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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SLIDELL LANDFILL, L. L. C.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A
TECHNICALLY COMPLETE SOLID WASTE PERMIT MODIFICATION
APPLICATION & THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
STATEMENT

The above-entitled Louisiana Department of
Environmental Quality Hearing was held at the Slidell
High School Cafetorium, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell,
Louisiana 70458, on Thursday, August 17, 2006,
commencing at 6:01 p.m.

Reported by:
Denise M. Naquin
Certified Court Reporter

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1 JAY GLORIOSO:
2 Good evening. Let the Record reflect
3 that the time is 6:00 p.m. My name is Jay
4 Glorioso. I am employed with the Louisiana

5 Department of Environmental Quality. I will
6 be serving as a hearing officer this
7 evening, Thursday, August 17, 2006.

8 This hearing is scheduled to accept
9 public comments concerning a Technically
10 Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification
11 Application and the Associated Environmental
12 Assessment Statement for (EAS) - for
13 Slidell Landfill, L.L.C., 310 Howze Beach
14 Lane, Slidell, Louisiana 70461. Agency
15 Interest No. 6054, Permit Number P-0345 and
16 Activity Tracking Number PER20040001. The
17 facility is located at 310 Howze Beach Lane,
18 Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

19 Slidell Landfill, L.L.C., proposes to
20 expand in a vertical and horizontal
21 direction. The horizontal expansion will be
22 limited to approximately two acres. The EAS
23 submitted by the applicant addresses
24 avoidance of potential and real
25 environmental effects, balancing of social

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1 and economic benefits against environmental
2 impact costs, and alternative sites,
3 projects, and mitigative measures.

4 This hearing is not being conducted in a
5 question and answer format. Please remember
6 that the purpose of this public hearing is
7 for DEQ to receive your comments concerning

8 the Technically complete solid Waste Permit
9 Modification Application and the Associated
10 EAS. This hearing is to provide all
11 individuals a chance to be heard regardless
12 of their position on the Solid Waste Permit
13 Modification Application and the Associated
14 EAS.

15 Courteous behavior is expected of
16 everyone at all times. You may speak in
17 support of the Technically Complete Solid
18 Waste Permit Modification Application and
19 the EAS; in opposition to the Solid Waste
20 Permit Modification Application and the EAS
21 or simply to provide additional information.
22 All interested persons will be given a
23 reasonable opportunity to comment, unless
24 testimony is not related to the purpose of
25 the hearing. Your comments will be

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1 evaluated and addressed in the Department's
2 written response.

3 A public notice advertising this Public
4 Hearing and request for public comment on
5 the Solid Waste Permit Modification
6 Application and the associated EAS was
7 published on January 26, 2006 on The
8 St. Tammany News, Covington, Louisiana, and
9 also in The Advocate, Baton Rouge,
10 Louisiana. A copy of the material

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11 associated with the Solid Waste Permit
12 Modification Application and the EAS is
13 available for inspection and review at the
14 LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602
15 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
16 Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
17 Monday through Friday, except holidays.

18 Additional copies are also available for
19 review at the St. Tammany Parish Library,
20 Slidell Branch, 555 Robert Boulevard,
21 Slidell, Louisiana 70458, the St. Tammany
22 Parish Council, 21490 Koop Drive,
23 Mandeville, Louisiana 70471, and in the LDEQ
24 Southeast Regional Office, 645 North Lotus
25 Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, Louisiana 70471.

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1 In addition, on July 24, 2006, copies of
2 the Public Notice announcing this Public
3 Hearing were mailed to individuals who have
4 requested to be placed on the mailing list
5 maintained by the Office of Environmental
6 Services. In accordance with Louisiana
7 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part VII,
8 Subpart 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter B, Section
9 517A.2.d, comments received by 12:30 p.m.,
10 Monday, September 18, 2006, will be
11 considered prior to a final decision. All
12 comments received by 12:30 p.m., Monday,
13 September 18, 2006, shall be retained by the

14 Department and considered in determining
15 whether to issue or deny the Solid Waste
16 Permit Modification.

17 Written comments on the Technically
18 Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification
19 Application and the EAS may be submitted to
20 Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ, Office of
21 Environmental Services, Environmental
22 Assistance Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton
23 Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313. Under
24 Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:2017, as
25 revised by the Legislature in the 2004

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1 session, the Department is required to
2 follow the following order with the
3 provision that the presiding officer may
4 give preference to a public official to
5 speak at any time during the hearing.
6 However, any time limit set for citizen
7 testimony shall apply to public officials,
8 as well.

9 The Department must provide up to 30
10 minutes to the permit applicant for an
11 introductory presentation. Thereafter,
12 preference for speaking up to one hour is
13 given as follows: For the first hour, to
14 those citizens who live within a two-mile
15 radius of the location for the facility; for
16 the second hour, to those citizens who work

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17 within a two- mile radius of the location of
18 the facility; and for the third hour, to
19 those citizens who live within the parish of
20 the location fo the facility. Thereafter,
21 each hour of the hearing shall alternate
22 between those who are in support of the
23 Solid Waste Permit Modification Application
24 and those who are opposed to the Solid Waste
25 Permit Modification Application.

