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NEW SECRETARY AND CHANGES AT DEQ

On January 16, Peggy Hatch became the secretary for the Department of Environmental Quality. In early December, previous secretary Harold Leggett announced he was resigning to spend time with his family while researching the possibility of running for office.

Hatch most recently served as Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Compliance at

DEQ. She was appointed as assistant secretary in 2008, where she oversaw surveillance, emergency response, radiological services and enforcement activities in the department.

Hatch has worked for the state of Louisiana since 1985 and with DEQ since 1990 in a number of technical and management capacities including her time as Enforcement Division Administrator from 2002 through 2007. Prior to joining the department, she was employed in several hospital laboratories. Hatch received her Bachelor of Science in medical technology from Louisiana State University.

In a press release from the Governor's office announcing the appointment, Governor Bobby Jindal said, "Hal has done an outstanding job at DEQ and I really appreciate his service to our state. We're excited to have Peggy on board as she has devoted much of her professional career to public service and she has a wealth of experience dealing with environmental policy."

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Peggy M. Hatch
DEQ Secretary



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DEQ held a going-away ceremony for Leggett on Jan. 14. The event was well attended as people from industry, state government and environmental groups all voiced their opinions about Hal's tenure at DEQ. The main theme from the speakers centered on Leggett's ability to lead and work through differences of opinion.

"Hal has done great things for DEQ," Hatch said. "He will be missed. It was nice to see so many people from many different walks of life all have nice things to say about Hal. I've worked with him for more than six years and we have the same philosophy – to do what's best for the state and to protect human health and the environment. The department will continue to do what's best for the state and to streamline to become more efficient."

Other changes at DEQ have been made to help make the department more efficient.

As part of the department's ongoing effort to be more efficient, DEQ continues to look for unique opportunities to save money and combine resources. For example, Paul Miller, formerly Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Assessment, moved to the position of Assistant Secretary for Environmental Compliance which was Secretary Peggy Hatch's former position. The Assistant Secretary position for the OEA was eliminated and the combining of duties is estimated to result in more than \$200,000 in savings

Additional changes at DEQ include the Remediation Division, tasked with oversight of chemical cleanups and spill prevention, and the Underground Storage Tank Division, which handles regulation of USTs, moving to the Office of Environmental Services. The Air Quality Assessment and Water Quality

Assessment divisions will move under the purview of the Office of Environmental Compliance. All of these divisions were formerly in the Office of Environmental Assessment.

DEQ PARTNERS WITH LSP AND DWF TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

As budgetary concerns continue to have an impact on the state's resources, many agencies have looked for ways in which they can streamline various facets of their mission while creating a cooperative atmosphere.

In 2009, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality announced several partnerships with other state agencies in order to promote and strengthen intra-agency communication and resources while eliminating many areas that involved an overlap in time, money and responsibility. These partnerships will save Louisiana taxpayers money while serving the citizens of the state in a more efficient manner. These partnerships are key examples of the effective implementation of streamlining methods in order to promote governmental efficiency.

Combining resources is a winning situation for the citizens as well as the agencies involved, as it provides additional manpower and resources while eliminating an unnecessary overlap in time, money and mission.

In the summer, DEQ announced a partnership with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to combat litter and illegal dumping. Made in conjunction with the annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference, the joint effort focuses on increasing surveillance for litter and illegal dumping throughout Louisiana.



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With field staff from both agencies spread throughout the state, the combined effort will serve to increase the total coverage area, while working together to mitigate illegal activity. Additionally, both agencies will participate in regular meetings to discuss litter enforcement and illegal dumping regulations, and to share tips on possible illegal dumping/littering sites and suspects. An added component of the partnership is the inclusion of joint training and field exercises to increase public awareness, particularly in the state's waterways and public use areas.

In November, DEQ and the Louisiana State Police announced a partnership in the investigation and enforcement of criminal violations of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act. As the primary agency tasked with environmental protection and regulation, DEQ has combined resources with LSP in order to strengthen their shared public safety mission. Both agencies will be sharing expertise, training and resources to ensure that Louisiana's environment is protected and preserved.

Upon implementation, the partnership was an immediate success. DEQ's Criminal Investigations Division and LSP have collaborated on investigations concerning illegal dumping, waste burning and the execution of search warrants. LSP has donated two law enforcement vehicles to DEQ-CID, and recently assisted DEQ-CID in the apprehension of a wanted felony suspect.

