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Representative Clay Shexnayder, Speaker
Representative Jean-Paul Coussan, Natural Resources and Environment Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed Email

Re: Report of Proposed Rule Amendments
Class II Community Saltwater Injection Wells and Systems
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XIX Chapter 3 (Statewide Order 29-B-3)

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to promulgate rule amendments to LAC 43:XIX Chapter 3 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana.

I. A 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 action is a rule amendment for Class II Community Saltwater Injection Wells and Systems. The proposed rule change will allow operators to re-use produced water or brine on a noncommercial basis for enhanced recovery projects via Class II injection wells.

Oversight is held by the Underground Injection Control Program (UIC Program), located within the Louisiana Office of Conservation. Class II wells are a federally-designated well class used to inject fluids associated with oil and natural gas production. The UIC Program already holds Primary Enforcement Authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for Class II wells.

III. The specific citation of the enabling legislation purporting to authorize adoption of the rule per La R.S.49:968.C(3):

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La R.S. 30:4 et seq.

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

Although the UIC Program has held regulatory oversight for these types of wells since 1982, adoption of these revisions will enable operators of oil and gas wells located near enhanced recovery injection projects to properly dispose of their produced water or brine without having to install injection wells or commercially dispose of their waste.

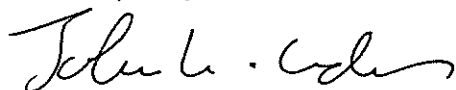
V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

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 October 20, 2022, with a public comment period on the proposed rule scheduled to remain open until December 1, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

Please contact Steve Lee, Director of the Injection and Mining Division, at (225) 342-5569.

Yours very truly,



John Adams, Assistant Commissioner
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Attachments