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1 The order of speakers for tonight's
2 hearing will be based on the information
3 provided by the speaker on the registration
4 form. Anyone who registered to speak but
5 did not provide the necessary information,
6 will be given the opportunity to speak;
7 however, they will be called last in the
8 order of registration. This hearing is
9 being transcribed; therefore, I ask that
10 each speaker begin by stating, for the
11 Record, their name, address, and any
12 organization he or she may represent. I
13 also remind you to please turn off all cell
14 phones. Thank you.

15 At this time, the permit applicant's
16 representative may come forward and make
17 their introductory presentation.

18 STEVE BURNHAM:

19 My name is Steve Burnham. I'm with the
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20 Engineering Associates, Incorporated, 1415
21 Dell Plaza Drive, Suite B as in "Boy," Baton
22 Rouge, Louisiana 70815. I'm here to provide
23 a brief summary of the application that has
24 been submitted by Slidell Landfill with the
25 Department of Environmental Quality and to

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1 speak on behalf of Slidell Landfill.
2 Slidell Landfill has filed an
3 application to modify the existing Solid
4 Waste Permit. As stated in the Public
5 Notice, the landfill seeks to expand in a
6 vertical and horizontal direction.
7 Horizontal expansion of the landfill is
8 associated with the addition of
9 approximately two acres that is located
10 adjacent to the existing 45-acre landfill.
11 The vertical expansion of the landfill is
12 associated with the construction of side
13 slopes that comply with allowable LDEQ side
14 slope requirements for construction of -
15 for construction and demolition debris
16 landfills.
17 Slidell Landfill has submitted its
18 application and supporting documents for
19 consideration by the DEQ and the public.
20 The application establishes that all the
21 requirements applicable to construction and
22 demolition debris landfills have been

23 fulfilled. In addition, the application
24 establishes that all potential environmental
25 risks have been minimized to the maximum

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1 extent possible and that no other sites or
2 projects offer as much benefit to the
3 community as does Slidell Landfill.

4 The LDEQ can grant this modification
5 application and fulfill its duties as a
6 primary public trustee and in the same time,
7 ensure that the solid waste is disposed of
8 properly on the Northshore. We look forward
9 to hearing the public's comments, and I
10 appreciate the opportunity to speak on
11 behalf of Slidell Landfill.

12 JAY GLORIOSO:

13 Thank you. I will now begin by allowing
14 all persons who have signed up to speak five
15 minutes in which to present their comments.
16 Anyone who needs more than five minutes will
17 be allowed to finish his or her comments
18 after all the registered speakers have had
19 the opportunity to speak. Right now I only
20 have one person that signed up to speak and
21 she lives within -- let's see. She lives in
22 the parish and it's Barbara Dodds; is that
23 correct?

24 BARBARA DODDS:

25 Yes, sir.

1 JAY GLORIOSO:

2 Okay.

3 (At this time, public comments were made on
4 the Record:)

5 BARBARA DODDS:

6 Can this be adjusted? When the League
7 was made aware of this permit application,
8 we read it as carefully as we could and made
9 some comments which I have submitted for the
10 League in written form to the Department.
11 Briefly, we opposed a blanket permit that
12 has been applied for because the landfill
13 has been sited within the passed two years
14 and as late as November of 2005 for
15 violations of water quality regulations.
16 This is all posted on the Departments
17 website.

18 The facility is adjacent to a canal
19 system that leads to Lake Pontchartrain and
20 could endanger water quality of the lake.
21 There were - there was a fish kill two
22 years ago because leachate was pumped into
23 the adjacent canal which then killed off
24 fish downstream. The cells that would now
25 be combined would allow expansion vertically

1 to 125 feet. I don't trust that the
2 engineering has been complete on soil
3 borings that would support this type of
4 height and the tonnage that would be applied
5 to that. Furthermore, I know that that we
6 are talking physical pollutants; however,
7 there is a visual pollution that takes place
8 when you have a landfill that is expanding
9 to 125 feet high. It would far exceed any
10 kind of building or land feature that is on
11 this side of the lake, basically.

12 The owners of the landfill own other
13 businesses besides this and those businesses
14 have not had an exemplary environmental
15 record in violation with the Department.
16 These violations are all posted on the
17 Department's website and the research and
18 pointed out to the Department's employees.
19 We're concerned too that - that the old
20 landfill is going to be incorporated into
21 these cells. It leaves some question as to
22 the prior safety because that landfill was
23 ordered shut down and now we are going to
24 again use it as part of the base for this
25 125 foot monument. We could now, also,

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1 we'll only have a 20 acre arrangement for
2 buffering for the surrounding neighborhood

3 because the site is 68 acres and this would
4 become a 48-acre usable site.