All DEQ-CID investigators receive special commissions through LSP, who have provided advanced training to DEQ-CID investigators in surveillance techniques, interview and interrogation, firearm use, ground fighting and defensive tactics. The joint effort provides additional statewide resources with regard to enforcement of environmental crimes. The support from LSP will assist DEQ in their

enforcement mission as it relates to protecting water and air quality, and controlling solid and hazardous waste discharges.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DAY PROVIDES LOCAL SERVICE

Many DEQ staff members volunteer to help rescue paint at the paint booth at HHMD. One rainy November morning, a group of more than 20 staff members and 10 National Civilian Community Corps volunteers set up tents to keep the weather out, took in the paint from citizens, opened the paint, stirred it and gave it to the staff that combines like colors in five-gallon buckets. When the buckets were filled, they were sealed, marked with the color and donated to the Habitat for Humanity Restore for resale. In November, 88 five-gallon buckets were donated. These buckets of paint can be purchased for approximately \$15. To purchase paint and other building items, visit the Restore at 4301 Airline Hwy @ Plank Rd., Baton Rouge.



Opening paint at the Household Hazardous Material Day

ReStore

REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE – RESTORE

Where could you find a contractor selecting the plumbing fixtures for 100-year-old home restoration, an artist rummaging through a stack of glazed tiles and a filmmaker looking for a period light fixture? Where might you find a Boy Scout working on his next badge, a son unloading unused items from his Dad's workshop and a single mother of two earning a Habitat home for her family? It's the same place you might find the perfect whirlpool tub for your home. They can all be found at the local ReStore.

What is a ReStore? The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a building materials recycling center benefiting Habitat for Humanity and the community. It is an unique store in Baton Rouge with similar



Ron Chenvert, ReStore manager, and his 95-year-old father, Enaut, a volunteer

stores in eight other Louisiana cities. It is a place where you can buy new and used building materials for your home or business, donate tax deductible items and volunteer to help others. Many dedicated volunteers and the store manager, Ron Chenevert, operate the ReStore. From running the sales counter to pricing and sorting materials, from stocking the shelves to unloading donations and making pick ups, from assisting customers to sweeping the floors, the ReStore operates on volunteer power. Some are there for a just a few days, but others have been volunteers at the Baton Rouge ReStore since it opened Nov. 15, 2003. One of those committed volunteers is the store manager's 95-year-old father, Enaut Chenevert.

These are the four guiding principles of the ReStore:

1. To provide a reliable source of funding for Habitat activities
2. To provide a place where customers can purchase building materials at the lowest cost
3. To divert waste from landfills, saving resources and saving the donors from paying disposal fees
4. To provide opportunities for volunteers

All materials at the Baton Rouge ReStore are donated. During 2009, the ReStore accepted more than 650 tons of materials and had approximately \$460,000 in sales. When DEQ salvages paint at the local Household Hazardous Materials Days, the five-gallon drums are donated to the ReStore which sells the paint at bargain prices. Profits from the ReStore go into Habitat for Humanity projects and activities. At the ReStore you can purchase quality new and used building material at bargain prices. Walking



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Rows of paint line the aisles of the Habitat for Humanity Restore from Household Hazardous Materials Day

through the vast store, you can browse through many exceptional and unique items. There are light fixtures of all shapes and sizes, lumber, doors, windows, hinges and drawer pulls, nails by the bucket, tile by the piece or box, home décor, cabinets, plumbing and more.

So, don't throw away those used cabinets, unused lumber, fans and fixtures. The ReStore in Baton Rouge, and the ReStores around the state, accept donations of new and used building material and fixtures from remodeling jobs, overstock inventory, business closeouts, citizens and contractors/builders. Donations must be in 100 percent working condition. ReStores need cabinets, doors, windows, roofing, brick, tile, hardware, drywall, siding, glass and mirrors, décor and blinds, flooring, plumbing, lumber, plywood, electrical fixtures and plumbing fixtures. All donations to the ReStore are tax-deductible.

