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Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation

Groundwater Conservation District Reporting Checklists

In fulfillment of its requirements under Act 425 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation hereby issues a reporting form and checklist, with instructions, for the each of the state's groundwater conservation districts.

Specifically, Act 425 of 2017 mandated that on May 1 and November 1 of each year, "each ground water conservation district created by law or designated as a regional body, pursuant to R.S. 38:3097.4(D)(6), shall submit to the commissioner of conservation, the Water Resources Commission, the Water Management Advisory Task Force, the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment a written report detailing the district's ground water resources and the activities and actions taken with respect to each of the district's powers delineated by laws creating the district." Further, Act 425 noted that these reports "shall also include but not be limited to the amount of water used for residential, commercial or industrial, or agricultural purposes, respectively; actual and projected saltwater intrusion or encroachment; and any current or projected sale of water for use outside the state, including the amount of water so sold and the price paid by each out-of-state user."

Finally, Act 425 mandated that the Commissioner of Conservation "shall ensure submission of the semiannual reports required of the ground water conservation districts by R.S. 38:3097.8," and "shall promulgate a form with a checklist of the pertinent information required to be included in the semi-annual report." If the reports are not submitted in a timely fashion or do not include the pertinent information required, Act 425 authorizes the Commissioner of Conservation to require monthly submissions of reports "until he is satisfied with [their] adequacy and informative nature."

After accepting comments from the two existing groundwater conservation districts, the Office of Conservation has created the required "form with a checklist" for each commission (the Sparta Ground Water Conservation Commission and the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission) based upon the requirements of Act 425. For more information on correspondence, comments, and responses associated with this process, visit <http://dnr.la.gov/act425>. The form with checklist for each commission is listed below.

**Act 425 Guidance Form with Checklist for the Sparta
Ground Water Conservation District**
General Instructions

The purpose of this form with checklist is to ensure proper and complete submission of all information as required under Act 425 of 2017. The requested information shall be provided in an official, written report, with each reporting item clearly identified. It may be that some items can effectively be combined into a single table, chart, spreadsheet, or other graphic; this being the case, please identify the items thus reported. If the district is unable to

provide any of the requested information, an explanation or justification must be provided, subject to acceptance or rejection by the Commissioner of Conservation (attachments may be appended to the official report as needed).

The reports are to be submitted semi-annually, due on May 1 and November 1 of each year. If these reports are found to be deficient in the judgment of the Commissioner of Conservation, subsequent reports will be due on a monthly basis (every 30 days after written and/or electronic notice of such deficiency is provided to the district by the office of conservation) until the reports are deemed acceptable. Any extraordinary or extenuating circumstances that will delay the timely submission of a report shall be communicated to the Office of Conservation as soon as possible along with an expected date for completion.

Please verify the following are provided:

____A. A list showing members and officers of the board of commissioners ("board") of the Sparta Ground Water Conservation District, including the bodies that such members represent and any changes in Board membership over the preceding six months.

____B. Copies of the agendas and minutes and/or summaries of all board meetings and any public hearings heard by the Board, including a list of submissions to the Board, for the preceding six months.

____C. A brief summary of the 1) scope, 2) term, and 3) cost of any cooperative agreements and/or contracts, including funding of scientific investigations, entered into by the Board over the preceding six months, such agreements and/or contracts being relative to the study and/or survey of the groundwater resources in the Sparta District, including:

____1. Recommendations for conservation of groundwater resources within the Sparta District;

____2. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging groundwater level drawdowns within the Sparta District;

____3. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging land surface subsidence within the Sparta District; and

____4. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging groundwater quality degradation, including saltwater encroachment, within the Sparta District.

____D. A narrative description and status update of actual and projected saltwater intrusion/encroachment within the groundwater systems of the Sparta District.

____E. A brief summary of the findings of any scientific investigations relative to the study and/or survey of the groundwater resources in the Sparta District released over the preceding six months, such investigations having been funded in whole or in part by the Board. *Copies of abstracts and links to full reports on-line are acceptable substitutions.*

____F. A summary of any out-of-state groundwater sales originating from within the Sparta District over the preceding six months, showing: 1) volumes of groundwater sold by parish and vendor, 2) the out-of-state entity or entities to which this groundwater was sold, and 3) the price paid for this groundwater. *The Office of Conservation interprets the intent to be limited to out-of-state groundwater sales for the primary purpose of being a source of water for beneficial use (bulk water) and not to include groundwater*

utilized within the Sparta District or the State of Louisiana in the production of manufactured goods for commercial and/or industrial use or sale, such as beverages, solvents, gasoline, or other processed items.

