NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality

Office of the Secretary

Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division

2024 Annual Incorporation by Reference of Certain Water Quality Regulations

(LAC 33:IX.4901 and 4903) (WQ115ft)

 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 #WQ115ft).

 This Rule is identical to federal regulations found in 40 CFR 136 and 40 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter N, Parts 401, 405-471, which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact William Little at (225) 219-3985. 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 reference dates for 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants, and 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, Parts 401, 405-471, Effluent Guidelines and Standards in LAC 33:IX.4901 and 4903. This Rule will incorporate the recently updated federal regulations into Louisiana's water quality regulations. This revision increases the enforceability of Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits that include the Environmental Protection Agency approved analytical methods and effluent limitation guidelines. The published edition of the 40 CFR is updated on July 1 of every calendar year; therefore, this Rule will incorporate the date of July 1, 2024. 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.

**Family Impact Statement**

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

**Poverty Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

**Small Business Analysis**

This Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:978.1 - 978.8.

**Provider Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on December 30, 2024, 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 in person or via Zoom at https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=99777855430

or by telephone by dialing (646) 255-1997 using the meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

**Public Comments**

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by WQ115ft. Such comments must be received no later than January 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@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 LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of WQ115ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx).

 This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, 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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 Secretary

**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, 20~~20~~24, 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), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 38:2747 (November 2012), LR 40:1693 (September 2014), LR 41:2135 (October 2015), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 43:2148 (November 2017), LR 46:330 (March 2020), LR 47:357 (March 2021), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 50:

**§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, 20~~20~~24 are 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).

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