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January 10, 2014

Senator John A. Alario, Jr., President
Louisiana Senate
PO Box 94183
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Re: Report of Proposed Amendment to Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 33 (Statewide Order No. 29-M-3)
Class III (Solution-Mining) Injection Wells
Docket No. 2013-IMD-07
LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 3 (Statewide Order No. 29-M)
Hydrocarbon Storage Wells in Salt Dome Cavities
Docket No. 2013-IMD-08

Dear Senator Alario:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 3 and LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 33 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana. The proposed action will amend Statewide Order No. 29-M, which provides comprehensive regulations for hydrocarbon storage wells in salt dome cavities, in accordance with Act 368 and Act 369 of the 2013 Legislative Session. Similarly, the Commissioner proposes to adopt Statewide Order No. 29-M-3, which provides comprehensive regulations for solution-mining wells in salt domes, in accordance with Act 368 and Act 369 of the 2013 Legislative Session. The following report regarding the proposed rule promulgation and amendment is submitted in accordance with La R.S. 49:968(D).

In accordance with La R.S. 49:968(B) and (C), the Commissioner forwarded a report (dated October 10, 2013) of proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees and presiding officers of the House and Senate.

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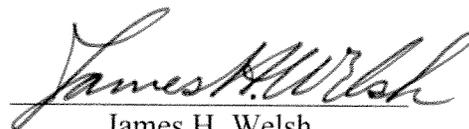
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The Office of Conservation expects to publish the final rule in the Louisiana Register as soon as permissible under the Administrative Procedures Act. Please inform us of your decision on whether or not you intend to hold a hearing as permitted by La R.S. 49:968.D(2)(a). Contact Mr. Tyler Gray, Attorney, LDNR, Office of Conservation, Executive Division at (225) 342-5570, for any clarification of the above or for any additional information.

Yours very truly,



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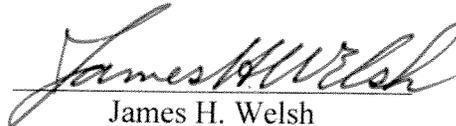
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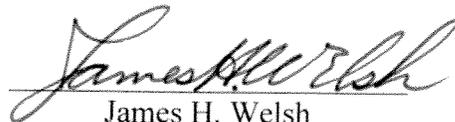
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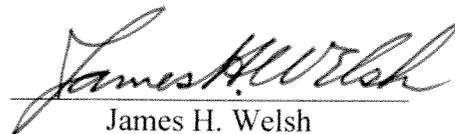
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