____G. A summary of volumes of groundwater used for 1) residential, 2) commercial or industrial, and 3) agricultural purposes within the Sparta District during the preceding six months. The amounts used for industrial and agricultural purposes may be estimated. *For residential volumes, the Office of Conservation will accept numbers generated utilizing standard U.S. Geological Survey formulas for individual consumption.*

Act 425 Guidance Form with Checklist for the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District
General Instructions

The purpose of this form with checklist is to ensure proper and complete submission of all information as required under Act 425 of 2017. The requested information shall be provided in an official, written report, with each reporting item clearly identified. It may be that some items can effectively be combined into a single table, chart, spreadsheet, or other graphic; this being the case, please identify the items thus reported. If the District is unable to provide any of the requested information, an explanation or justification must be provided, subject to acceptance or rejection by the Commissioner of Conservation (attachments may be appended to the official report as needed).

The reports are to be submitted semi-annually, due on May 1 and November 1 of each year. If these reports are found to be deficient in the judgment of the Commissioner of Conservation, subsequent reports will be due on a monthly basis (every 30 days after written and/or electronic notice of such deficiency is provided to the District by the Office of Conservation) until the reports are deemed acceptable. Any extraordinary or extenuating circumstances that will delay the timely submission of a report shall be communicated to the Office of Conservation as soon as possible along with an expected date for completion.

For each report, please verify the following are provided:

____A. A list showing members and officers of the board of commissioners ("Board") of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District ("CAGWCD"), including the bodies that such members represent and any changes in Board membership over the preceding six months.

____B. Copies of the agendas and minutes and/or summaries of all Board meetings and any public hearings conducted by the Board, including a list of submissions to the Board, for the preceding six months.

____C. A brief summary of the 1) scope, 2) term, and 3) cost of any cooperative agreements and/or contracts, including funding of scientific investigations, entered into by the Board over the preceding six months, such agreements and/or contracts being relative to the study and/or survey of the groundwater resources in the CAGWCD, including:

____1. Recommendations for conservation of groundwater resources within the CAGWCD;

____2. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging groundwater level drawdowns within the CAGWCD;

____3. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging land surface subsidence within the CAGWCD; and

____4. Prevention and/or alleviation of damaging/potentially damaging groundwater quality degradation, including saltwater encroachment, within the CAGWCD.

____D. A narrative description and status update of actual and projected saltwater intrusion/encroachment within the groundwater systems of the CAGWCD.

____E. A narrative description and status update of any actual and projected land surface subsidence within the CAGWCD.

____F. Copies of updated CAGWCD management plans and/or other strategy documents adopted by the Board relative to the study, mitigation, and/or general management of groundwater resources, saltwater intrusion, and land subsidence within the CAGWCD. *After the first report submission, such documents may be submitted once annually at the discretion of the Board.*

____G. A narrative summary and scientific analysis (if available) detailing the operational status and effectiveness of any structures installed within the groundwater systems of the CAGWCD to mitigate and/or otherwise manage actual and projected saltwater intrusion/encroachment.

____H. A brief summary of the findings of any scientific investigations relative to the study and/or survey of groundwater resources and land subsidence in the CAGWCD released over the preceding six months, such investigations having been funded in whole or in part by the Board. *Copies of abstracts and links to full reports on-line are acceptable substitutions.*

____I. A description of existing groundwater production limits within the CAGWCD as authorized by the Board, identifying 1) the date such limits were adopted, 2) the reason(s) for adoption of such limits, 3) the production limits by aquifer, and 4) the production limits by regulated user. *Here and hereinafter, "user" as defined by R.S. 38:3073.*

____J. A list of existing regulated users within the CAGWCD.

____K. The total regulated groundwater pumping volume for each regulated user within the CAGWCD over the preceding six months. This list should show for each regulated user: 1) the total regulated groundwater pumping volume; 2) the classification by use (according to CAGWCD statutes and rules) of this pumping volume; 3) the parish location of this regulated groundwater production; and 4) the source, by aquifer(s), of this regulated groundwater production.