There are nine ReStores in Louisiana. They are located in:

Baton Rouge

4302 Airline Hwy @ Plank
225-355-1895
Open Wed. Fri., Sat – 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Orleans

2830 Royal Street
504-943-2240
Open – Tues. to Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lafayette

215 E. Pinhook
337-371-6030
Open - Thurs. 2 to 8 p.m., Fri. 11 to 6 p.m., Sat. 9 to 4 p.m.

Mandeville

1400 North Lane
985-898-0642
Open – Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alexandria

3332 Broadway Ave.
318-561-0490
Open – Wed. to Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bayou Area Habitat Home store

509 St Mary Street
Thibodaux
985-447-9793
Open – Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hammond

955 S. Morrison Blvd.
985-419-0256
Open - Thurs. to Sat., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity Calcasieu Inc.

3551 Avenue C
Lake Charles
337-497-0129
Open – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. to Friday

Slidell

2320 Carey St. (Old Community Feed Garden Supply)
985-649-0067
Open – Thurs. to Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“All nine ReStores are always looking for donations of used and new materials and time,” said Ron Chenevert, Baton Rouge Restore manager. “If people want to volunteer, they can call volunteer services at Habitat for Humanity at 225-927-6651. Some recipients of Habitat houses can put in some of their sweat equity at the ReStore.”

In addition to manning the ReStore and building homes, ReStore and Habitat for Humanity volunteers do many outreach activities. They help youngsters try their hand at basic carpentry building birdhouses at Baton Rouge Earth Day and exhibit at the Home and Garden Show and similar events sharing construction ideas and publicizing their mission.



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DEQ ON THE MOVE



Dionne Magness, Ella Barbe and Lindsay Maloan from the SERO office decorated a holiday tree with decorations that were made entirely of recycled and "upcycled" items as part of the St. Tammany Parish Tammany Trace's Holiday of Lights Festival.



DEQ staff mix paint at the St. Landry Parish Household Hazardous Materials day



LATM/LSTA Science and Math conference in Shreveport



DEQ staff talks to students at the DEQ booth at Chem Friends in Ascension Parish



People congregate at DEQ booth at the National Brownfields Conference in New Orleans



In October, Markle Farber of the Southwest Regional Office gave a presentation to hospital and healthcare organizations concerning Mercury in the waste streams, how to handle it and its impacts.



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SYNGENTA

In December, DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency met with Syngenta Crop Protection management and employees to celebrate more than 25 years of work cleaning up the Syngenta St. Gabriel site to Ready for Reuse standards. A Ready for Reuse Determination is an acknowledgment by DEQ and EPA that environmental conditions on the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use. Syngenta was awarded a determination letter and certificate by DEQ and EPA signifying that 31 areas on the Syngenta site have been remediated to federal, state and local standards so it can be put back into use. The property encompassed by this Ready for Reuse Determination includes the entire Syngenta St. Gabriel facility. It consists of about 250 acres of developed area and about 1,000 undeveloped acres. The site is now deemed Ready for Reuse and has been remediated to state and local standards.

“Syngenta has been diligent in demonstrating that a clean environment is important to them. This ceremony is a testament to the work many people put into cleaning up this land and getting it ready to be put back into use.” said Paul Miller, DEQ Assistant Secretary. “The Ready for Reuse program is beneficial for economic reasons because land can be put back into use and is now productive again. It’s good for the environment because the contamination was addressed in a way that meets state and federal standards.”

“We’re pleased to partner with the state of Louisiana to deem properties such as this ready for reuse,” said Susan Spalding, EPA Region 6 Associate Director. “Providing assurance to stakeholders that



Paul Miller, DEQ, Richard Boudreaux, Syngenta, Ralph Caddell, Syngenta Site manager, and Susan Spalding, Associate Director, RCRA EPA Region 6

site conditions are protective helps return previously contaminated areas to productive use, which is a major goal of our cleanup programs.”

The Ready for Reuse program encourages the remediation and reuse of possibly contaminated industrial property.

LOUISIANA ENVIROTHON 2010 WILL BE MARCH 27

Instilling a love of the environment in students, the knowledge on how to protect it, and giving them the tools, knowledge and skills to do it are a few of the goals of the Envirothon competition. The event promotes stewardship of our natural resources and provides students with experience in environmentally-oriented activities.



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The Louisiana Envirothon is a multidisciplinary, environmental problem-solving competition for students in grades 6 through 12. Teams of five young people from the same school or associated with an organized group such as Future Farmers of America, 4-H, home-school groups or Boy Scouts of America, train and compete in natural resource areas. These areas are soils, aquatic resources, forestry, wildlife, energy and a current environmental issue. Students, competing as team members, rotate through a series of stations managed by natural resource specialists. For example, a forester may conduct the forestry station, and a soil scientist can be expected to coordinate the activities at the soils station. Through the competition, students work as a team to learn hands-on and real-life solutions to the complexities of solving environmental problems.