5 The other thing that troubles me is the
6 fact that there has been a proposal on the
7 table at DEQ since last October for the
8 testing and analysis of the admissions of a
9 burner that would take C&D waste, reduce its
10 volume by 50 percent in its weight by almost
11 that much which would eliminate the need for
12 this landfill expansion.

13 And the League would ask that if any
14 expansion is approved by DEQ that DEQ make
15 it its business to see that we are doing
16 things as efficiently as possible and not
17 spending taxpayer dollars the way we are in
18 these FEMA trucks, and the tipping fees that
19 could be avoided by using a newer technology
20 that might be proved to be safe.

21 The other item I think that we need to
22 be aware of is the fact that this is a
23 growing area that the access roads are not
24 good and that the possibilities for
25 developments around this landfill site have

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1 not been explored and we don't know exactly
2 what's on the table for future development
3 in this area. So if DEQ does allow this
4 permit, we ask that certain restrictions be
5 put on it as to the height and tonnage

6 allowed on a daily basis on the site. Thank
7 you.

8 JAY GLORIOSO:

9 Thank you, Ms. Dodds. Okay, she was the
10 only person who signed up to speak. I will
11 go through this list. Is there anybody who
12 lives within a 2-mile radius of the location
13 of the facility that wishes to speak? Next
14 is anyone who works within a 2-mile radius
15 of the location of the facility. And next
16 are those or anyone who lives within the
17 parish of the location of the facility.
18 Anyone? Yes, ma'am. What's your name?

19 JOAN SIMON:

20 Joan Simon. I live in Covington, so I
21 don't live in Slidell. Just my comments in
22 response to what I've learned about this
23 whole - this whole situation. I find it
24 relatively incredible to think that DEQ
25 would even consider getting the O.K. with

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1 this sort of situation until they have
2 tested alternate needs. In which case, Ms.
3 Dodds was talking about this new process.
4 If this worked, this would be a huge
5 financial savings and could obviate the need
6 to expand the landfill which, to me, is very
7 frightening to think of the environmental
8 possibilities - the hazards.

9 After all that has happened to Louisiana
10 and we have young children that play near
11 toxic landfills. What if the development is
12 planned? What if people are in the area?
13 What about the waters that could be affected
14 by this? To give a blanket of approval to
15 this without checking it out, I find that
16 unconscionable. I am appalled. Quite
17 frankly, I am learning about this very
18 recently. I'm becoming educated and I know
19 that I know enough to know that it is way
20 too soon to say yes.

21 So as a citizen of St. Tammany Parish,
22 as a citizen of Louisiana, as a concerned
23 person about our environment and not to
24 mention the economic ramifications from all
25 of this, how can the DEQ go ahead with this?

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1 If it's done, I will be - I mean, I just -
2 I can't even - I'm just so angry just
3 thinking about this. And I'm surprised that
4 more citizens aren't out here. I don't
5 think people realize what's going on,
6 because, trust me, if they knew what I have
7 learned, they would say "Absolutely, no.
8 I'm totally opposed."

9 So those are my comments. Thank you for
10 letting me speak.

11 JAY GLORIOSO:

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12 Thank you. At this time, I call on the
13 citizens who are in support of the Solid
14 Waste Permit Modification Application,
15 followed by those citizens who are opposed
16 to the Solid Waste Permit Modification
17 Application. Is there anybody at all that
18 wants to speak in addition?

19 Okay. At this point, since there is no
20 one else that wants to speak, I'm going to
21 go ahead and close the hearing, but we will
22 remain here until 7 o'clock in case anybody
23 wants to go back on the Record and make
24 another comment or if any - or if anybody
25 else arrives. So we'll be here until 7:00

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1 and we'll go back on the Record if we need
2 to. One more time, are there any other
3 comments? I remind you that the comment
4 period for this Technically Complete Solid
5 Waste Permit Modification Application and
6 the Associated Environmental Assessment
7 Statement for Slidell Landfill, L.L.C., ends
8 at 12:30 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2006.

9 I received zero exhibits during this
10 hearing. If there are no other comments, I
11 thank you for your attention and
12 participation in this hearing. Let the
13 Record reflect that the time is 6:20 p.m.
14 The hearing is closed. Thank you.

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15 (At this time, there was a break taken off
16 the Record. Back on the Record:)

17 JAY GLORIOSO:

18 Okay, it is now 7:04, and I want to give
19 anybody else who wishes to speak the
20 opportunity to make a comment. Is there
21 anybody else that wishes to speak? Let the
22 Record reflect that there is no one that
23 chose to make a comment and also let the
24 Record reflect that it is 7:04 and if there
25 are no other comments, I thank you for your

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1 attention, participation in this hearing.
2 This hearing is closed. Thank you.
3 (The Hearing was concluded at 7:04 p.m.)

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