

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Return Address:	<u>602 North Fifth Street</u>	Rule Title:	<u>Solid Waste and Waste Tire Public Notice Revision</u>
	<u>Baton Rouge, LA 70802</u>		<u>LAC 33:VII.509, 513, and 10513</u>
		Date Rule Takes Effect:	<u>Upon Promulgation</u>

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. **THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings associated with the proposed rule change to state agencies or local governmental units. The proposed rule change modernizes public notice requirements for solid waste and waste tire permits by designating the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) website as the official location of public notices of draft permit decisions and public hearings. The proposed rule change also allows the department to supplement web publication with other notice methods at the department's discretion.

Currently, public notices for solid waste and waste tire draft permit decisions and public hearings are published on the department's website, and once as a single classified advertisement in the official state journal and a major local newspaper. The proposed rule change streamlines this process by eliminating duplicative publishing requirements, removing the applicant's cost of publication in the official journal of the state and local newspaper, and allowing for quicker publishing of the notices through the DEQ website. The proposed rule change also provides that the public notice be published on the department's website for the duration of the public comment period. The applicant pays the fee to publish notices; therefore, the department's costs or savings would not be directly impacted. The only impact would be a minor decrease in workload.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any increase or decrease in state or local revenue collections.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The economic cost and or benefit is negligible to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups. Publication costs vary by journal and newspaper.

The rule makes the LDEQ's website the official location of public notices for solid waste and waste tire media instead of publishing in the official journal of the state (newspaper) and local newspaper.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on competition or employment in the public or private sectors.

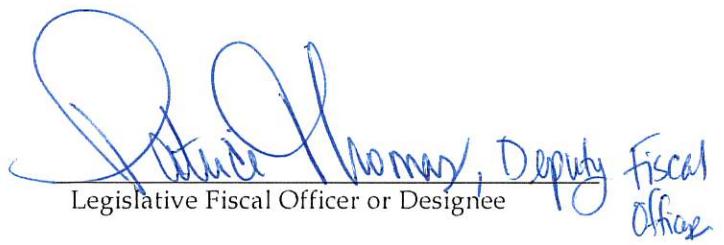


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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

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B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

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C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any increase in the expenditure of funds.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

Not applicable.

D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

(a) _____ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b) _____ X NO.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)?

(a) _____ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) _____ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) _____ NO.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

The applicant pays the fee to publish notices; therefore, the department's costs or savings would not be directly impacted. The only impact would be a minor decrease in workload.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

No additional funding is required on the part of the agency to implement the proposed rule change.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed change is not anticipated to impact the costs or savings of local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed change is not anticipated to impact the costs or savings of local governmental units.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any increase or decrease in state or local revenue collections.

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

This rule will directly affect the regulated community, official journal of the state and/or local newspapers by removing the requirement that a draft permit action and final permitting action being published in the official journal of the state and local newspaper and making the LDEQ's website the official location for the public notice. This rule will remove two public notice events from both the state journal and the local newspaper per permit or major modification event (one for public comment on a draft permit and a second for the final decision). Cost to publish each public notice differs between newspaper and/or journal.

This rule will eliminate the Department overhead of having to ensure the notices were published when scheduled or having to republish due to a notice not being published as scheduled. Final permits are issued once every five (Waste Tire Permits) or ten years (Solid Waste Permits) and major modifications are issued on an as needed or requested basis.

There are no anticipated costs due to workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) as a result of the rule change.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There is no anticipated impact on receipts and/or income resulting from the proposed rule change on any directly affected person, small business, or nongovernmental group.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There is no anticipated impact on competition or employment in the public and private sectors.