State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION
March 8, 2019

Senator John A. Alario, Jr., President
Senator Norbert Chabert, Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker
Representative Stuart Bishop, Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Report of Proposed Amendment to
Department of Natural Resources Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:1.Chapter 23 (2301 and 2303)
Making OSR Rules Consistent with Current Law

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend LAC 43:1 Chapter 23, sections 2301 and 2303 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.

I. Copy of the rule as it is proposed for amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(1):

See the attached Notice of Intent.

II. Statement of the proposed action per La R.S. 49:968.C(2):

The current rule reflects the law at the time the rule was first promulgated in 1995. Since then, the law has been changed multiple times, but the regulations have not been amended to reflect those changes. The proposed rule changes will make the regulations consistent with the law by incorporating the applicable law by reference.

III. The specific citation of the enabling legislation purporting to authorize amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(3):

La R.S 30:80 et seq.

IV. Statement of the circumstances requiring amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(4):
Initial Notice to Oversight Authorities

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V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

The fiscal and economic impact statement is attached to this report.

A notice of intent to initiate rule-making will be published in the Louisiana Register on March 20, 2019, with a public comment period on the proposal scheduled to remain open until April 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Please contact me at 225-342-7889 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

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Attachments