NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

(LAC 56:I.303 and 503)

 The Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 56 I.303.B and LAC 56:I.505.B 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 amendment includes reference to the use of the “Guidance Manual for Environmental Boreholes & Monitoring Systems” in the water well registration and plugging and abandonment regulations of Title 56.

Title 56

PUBLIC WORKS

Part I. Water Wells

Chapter 3. Water Well Construction

**§303. Purpose**

**A…**

**B.** All work related to environmental boreholes and monitoring systems shall conform to the requirements of this chapter. A resource available to drillers as reference material of common industry practices for installation of environmental boreholes and monitoring systems is the “Guidance Manual for Environmental Boreholes and Monitoring Systems,” dated November 2021, available online at: http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov/guidance-manual.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 38:3091-R.S. 38:309.8.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, LR 1:249 (May 1975), amended LR 11:952 (October 1985), repromulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, LR 31:942 (April 2005).

**Chapter 5. Plugging and Sealing of Abandoned Water Well Holes**

**§503. Purpose**

 **A…**

**B.** All work related to environmental boreholes and monitoring systems shall conform to the requirements of this chapter. A resource available to drillers as reference material of common industry practices for installation of environmental boreholes and monitoring systems is the “Guidance Manual for Environmental Boreholes and Monitoring Systems,” dated November 2021, available online at: http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov/guidance-manual.

 AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 38:2091-R.S. 38:3097.

 HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, LR 1:249 (May 1975), amended LR 11:960 (October 1985), repromulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, LR 31:942 (April 2005).

 Family Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This Rule has no known impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.6.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, in writing. Written comments will be accepted by hand delivery or USPS only, until 4:30 p.m., April 10, 2022 at Office of Conservation, Executive Division, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275; or Office of Conservation, Environmental Division, 617 North Third Street, Room 847-D, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. All inquiries should be directed to Timothy Schroeder at the above addresses or by phone to (225) 342-8244. No preamble was prepared.

Richard P. Ieyoub

Commissioner

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state or local governmental expenditures as a result of the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change codifies into the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 56 Part I regulations that reference the use of the recently updated and revised “Guidance Manual for Environmental Boreholes & Monitoring Systems” as recommended by the Advisory Committee for the Regulation and Control of Water Well Drillers (Drillers Advisory Committee).

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on revenue collections of state or local government units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated cost increases associated with the proposed amendment.

The proposed regulatory amendment includes reference to the use of the “Guidance Manual for Environmental Boreholes & Monitoring Systems” in the water well registration and plugging and abandonment regulations of Title 56.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on water well driller competition and employment.