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State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

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Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President
Senator Bob Hensgens, Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Senator Eddie Lambert, Environmental Quality Chairman
Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker
Representative Jean-Paul Coussan, Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Summary Report of Proposed Amendment to

Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations

LAC 43:XIII:Chapters 3-61 and LAC 33:V.Chapter 304

For Compliance with Act 634 of 2016

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIII:Chapters 3-61 and LAC 33:Part V.Chapter 304 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 rule changes are required as a part of the Department of Natural Resources certification agreement with the US Department of Transportation and are intended to adopt existing federal regulations as state regulations.

In accordance with La R.S. 49:968.B and C. the Commissioner forwarded a report (dated May 7, 2021) of proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices.

A public comment period held open until June 21, 2021, which afforded interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule amendments. Pursuant to La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b), the Commissioner of Conservation submits the following summary report.

I. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(i) – A summary of public hearing testimony:

No hearing was requested so no hearing was held.

II. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(ii) – A summary of all comments received, a copy of the agency's responses, and a statement of the agency's action resulting from comments received:

No comments were received during the hearing or comment period.

III. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iii) – A revision of the proposed rule since submitting the report of La R.S. 49:968.B, or a statement that no changes were made:

No changes were made since submitting the previous report.

IV. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iv) – A concise statement of the principal reasons for and against adoption of any amendments or changes suggested:

No changes or amendments are intended to be implemented.

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).

Please contact me at 225-219-3799 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

Michael Peikert Assistant Director, Pipeline Division Office of Conservation

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