

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
HCR NO. 231 (2019 Regular Legislative Session)

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is accepting written comments in consideration of House Resolution No. 231 (2019 Regular Legislative Session), which urges and requests the secretary of LDEQ to study the establishment of a voluntary compliance audit program for industries regulated by the department.

BACKGROUND

LDEQ advertised and hosted four listening sessions to study the establishment of a voluntary compliance audit program for industries regulated by our department.

The meetings took place at LDEQ headquarters, in the Pensacola Room of the conference center on Aug. 7, 2019, Aug. 21, 2019, Sept. 4, 2019, and Oct. 2, 2019. Meeting topics included presentations from LDEQ staff on federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and procedures; and representative components of voluntary audit programs/policies that may be found in one state or another's voluntary audit program/policy (such as audit privilege, confidentiality, immunity, and EPA new owner policy).

Louisiana citizens, representatives of the legislature, regulated industry and their trade associations, environmental groups, and community leaders attended the listening sessions and delivered oral comments. Please visit our website for the past meeting agendas and presentations.

<https://deq.louisiana.gov/news/informational-materials-from-ldeq-listening-session-on-hr-231voluntary-compliance-audit-program-study>

SUBMIT COMMENTS

LDEQ is accepting written comments regarding the establishment of a voluntary compliance audit program for industries regulated by the department. Comments must be received by **4:30 p.m. CST, Monday Oct. 21, 2019.**

Comments are only being accepted via electronic submission to deq.publicnotices@la.gov.

All correspondence should specify the AI Number 200321 and HR231 (2019).

If you have any questions, please call LDEQ Office of the Secretary at 225.219.3951.