

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division

Chapter 49 Incorporation by Reference Update
(LAC 33:IX.4901 and 4903) (WQ086ft)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Water Quality regulations, LAC 33:IX.4901 and 4903 (Log #WQ086ft).

This rule is identical to federal regulations found in 40 CFR 136, 401 and 405-471 along with 40 CFR 136, 260, 423, 430 and 435 and additionally 40 CFR 450, which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3985 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the rule. This rule will be promulgated in accordance with the procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This rule changes the reference dates to 40 CFR Part 136 and 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, Parts 401, 405-471 in the LAC 33:IX, Chapter 49 from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012.

LAC 33: IX, Chapter 49 incorporates the following portions of federal regulations into the Louisiana water quality regulations:

1. 40 CFR Part 136, Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants, July 1, 2009, in its entirety; and
2. 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, Effluent Guidelines and Standards, parts 401 and 405-471, July 1, 2009

The following updates to federal regulations have occurred that necessitate updating the referenced date:

1. 40 CFR Parts 136, 260, 423, 430, and 435: Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act, Analysis and Sampling Procedures, Federal Register/Vol. 77, No. 97/May 18, 2012/Rules and Regulations; and
2. 40 CFR Part 450: Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the construction and Development Point Source Category, Federal Register/Vol. 74, No. 229/December 1, 2009 (Note: A portion of this rule was stayed in Federal Register/Vol. 75, No. 214/November 5, 2010/Rules and Regulations).

This action will incorporate the recently updated federal regulations into Louisiana's water quality regulations, increasing the enforceability of LPDES permits that include EPA-approved analytical methods and effluent limitations guidelines. The published edition of the 40 CFR is regularly updated on July 1 of every calendar year; therefore, this rule will incorporate the date of July 1, 2012 in anticipation of the most recent publication, which will include the above referenced rules. The basis and rationale for this rule are to mirror the federal regulations. This rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

This rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

A public hearing will be held on September 26, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Deidra Johnson at the address given below or at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by WQ086ft. Such comments must be received no later than September 26, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Deidra Johnson, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-4068 or by e-mail to deidra.johnson@la.gov. The comment period for this rule ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of WQ086ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part IX. Water Quality

Subpart 1. Water Pollution Control

Chapter 49. Incorporation by Reference

§4901. 40 CFR Part 136

A. 40 CFR Part 136, Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants, July 1, 2009~~12~~, in its entirety, is hereby incorporated by reference.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular Section 2074(B)(3) and (B)(4).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Water Resources, LR 21:945 (September 1995), amended LR 23:958 (August 1997), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 25:1467 (August 1999), LR 26:1609 (August 2000), LR 27:2231 (December 2001), LR 28:996 (May 2002), LR 29:700 (May 2003), repromulgated LR 30:232 (February 2004), amended LR 30:752 (April 2004), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:920 (April 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 32:604 (April 2006), LR 33:641 (April 2007), LR 34:867 (May 2008), LR 35:1110 (June 2009), LR 36:2275 (October 2010), LR 38:* *.

§4903. 40 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter N

A. 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, Effluent Guidelines and Standards, Parts 401 and 405 471, July 1, 2009~~12~~, are hereby incorporated by reference.

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