The current issue component of the competition allows teams to present a solution to an environmental problem. The 2010 current issue is Protection of Groundwater through Urban, Agricultural and Environmental Planning. The scenario for the oral presentation will be provided during the training preceding the event. Teams prepare their presentations before the event. Oral presentation preparation time is not provided the day of the competition.

Team registration is \$50 and a limited number of scholarships are available. The registration form, the Advisor's Guide and study guides are available at www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon. Call 225.219.3265 or email karen.fisher@la.gov for additional information.

The Louisiana Envirothon will be held at the Model Sustainable Agriculture Center (MSAC) of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, March 27, 2010. The MSAC is located at the Cade Farm facility on 1234

W. J. Bernard Road in St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The team of 9th-12th grade students with the highest overall score will travel to the Canon Envirothon competition at California State University in Fresno in the summer to represent Louisiana. The Louisiana Envirothon committee will pay the team's expenses to the competition. Information on the Canon Envirothon Competition can be found at www.envirothon.org. If you know of someone interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Colette Anzalone at caa5059@louisiana.edu.

COCA-COLA ENDORSES GREEN-BUILDING

While many businesses and organizations throughout the state are striving to make a difference in the environment through green business practices and recycling programs, one facility in Baton Rouge has taken those practices a step further.

Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company has gone above and beyond those practices – by having a predominant amount of recyclable content in its structure itself.

Not only does Coca-Cola promote recycling of their cans and plastic bottles from their extensive consumer products, the new Baton Rouge bottling facility is composed of a wide array of recyclable material.

The building's metal joists and girders consist of recycled material. The steel stairs, handrails and guardrails in the facility also contain a high degree of recyclable material, as does the concrete foundation, which contains recycled fly-ash that came from a power plant near New Roads.



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The plant has 70 recycling points distributed throughout the facility dedicated to plastic and aluminum cans

High-output, energy-efficient lighting is used throughout the plant, and the white roof (also composed of recycled material) reflects solar energy, which helps to keep the building's temperature at cooler levels. But their green business approach extends beyond the walls of the facility.

The outside of the building is specifically landscaped to promote irrigation and reduce storm water runoff. Twenty-two parking spaces have been allocated for carpoolers, plus an additional 22 spaces reserved for low-emission, fuel-efficient vehicles. Additionally, the facility is equipped with bicycle racks and showers as an encouragement for employees to keep cars off the road.

"Our new plant is the first LEED certified Coca-Cola production facility in the world," said Melanie Clark, Vice President of Marketing for Baton Rouge Coca-Cola.

Attainment of LEED (which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability in the U.S. and several other countries. The certification system is developed by the U.S. Green Building Council and information on attainment is available through the Natural Resources Defense Council. The LEED rating system is designed to encourage design and construction practices that raise profits while reducing the negative impact to the environment, all while improving occupant well-being and health. The LEED process is based on a point system, which takes conservation and green-oriented design processes into account.

Certification, which involves a rigorous third-party commissioning process, offers compelling proof that a facility has reached specific environmental goals and your building is performing as designed. The certification allows a business or company to take advantage of several state and local government incentives as well.

But their proactive approach to bettering the environment hasn't stopped there. Throughout the facility, more than 100 recycling points are in place, which include areas for plastic film, cardboard and plastic and aluminum cans. "Year-to-date, we have recycled over 223 tons of material valued at forty thousand dollars," said Clark.

For more information, contact Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 9696 Plank Rd., Baton Rouge - (225) 293-2570.



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ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES REOPENS RECYCLING CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS

Allied Waste Industries held a grand reopening of their Metro New Orleans recycling center on September 24.

Having temporarily closed in the wake of the hurricanes of 2005, the reopened recycling center serves as the area's only recycling facility capable of processing commercial co-mingled materials. For citizens, using just one receptacle for all types of recyclable material makes recycling easy and convenient in the work place.

By reopening the facility, Allied Waste continues their investment in the environment as well as their commitment to metro New Orleans. Since it first commenced operations in 1995, the facility holds the distinction of being New Orleans' oldest solid waste and recycling service provider. Before Hurricane Katrina, the facility processed more than 3,000 tons of recycling material per month.

