NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division

Incorporation by Reference of 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOOO
(LAC 33:III.3003) (AQ339ft)

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 Air regulations, LAC 33:III.3003 (Log #AQ339ft).

This rule is identical to federal regulations found in 77FR159 pages 49490-49600, 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 updates the references to July 1, 2012, for Standard Performance for New Stationary Sources, 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart AAA. In addition, this rule incorporates by reference the provisions of 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOOO into Louisiana’s air quality regulations. Subpart OOOO establishes new source performance standards for the crude oil and natural gas production, transmission, and distribution industry. Section 111(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) authorizes EPA to delegate its authority to implement and enforce new source performance standards to any state which submits adequate regulatory procedures.

(c) State implementation and enforcement of standards of performance
(1) Each State may develop and submit to the Administrator a procedure for implementing and enforcing standards of performance for new sources located in such State. If the Administrator finds the State procedure is adequate, he shall delegate to such State any authority he has under this chapter to implement and enforce such standards.

seeks delegation of 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOOO – Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution. Therefore, this subpart will be incorporated by reference at LAC 33:III.3003. The basis and rational for this rule are to incorporate by reference the provisions of 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOOO. 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. This Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.
A public hearing will be held on February 27, 2013, 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 AQ339ft. Such comments must be received no later than February 27, 2013, 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 AQ339ft. 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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§3003. Incorporation by Reference of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60

A. Except for 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart AAA, and as modified in this Section, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 40 CFR Part 60, July 1, 2011, are hereby incorporated by reference as they apply to the state of Louisiana. Also incorporated by reference are the following revisions to 40 CFR Part 60: Subpart OOOO as promulgated on August 16, 2012, in the Federal Register, 77 FR 49490-49600.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.