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**Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary  
Legal Division**

**Reissuance of the General Permit for Discharges of Exterior Vehicle Wash Wastewater  
(LPDES Permit No. LAG750000, AI No. 90698)**

The General Permit for Discharges of Exterior Vehicle Wash Wastewater (LPDES Permit No. LAG750000) referred to as the “general permit,” expired March 14, 2014. Due to the significant change in the upcoming reissuance, LDEQ Water Permits Division is providing additional notification of this change to the regulated community and the general public. As part of the reissuance process, the department has made the following change to the general permit. (1405Pot1)

The change includes Part I.A, Applicability, of the final permit prohibits the use of soaps and/or detergents that are not biodegradable, low-phosphate, and low-surfactant. The prohibition of nonbiodegradable soaps and detergents was included in Part II, Other Conditions, Pollution Prevention Plan of the draft permit, but not explicitly stated in Part I, Applicability. The term “biodegradable” means the use of soaps and detergents that will not contribute to a violation of water quality standards or persist in the environment. This decision is based on other states’ general permits and the availability and common use of low-phosphate and phosphate-free soaps and detergents. Dischargers that are automatically-authorized under the reissued permit shall comply with this additional requirement within six months of the effective date.

For further information regarding the General Permit for Discharges of Exterior Vehicle Wash Wastewater, you may contact Laura Thompson, Office of Environmental Services, Water Permits Division, at (225) 219-0803 or [laura.thompson@la.gov](mailto:laura.thompson@la.gov).

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