The facility predominantly accepts recycling material from Phoenix recycling, a company which serves residential customers in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. In addition, the facility accepts material from a regular client base as well as residential and business customer drop-offs, which are done on the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at their recyclery at 804 L & A Road in Metairie.

“At Allied Waste/Republic Services, we believe that environmental stewardship is our responsibility. Being an environmental leader means helping others manage their solid waste through recycling



Paper and aluminum are separated for recycling at the facility

and other environmental services. At Allied Waste being “green” has been our foundation,” said Peter Kirk, General Manager.

Allied Waste has teamed up with Republic Services to handle the recycling needs for the citizens of the greater New Orleans area. In December 2008, Republic Services, Inc., and Allied Waste Industries, Inc., completed their merger to create one of the nation's leading waste and environmental services providers. Under the Republic Services, Inc., banner, the combined company has solidified its commitment to providing full recycling services to the citizens of the New Orleans area.

As an example of their work toward continuing their service, Republic Services/Allied Waste also operates a Commercial Comingled Recycling Facility in the heart of New Orleans. While just more than an investment in the environment, the facility serves as a strong commitment to help the city on its continuing road to economic recovery.



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“This facility will serve as an investment in the environment as well as the citizens of the state,” said Kirk.

The facility had expanded its recycling services by making recycling easy and convenient for all. The biggest example of this is allowing customers to deposit their recyclables without having to separate the materials by type. The site accepts paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, mail, steel or metal cans, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and tin cans.

Allied Waste has sustainability experts on hand to help maximize a client’s environmental efforts in the way of recycling, reusing or simply finding more efficient ways of doing business while avoiding negative environmental impacts.

In addition, people can drop off recyclable materials at Allied Waste Services’ Metro New Orleans Recycling Center, 808 L & A Road, Metairie, LA 70001. Call (504) 837-8950 or visit them online at www.recycleitgulfoast.com.

HOW THE EPA PROPOSED OZONE STANDARD MAY AFFECT LOUISIANA

Recently, EPA proposed a revision of the ozone standard, lowering it to a level between 60-70 parts per billion (ppb) measured over eight hours. This is a tightening of the standard of 75 ppb announced March 12, 2008, and will have far-reaching implications for Louisiana and the rest of the country. Under this proposal, the new, more stringent primary standards for ozone may mean that many other areas could possibly be designated as nonattainment. EPA is also proposing a separate “secondary” seasonal standard to protect vegetation and property. By law, EPA is required to re-evaluate standards for certain

pollutants every five years to maintain protection of human health and the environment. DEQ staff is currently evaluating the proposal to determine the potential impacts on the state.

The air quality in Louisiana presently meets the former one-hour and eight-hour standards for ozone. With two consecutive years of data showing that the monitored air quality statewide is meeting EPA standards, DEQ has requested a clean data determination for the Baton Rouge area under each of those standards. These determinations recognize our air quality progress and will stay some of the Clean Air Act requirements for submittal to EPA. They do not, however, change our designation. For this reason, DEQ has also requested redesignation to attainment for the 1997 eight-hour standard. Presently, the Baton Rouge five-parish area is the only area of the state designated as nonattainment.

With a stricter standard for ozone would come more federally based regulation. There are five classifications of nonattainment: marginal, moderate, serious, severe and extreme. Each classification has specific regulatory requirements that are spelled out in the Clean Air Act. For example, parishes that EPA designate at moderate nonattainment would have to institute a Motor Vehicle Inspection Maintenance (I/M) program, which requires emissions, on-board diagnostic, and gas cap integrity testing, to be performed as part of the annual safety inspections of vehicles. Presently, only the Baton Rouge nonattainment area is required to administer an I/M program. Other potential regulation includes stricter rules for industry and regulation for public projects utilizing federal funds.

The EPA requires areas that do not meet air quality standards to implement more restrictive regulations in an effort to lower the overall air pollution levels.



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With a new standard, some smaller and previously unregulated industries and businesses will be required to obtain permits to control the amount of pollutants emitted to the air. Industries and businesses seeking to expand operations will have to take additional measures or face new restrictions to help control air pollution. The proposed ozone standard will have a substantial economic effect on the state.

