



Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS
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PERMITS ISSUED 1/1/09—3/31/09

Individual Minors	50
Individual Majors	17
Sewage Sludge & Bio- solids Use or Disposal	3

GENERAL PERMITS

Class I Sanitary	59
Class II Sanitary	23
Class III Sanitary	0
Class IV Sanitary	9
Large Construction	159
Sand & Gravel	6
Petroleum UST	3
Oil & Gas Exploration	38
Autodealer	2
Hydrostatic Test	1
Exterior Vehicle Wash	12
Potable Water	0
Cement, Concrete & Asphalt	2
C&D Landfill	0
Groundwater	0
Dewater PST	3
Multi-Sector	44

% CURRENT

MAJORS	88.3
MINORS	93.2

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Water Permits Division to Issue Newsletter

LDEQ Water Permits Division (WPD) publishes a Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting issues. To make the newsletter an effective means of communication, we need your comments, recommendations, and input. Please contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

Water Permits Division Staff Update

Recent staff changes: Christy Clark has been hired as an Environmental Scientist assigned to the Industrial Permits Section. Laketha Ferguson left the WPD in March to pursue new endeavors.

Fee Regulations Update

The Louisiana Water Pollution Control Fee System Regulation update provides for minor updates to the calculation worksheets and updates to the fee tables to reflect OSHA SIC code updates. The fee regulation update will be routed to the Fiscal Office on April 20, 2009. The rule will be published in the Louisiana Register on May 20, 2009, which also begins the comment period. The comment period will end on July 2, 2009. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006.

Biosolids Applications Due

The Water Permits Division sent a letter to all "Major" sanitary wastewater treatment facilities (POTW and Privately-owned) informing the owners/operators that, as per LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.b.iv, a completed Sewage Sludge & Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit Application must be submitted to LDEQ by June 1, 2009. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012.

Application Updates

The applications and NOIs contained on Water Permits Webpage have all been updated as of March 31, 2009. Notable changes are a reduction in number of paper copies down from 3 to 2 and the IND application replaced the SCC-2 application. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

Antidegradation

LDEQ is working with EPA Region 6 on the state antidegradation implementation policy. Comments on the second draft of the antidegradation implementation procedures were submitted to LDEQ by April 6, 2009. LDEQ is currently broadening our outreach for stakeholder involvement. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division, at the request of EPA Region 6, is in the process of updating the current Minimum Quantification Levels (MQLs) in Louisiana's WQMP Guidance Document for the implementation of the State's water quality standards. The public comment period ended April 16, 2009. Comments received are currently being evaluated. For more information contact Gary Aydeell at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

Sewage Sludge Hauler Licensing coming to DEQ / Septage Haulers Must Register

Effective July 1, 2009, the 2008 legislative session authorized the move of the state's sewage sludge hauler licensing program from LDHH to LDEQ. This means that the regulation of sewage sludge generation, transportation and disposal will be contained within one agency. The Permit Support Services Division sent letters to septage haulers currently registered with the Department of Health and Hospitals advising haulers that the Department of Environmental Quality will assume the program effective July 1, 2009. The second letter with an attached application was sent in early April advising the septage haulers that applications need to be submitted by May 1 to ensure that the forms can be processed and the haulers are registered by July 1, 2009. LDEQ is evaluating the disposal sites indicated on the registration forms to ensure they are properly permitted. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Nathan Levy at 225-219-3241.

General Permit for Sewage Sludge

LDEQ is currently drafting a general permit for facilities that dispose sewage sludge in a permitted landfill. Watch for more updates. If you have any questions, contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012.



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Pesticides Regulation Update— No Changes at this Time

In Jan. 2009, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals vacated EPA's rule exempting certain pesticides from the CWA's permitting requirements. However, on April 9, 2009, a group of petitioners requested a rehearing en banc from the Court. On the same day, the EPA filed a motion to stay issuance of the Court's mandate for two years. The LDEQ will continue following the progress of this case and its impact on permitting requirements. Watch for more information in future e-Newsletters. For more information contact Gary Aydeell at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

Biosolids/CAFO Updates

EPA provided updates on Biosolids and the CAFO NPDES Program. More information can be found at the following link: [EPA Office of Water Sewage Sludge & Biosolids and CAFO Update](#).

Wetland Feasibility Contract

Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC has been awarded a contract to perform wetland assimilation feasibility assessments that may result in future wetland assimilation permits for municipalities. A discharge of treated sanitary effluent into a viable wetland will provide a tremendous benefit to the environment, including providing much needed nutrients to the wetland and increasing the accretion rate of the wetland through the additional sediments. The benefits to the municipality may include cost savings related to the operations and maintenance of the sewage treatment plant and possible less stringent limits. Past studies performed under this contract have included Urania, Lecompte, and Centerville. Ongoing studies include Ponchatoula, Terrebonne Parish, and Livingston Parish. Municipalities interested in the possibility of discharging into a wetland may contact Todd Franklin at (225) 219-3102.

2009 LWEA Spring Conference

The 2009 LWEA Spring Conference is scheduled for May 19—21, 2009. The conference will be held at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge. The Water Permits Division will discuss biosolids and water permit updates. See the LWEA website for more information www.lweaonline.org or contact Michael L. Thompson at (225) 281-5531 or Cynthia Wagener at (225) 935-2939.

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WPD to Present at SB/SCAP Staff Workshop

Water Permits Division will make a presentation on proper completion of water permit applications and NOIs at a workshop for the Small Business / Small Community Program employees. The workshop will be at the Kisatchie office in Pineville on April 30 at 9:15 AM.

General Permits Updates

LAG260000—The public comment period ended 4/3/09 for the reissuance of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities In Territorial Seas Master General Permit. Comments received during the public comment period are currently being evaluated. If you have any questions, contact Valerie Powe at (225) 219-3135

LAG560000— The final permit for the reissuance of the Class III Sanitary Master General Permit is currently under review. If you have any questions, please contact Eura Dehart at (225) 219-3102.

LAG570000— The final permit for the reissuance of the Class IV Sanitary Master General Permit is currently under review. If you have any questions, please contact Eura Dehart at (225) 219-3102.

LAG750000—The Exterior Vehicle Wash Master General Permit was reissued March 14, 2009. Reauthorizations for facilities covered under the general permit to begin May 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gauthier at (225) 219-0801.

LAG110000— The Cement, Concrete, and Asphalt Master General Permit was reissued March 14, 2009. Reauthorizations for facilities covered under the general permit to begin May 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gauthier at (225) 219-0801.

Green Disinfection Contract

The Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans has been awarded a contract due to a need to assess liquid ferrate as a green disinfection process that is compatible with wetland assimilation for the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant. This process should eliminate the need for a dechlorination lagoon as currently required by other wetland assimilation processes. Upon approval, the technology will be available for use in other wetland assimilation processes throughout the state. Secondary goals of the contract include: to rid the associated risk management required for gaseous chlorine, minimize disinfection byproducts, address degradation of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Endocrine Disrupting Compounds due to the possibility of future regulation, and to provide a form of disinfection that is not dependent on the rail system. The study is expected to be completed by August 2009. For more information, contact Todd Franklin at (225) 219-3102.

Reduced Interest Rate for State Revolving Fund Loan

LDEQ Secretary Hal Leggett approved the reduced interest rate for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund to 0.95% on Jan. 26, 2009. The fund may be used for water quality improvement projects including wastewater treatment plant upgrades and non-point source and estuary improvement projects. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.