



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

January 4, 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
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 5 (Statewide Order No. 29-B)
Simplifying Alternative Source Well Permit Process

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX to add a Chapter 8 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 proposed amendment is to condense rules and procedures from several departments and locations to provide a single location for a comprehensive compilation of procedural requirements for permitting, construction, operation, maintenance, plugging and abandonment of alternative source wells installed for production of subsurface water containing greater than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids (TDS).

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 30:4 et seq.

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

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Initial Notice to Oversight Authorities

The current rules for permitting wells producing water containing more than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids are located in several different places and handles by several different divisions within the Department. By combining these rules into one comprehensive and succinct set of procedures, the proposed rule changes may reduce the time needed to contact various agency staff to gather together all applicable requirements for permitting, operating and plugging these types of wells.

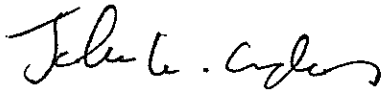
V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

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 January 20, 2019, with a public comment period on the proposal scheduled to remain open until February 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