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LDEQ's EnviroSchool to host webinar: Understanding Water Permitting

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) EnviroSchool will host a webinar on Understanding Water Permitting. This session will focus on the industrial permitting process, from the water permit application submittal to the issuance of a final LPDES (Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit.

When: 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15

Online: Live Webinar Only

Please register by emailing enviroschool@la.gov.

Louisiana's Water Quality Regulations (LAC 33: Chapter IX) require permits for the discharge of pollutants from any point source into waters of the state of Louisiana. This surface water discharge permitting system is administered under the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program. LDEQ became delegated to administer the NPDES Program in August of 1996.

The Water Permits Division, within the Office of Environmental Services, consists of two LPDES Water Permitting Sections: Industrial Water Permits and Municipal & General Water Permits. Permitting responsibilities are distributed between the two sections based on facility type. General Permits (authorized under LAC 33:IX.2515) are written to cover one or more categories or subcategories of discharges within a geographic area, which can range from a specific watershed to a broad area such as the entire state. Individual Permits are specifically written to cover a facility's wastewater discharges that do not qualify for authorization under a general permit. This presentation will be focused on the individual industrial permitting process.

The EnviroSchool program at LDEQ is the environmental education outreach arm of the agency and provides training for communities, businesses, and other organizations on a number of regulatory topics. The program aims to inform attendees about the environmental regulatory process and to maintain and improve environmental compliance.

The workshops are free and open to the public. If you are interested, please feel free to register for any of our workshops. For more information, go to <http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/enviroschool> or email EnviroSchool at Enviroschool@la.gov.

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