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## LDEQ's Enviroschool to host webinar: Understanding Public Participation

**BATON ROUGE** – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) Enviroschool will host a webinar on Understanding Public Participation. This session will focus on how you can be involved in the regulatory processes, including how to receive public notices, making public comments, where to find public notices, public meetings vs. public hearings, and making effective comments.

When: 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30

**Online: Live Webinar Only** 

Please register by emailing <u>enviroschool@la.gov</u>.

The Public Participation Group (PPG) is a part of the Permit Support Services Division within the Office of Environmental Services. PPG is responsible for issuing public notices and conducting public hearings and meetings associated with permitting activities related to the four categories of media (Air, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, and Water).

Public involvement efforts are designed to enable the citizens of Louisiana to be a part of the environmental decisions that affect their lives. Through the public notices, public hearings and meetings, and availability of material associated with the permitting activities for public review, the citizens of Louisiana can present their comments and additional input of information that helps the agency decision-makers in their review and evaluation of the permits.

The Enviroschool program at LDEQ is the environmental education outreach arm of the agency and provides training for communities, businesses, and other organizations on a number of regulatory topics. The program aims to inform attendees about the environmental regulatory process and to maintain and improve environmental compliance.

The workshops are free and open to the public. If you are interested, please feel free to register for any of our workshops. For more information, go to <u>http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/enviroschool</u> or email Enviroschool at <u>Enviroschool@la.gov</u>.