



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

July 14, 2021

Senator Page Cortez, President
Senator Bob Hensgens, Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Representative Clay Schexnayders, Speaker
Representative Jean-Paul Coussan, 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.115 (Statewide Order No. 29-B)
Increasing Safety Involving Oil and Gas Storage Tanks

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.115 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 entitled "2021 07 14 NOI Tank Safety underlined and strikethrough version."

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

The proposed rule changes will increase safety and prevent future accidents involving oil and gas storage tanks on drilling sites.

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):

In March of 2021 some teenagers were apparently playing on an oil storage tank and ignited the contents causing an explosion which resulted in the death of one of the teenagers. Conservation has initiated these rules to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

Initial Notice to Oversight Authorities

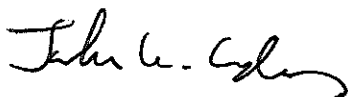
V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

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 July 20, 2021, with a public hearing scheduled for 11:00 am on August 24, 2021 and a comment period scheduled to remain open until 4:00 PM August 31, 2021.

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

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John W. Adams
Attorney, Office of Conservation

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Attachments