

Date: **November 20, 2007**

To: **All Affected Parties**

From: **James H. Welsh**  
**Commissioner of Conservation**

Subject: **Suspension of Issuance of New Oil & Gas Drilling Permits, Form MD-10-R**

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Effective December 1, 2007, and for a period of 120 days thereafter, the Office of Conservation hereby suspends the practice of issuing Drilling Permits for Oil & Gas wells with a surface location within one-quarter mile of the following Interstate Highways in Louisiana: I-10, I-12, I-20, I-49, I-55, I-110, I-210, I-310, I-510, and I-610.

During this moratorium, the Engineering Division of the Office of Conservation will no longer issue drilling permits for such wells.

**ISSUED THIS DATE PURSUANT TO LAW:**

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**JAMES H. WELSH, COMMISSIONER**  
**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF CONSERVATION**

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