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Application of Groundwater Protection Fees at Various Sites in the State

The authorization to collect Groundwater Protection Fees is provided for in the Office of the Secretary Regulations, Chapter 14. The fees have been in effect since authorized and approved in July 1992. In the past the authorized fees have been collected on differing facilities depending on which Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality was administering the fee. In recent moves to consolidate and streamline the Department into fewer, more efficient Divisions, the Underground Storage Tank Division, the Environmental Technology Division and the Remediation Division have been merged into one singular Division. The consolidation revealed that the Groundwater Protection Fee had been applied in an uneven fashion with some authorized sites being assessed the fee and others not being assessed the authorized fee. In an effort to maintain consistency across all Divisions, and to ensure that all facilities throughout the state are being billed consistently, the Department has implemented a standard application of the Rule throughout. Fees related to well installations and well abandonments, assessment and corrective action fees for solid and hazardous waste permitted units which have groundwater monitoring systems, assessment and corrective action fees for all other sites that have groundwater contamination not associated with a permitted unit, and annual reporting and inspections will be billed the authorized fee for facilities that conduct groundwater remediation and/or monitoring as spelled out in the regulations. This practice will insure that all similar facilities will be treated equally. The provisions of this notice are effective with the Fiscal Year 2012-13 invoices which are scheduled to be issued on October 5, 2012. For any questions, call Carey Dicharry at (225) 219- 3609.

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