“The announcement of the stricter standard by the EPA does not mean that the air quality in Louisiana is worse than it was yesterday,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “In fact, the air quality in Louisiana is the best it has ever been. For two consecutive years, the Baton Rouge area, which was the only area of the state in nonattainment, has met both the now-revoked 1-hour as well as the more stringent 1997 8-hour ozone standard. This is a great accomplishment for our state. We’ll continue to do what is best for the state’s environment.”

Ozone is not emitted. It is an air pollutant that is formed when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides combine chemically in a reaction that needs sunlight. The chemicals needed to form ozone come from a variety of sources, such as cars, industrial and manufacturing operations, paint and body shops, bakeries, dry cleaners, as well as from lawn and recreational equipment.

To view maps of possible nonattainment areas, tips on the voluntary steps you can take to improve air quality and to see what consequences there may be for a nonattainment, go to www.deq.louisiana.gov.

GENERAL AIR PERMITS FIRST IN A SERIES

Permitting and regulating Louisiana’s businesses to protect human health and the environment is a core part of DEQ’s mission. Permitting can be a long and cumbersome process, so the Office of Environmental Services is working to streamline the process for business and save time and money for the state.

Part of this streamlining process is developing general permits. A general permit is not specific for a particular facility, but instead, it applies to a category of facilities with similar equipment, processes and applicable regulations. A general permit is public noticed and the public is given at least 30 days to comment. The DEQ prepares a Basis for Decision that includes DEQ’s responses to all comments from the public

Once a general permit is issued, facilities that meet eligibility criteria outlined for the general permit may apply for coverage under it. Each application for a general air permit undergoes a thorough technical review in order to verify eligibility for this type of permit coverage. Facilities covered under the general permit are subject to the same federal and state regulations as regular permits. In addition, a permit decision must be made by the Assistant Secretary, in the same way as it is for a regular permit. The general permit has a faster turnaround because the public participation and comment period occur up front.

The idea of developing a general permit began in 1996 with the Air Title V permits and DEQ has the statutory and regulatory authority to develop them. These permits were only for major sources and were predominately for the oil and gas industry. Presently, DEQ is working on expanding the general permits



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program; this may enable more facilities, including minor sources, to obtain permit coverage under a general permit rather than a regular permit. The first type of general permit approved for minor sources is for facilities that do surface coating and fabricating. The second general permit, which will soon be in place, is for crude oil and natural gas production facilities. This general permit, when approved, has the potential to reduce the timeframe for permit decisions for many facilities.

The regulations may be more stringent for the Greater Baton Rouge area because it is nonattainment for the air pollutant, ozone. The regulation requirements depend on the severity of the nonattainment. Marginal and moderate areas have less stringent regulations more regulation is required as an area moves into the serious, severe or extreme category.

The concept and implementation of general permits for air and other permitting areas will make this process more efficient and less costly in manpower and time and follows the policy of doing everything possible to streamline state government while maintaining high quality service and protection.

2010 SEWAGE SLUDGE HAULING: RULES AND REGULATIONS SESSIONS

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is sponsoring a free program concerning new regulations for sewage sludge haulers and others involved in the sewage sludge hauling and disposal. Facility owners, operators, drivers, and the owners of any wastewater treatment facility that accept sewage sludge should attend.

It is important to understand the new rules and regulations because, if a hauler who is presently actively hauling sewage sludge is not registered

or approved by DEQ, the hauler is in violation of the biosolids regulations and can face fines and penalties. If a receiving facility is not permitted or has not applied and been approved by DEQ, the facility is in violation of the biosolids regulations and or the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System regulations and could receive fines and penalties. The next session will be: Thursday, February 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the Pineville Community Center, 708 Main St, Pineville

PROGRAM:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
- 9:30 a.m. DEQ Small Business Presentation
- 9:45 a.m. Rules for Sewage Sludge Hauling
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Rules for Sewage Sludge Disposal/ Treatment Facilities
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch- On your own
- 1:00 p.m. How to Avoid Criminal Enforcement Actions
- 1:45 p.m. Vehicle Inspection Demonstration
- 2:15 p.m. Closing Remarks/Q&A/Round Table Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Dismissal

You may register online below or fax the registration form below to 225.219.3971, or mail to the LDEQ Small Business Assistance Program at Post Office Box 4301 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301. If you would like more information please call 225.219.0877.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW SESSION FLYER.](#)

Future sessions on this topic will be held on:
March 18: Lamar Dixon Center, 9039 St. Landry Rd., Gonzales
April 15: Mathews Complex, 4876 LA Hwy 1, Mathews



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