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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division

Notice of Public Hearing
Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule WQ085
Minor Revisions to Water Quality Standards Antidegradation Language
(LAC 33:IX.1119) (Log #WQ085S)
(1212Pot1)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the department is seeking to incorporate substantive changes to the proposed amendments to various regulations, LAC 33:IX.1119 (Log #WQ085S), which were originally noticed as WQ085 in the July 20, 2012 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. (1212Pot1)

The department has made substantive changes to address comments received during the public comment period of proposed rule WQ085. The regulation now states that additional implementation procedures may be incorporated into the Water Quality Management Plan after appropriate public participation and intergovernmental coordination. Additionally, the regulation has been changed to clarify that the antidegradation policy applies to both activities and discharges. Finally, language has been included to address increased wastewater discharges and to clarify permit requirements.

A ~~strikeout~~/underline/~~shaded~~ version of the proposed rule that distinguishes original proposed language from substantively changed language is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov under Rules and Regulations.

A public hearing on the substantive changes will be held on January 29, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Deidra Johnson at the address given below or at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the substantive changes. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by WQ085S. Such comments must be received no later than January 29, 2013, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Deidra Johnson, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-4068 or by e-mail to deidra.johnson@la.gov. The comment period for the substantive changes ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of these substantive changes can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of WQ085S. These proposed regulations are available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

These substantive changes are available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue,

Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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