Senator John A. Alario, Jr., President
Senator Gerald Long, Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Representative Chuck Kieckley, Speaker
Representative Gordon E. Dove, Sr., 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.118 (Statewide Order No. 29-B)
30 day Work History Report

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.118 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 is made to extend the time frame for submitting the Work History Report following a hydraulic fracture stimulation operation from 20 days to 30 days.

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 Louisiana Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.118 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 is made to extend the time frame for submitting the Work History Report following a hydraulic fracture stimulation operation from 20 days to 30 days.

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 30:4et seq.
IV. Statement of the circumstances requiring amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(4):

The proposed amendment is made at the request of the regulated industry. As a result of better technology allowing for longer laterals, the time necessary to prepare the surveys required to be filed with the Work History Report has increased. Conservation recognizes this as a legitimate request.

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 August 20, 2015, with a public hearing on the proposal scheduled for September 28, 2015 at 9 AM.

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

Yours very truly,

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Attachments