



Groat Returns to Louisiana Geological Survey as Acting Director

Baton Rouge, La. -- The Center for Energy Studies, or CES, at Louisiana State University is pleased to announce that Charles "Chip" Groat, Ph.D., will serve as professor and acting director of the Louisiana Geological Survey, or LGS, or the Survey. Groat returns to LSU after many years in academia, government, independent research, and administrative positions. Groat's prior tenure at LSU includes serving as the LGS director and state geologist (1978-1990) and as the executive director for Coastal, Energy, and Environmental Resources (1992-1995). He will work as acting LGS director with CES Executive Director David E. Dismukes to explore new research and growth opportunities for LGS and for LSU's overall energy, coastal and environmental research initiatives.

"We are looking forward to having Chip return to LGS to help us expand its role as the state's center for geological research," said Dismukes. "His extensive research and public policy experience will help the University reach its ambitious energy and environmental research goals."

Groat is a nationally renowned educator and government scientist. Most recently, he retired as president and CEO from the Water Institute of the Gulf. He was professor and director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy and associate director of the Energy Institute at the University of Texas at Austin. He was also director of the U.S. Geological Survey under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

"We are glad to see Dr. Groat re-establish his relationship with LSU and look forward to his contributions in making LGS a very important part of our natural resources exploration activities," said Kalliat T. Valsaraj, Ph. D., LSU vice president for Research & Economic Development.

“I am happy to be re-kindling my relationship with LSU and working on a part-time basis in academia again,” Groat said.

About the Louisiana Geological Survey

The Louisiana Geological Survey, created by Act 131 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1934, is an integral part of the LSU Center for Energy Studies, focusing on providing objective information and research on a wide range of geological and earth science topics. LGS develops, interprets, and provides information describing the characteristics and distribution of Louisiana’s energy, mineral, water, and environmental resources with a special emphasize on the sustainable development of the state’s hydrocarbons and other energy-related natural resources. LGS works closely with many federal and state agencies, as well as many LSU academic departments and research institutes, to leverage objective information and research vital to the state’s economic development and environmental sustainability.

About the LSU Center for Energy Studies (CES)

CES conducts, encourages, and facilitates research and analysis to address energy-related problems or issues affecting Louisiana's economy, environment, and citizenry. CES is an independent Center reporting to the LSU Office of Research & Economic Development (ORED). The Center's goal is to assist in leveraging LSU’s intellectual resources to provide a balanced, objective, and timely treatment of issues with potentially important consequences for Louisiana. The Center, working under the direction of the Office of Research and Economic Development, coordinates the energy research efforts of its directly assigned units, as well as those associated with other academic departments and research institutes. Located in the Energy, Coast, and Environment Building on the LSU campus, the Center includes the Division of Energy Policy Analysis, the Louisiana Geological Survey, the Division of Minerals Processing, the Division of Energy Research and Development, the Radiation Safety Office, and the Division of Energy Information and Data.