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Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Post Hearing Report of Proposed Amendment to
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XVII Chapters 3 and 33(Statewide Order No's. 29-M and 29-M-3)

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 47 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 bring Conservation rules into compliance with Act 362 of the 2015 Legislative Session and will adopt an expedited permit processing program.

In accordance with La R.S. 49:968.B and C. the Commissioner forwarded a report (dated October 9, 2015) of proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices.

No public hearing was held as none was requested but a public comment period was held open from October 20, 2015 to November 9, 2015, under Docket Number CRA 2015-12, 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 of the public hearing.

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

As no public hearing was requested, no public hearing was held and no testimony was received.

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:

During the open comment period, several letters containing comments were received. All comments received requested additional elaboration on specific processes or pointed out typographical issues that should be addressed. As none of the comments received were directly opposed to the implementation of the rule amendments and none

rose to a level necessitating a delay in the current publication schedule, the currently proposed rule will proceed as is and each of the comments received, including those pointing out typographical issues, will be addressed in future rulemaking proposals.

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:

In light of the response to comments above, 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 225-342-7889 if there are any questions or if any clarification of the above is needed.

Yours very truly,



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