer Engineering, Inc.* (previously No. 18-679) (State Court No. 10-19573, La. 38th J.D.C.).
13. *The Parish of Cameron v. Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, LP* (previously No. 18-682) (State Court No. 10-19575, La. 38th J.D.C.).
14. *Keith Stutes, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana v. Gulfport Energy Corporation* (previously No. 18-691) (State Court No. 102156, La. 15th J.D.C.).

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

15. *The Parish of Plaquemines v. Caskids Operating Company* (previously No. 18-5262, Judge Zainey) (State Court No. 60-00993, La. 25th J.D.C.).

Currently pending in federal court.

Supreme Court of the United States

16. *Chevron USA Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*, No. 24-813:
 - a. 5th Cir. No. 23-30294, *sub nom. Plaquemines Parish v. BP America Prod.* (E.D. La. 18-5256, Judge Zainey, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.*) (State Court No. 61-2 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
 - b. 5th Cir. No. 23-30422, *sub nom. Parish of Cameron v. BP America Prod.* (W.D. La. No. 18-688, Judge Summerhays, *sub nom. The Parish of Cameron v. Apache Corporation*) (State Court No. 10-19579, La. 38th J.D.C.).

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

17. *Jefferson Parish v. Atlantic Richfield*, No. 23-30285 (E.D. La. No. 18-5246, Judge Zainey, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Atlantic Richfield Company*) (State Court No. 732-768 N, La. 24th J.D.C.).
18. *Jefferson Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30225 (E.D. La. No. 18-5206, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Destin Operating Company, Inc.*) (State Court No. 732-770 H, La. 24th J.D.C.).
19. *Jefferson Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30022 (E.D. La. No. 18-5213, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC*) (State Court No. 732-772 C, La. 24th J.D.C.).
20. *Jefferson Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30023 (E.D. La. No. 18-5252, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Canlan Oil Company*) (State Court No. 732-771 H, La. 24th J.D.C.).

21. *Jefferson Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30031 (E.D. La. No. 18-5224, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Chevron U.S.A. Holdings, Inc.*) (State Court No. 732-769 P, La. 24th J.D.C.).
22. *Jefferson Parish v. Exxon Mobil*, No. 23-30227 (E.D. La. No. 18-5242, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Jefferson v. Equitable Petroleum Corporation*) (State Court No. 732-775 I, La. 24th J.D.C.).
23. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30290 (E.D. La. No. 18-5259, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Palm Energy Offshore, L.L.C.*) (State Court No. 60-997 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
24. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30153 (E.D. La. No. 18-5238, Judge Zainey, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Goodrich Petroleum Company, LLC*) (State Court No. 60-994 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
25. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30304 (E.D. La. No. 18-5228, Judge Zainey, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Northcoast Oil Company, Inc.*) (State Court No. 60-992 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
26. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30367 (E.D. La. No. 18-5231, Judge Morgan, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Linder Oil Company*) (State Court No. 60-988 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
27. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30156 (E.D. La. No. 18-5265, Judge Zainey, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. LLOG Exploration & Production Company, L.L.C.*) (State Court No. 60-985, La. 25th J.D.C.).
28. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30291 (E.D. La. No. 18-5215, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Exchange Oil & Gas Corporation*) (State Court No. 60-984 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
29. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron USA*, No. 23-30364 (E.D. La. No. 18-5263, Judge Morgan, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. HHE Energy Company*) (State Court No. 60-983 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
30. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30028 (E.D. La. No. 18-5260, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Helis Oil and Gas Company, LLC*) (State Court No. 60-990 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
31. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30030 (E.D. La. No. 18-5218, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. June Energy, Inc.*) (State Court No. 60-987, La. 25th J.D.C.).
32. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30029 (E.D. La. No. 18-5220, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Equitable Petroleum Corporation*) (State Court No. 60-986 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
33. *Plaquemines Parish v. Chevron*, No. 24-30032 (E.D. La. No. 18-5230, Judge Lemelle, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. ConocoPhillips Company*) (State Court No. 60-982, La. 25th J.D.C.).

34. *Plaquemines Parish v. ConocoPhillips*, No. 23-30303 (E.D. La. No. 18-5227, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Great Southern Oil & Gas Company*) (State Court No. 60-998 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
35. *Plaquemines Parish v. ConocoPhillips*, No. 23-30336 (E.D. La. No. 18-5189, Judge Morgan, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Rozel Operating Company*) (State Court No. 60-996 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
36. *Plaquemines Parish v. Exxon Mobil*, No. 23-30188 (E.D. La. No. 18-5264, Judge Fallon, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Campbell Energy Corporation*) (State Court No. 61-001 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
37. *Plaquemines Parish v. Exxon Mobil*, No. 24-30747 (E.D. La. No. 18-5240, Judge Barbier, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Apache Oil Corporation*) (State Court No. 61-000 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
38. *Plaquemines v. Chevron U.S.A.*, No. 24-30746 (E.D. La. No. 18-5234, Judge Barbier, *sub nom. The Parish of Plaquemines v. Devon Energy Company, L.P.*) (State Court No. 60-995 B, La. 25th J.D.C.).
39. *St. Bernard Parish v. Chevron U.S.A.*, No. 24-30745 (E.D. La. No. 18-5222, Judge Barbier, *sub nom. The Parish of St. Bernard v. Atlantic Richfield Company*) (State Court No. 16-1228 A, La. 34th J.D.C.).

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40. *The Parish of Jefferson v. Exxon Mobil Corporation*, No. 2:18-cv-5257 (Judge Brown) (State Court No. 732-774 C, La. 24th J.D.C.).
41. *The Parish of Plaquemines v. Hilcorp Energy Company*, No. 18-5210 (Judge Guidry) (State Court No. 60-999 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).
42. *The Parish of Plaquemines v. BEPCO, L.P.*, No. 18-5258 (Judge Brown) (State Court No. 60-991 A, La. 25th J.D.C.).