____L. The current charge or fee assessed on regulated groundwater use within the CAGWCD.

____M. The total groundwater use assessment (fee) imposed on each regulated user over the preceding six (6) months.

____N. A list identifying new wells permitted and/or installed within the CAGWCD according to its statutes and rules over the preceding six (6) months, showing for each new well: 1) its owner; 2) its classification by use; 3) its location by parish; 4) its location by aquifer; and 5) its actual and/or projected annual groundwater pumping volume.

____O. A list identifying permitted wells plugged and abandoned (P and A) according to CAGWCD statutes and rules over the preceding six months, showing for each P&A well: 1) its owner; 2) its classification by use; 3) its location by parish; 4) its location by aquifer; and 5) its former annual groundwater pumping volume.

____P. A summary of any out-of-state groundwater sales from the CAGWCD over the preceding six months, showing: 1) vendor; 2) volumes of groundwater produced and sold; 3) parishes of production; 4) out-of-state entity or entities to which groundwater was sold; and 5) the price paid for this groundwater. *The Office of Conservation interprets the intent to be limited to out-of-state groundwater sales for the primary purpose of being a source of water for beneficial use (bulk water) and not to include groundwater utilized within the CAGWCD or the State of Louisiana in the production of manufactured goods for commercial and/or industrial use or sale, such as beverages, solvents, gasoline, or other processed items.*

____Q. A summary of volumes of groundwater pumped from within the CAGWCD during the preceding six months and transported out-of-district as part of a public supply or industrial distribution system. For each regulated user thus engaged, indicate: 1) total volume of groundwater produced for out-of-district distribution; 2) parish of production; and 3) end distribution point, by parish.

____R. A summary of volumes of groundwater used for 1) residential, 2) commercial or industrial, and 3) agricultural purposes within the CAGWCD during the preceding six months. The amounts used for industrial and agricultural purposes may be estimated. *For residential volumes, the Office of Conservation will accept numbers generated utilizing standard U.S. Geological Survey formulas for individual consumption.*

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Commissioner

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Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Kilroy Co Of Texas, Inc.	Wildcat-So La Houma Dist	L	City of New Orleans	001	145435
J. C. Trahan Drlg. Contr Inc.	Wildcat-So La Houma Dist	L	Lafourche Realty Company	004	86336
C. F. Braun & Company	Wildcat-So La Houma Dist	L	City of New Orleans	001	160450
Unknown	Caddo Pine	S	Darnsdall	003	990484

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
	Island				
Eidos Energy, Inc.	North Bon Air	L	John R Higgins	001	236745
Jehnnny May	Wildcat-No La Monroe Dist	M	George C Yarbrough et al A	001	163442
Marie Parker	Monroe	M	Russell	001	142791
Ross Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Goodwin	004	24920
Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Co	Wildcat-So La Lafayette Dist	L	Theo Smith Patrick	001	56479
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Wylie Heirs	010	220286
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Herbert Cox et al	002	215891
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Hlywd 1 Ra Sua; Robert Cox	001-ALT	153307
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Hlywd 1 Ra Sua; O H Wylie Heirs	003	140143
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Realty Ra Sua; Morris Blanchard	002	173356
Baby Oil, Inc.	Ouisqi Bayou	L	Re Ra Sua; T Goldsby	003	222386
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Wylie Heirs	012	221808
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Bourg Rb Sua; Bergeron	001	209519
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Tex W-2 Ra Sua; J C Walker	1	223756
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Hlywd 1 Rf Sua; Wylie	001	148013
Baby Oil, Inc.	Ouisqi Bayou	L	Cib O Ra Sua; T Goldsby	002	215371
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Hlywd 1 Ra Sua; O H Wylie Heirs	006-ALT	213261
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Bourg Ra Sua; Succ Lillie C Cox	005	216924
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Orange Grove Swd	001	144271
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	L D Riggs et al	015	217522
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	L D Riggs et al	013	214169
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Hlywd 1 Re Sua; L D Riggs Et al	011-ALT	214149
Baby Oil, Inc.	Orange Grove	L	Wylie Heirs	009	225170
Baby Oil, Inc.	Humphreys	L	Hlywd 1 Rc Sua; L D Riggs Ea 88	001-ALT	216270