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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Concerned

FROM: Joseph S. Ball, Jr., Director Injection and Mining Division

SUBJECT: Clarification of Fees Assessed for the Underground Injection Control Program

The following provides clarification on the assessment of certain fees contained in Statewide Order No. 29-R-08/09 (LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 7) effective November 20, 2008, as they pertain to the Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, Underground Injection Control Program.

 Statewide Order No. 29-R-08/09, §701 defines <u>Application for Noncommercial Injection Well</u> as, "an application to construct and/or operate a Class I, II, III or V noncommercial injection well, as authorized by Statewide Order Nos. 29-B (LAC 43:XIX.401 et seq), 29-M (LAC 43:XVII.301 et seq), 29-N-1 (LAC 43:XVII.101 et seq), 29-N-2 (LAC 43:XVII.201 et seq), 29-M-2 (LAC 43:XVII.3101 et seq), or successor regulations."

Based on the above definition, all requests for the following must be accompanied with a non-refundable fee of \$252 per well as stipulated in Statewide Order No. 29-R-08/09, §703:

- a. Class V well projects submitted on Form UIC-25 or other format.
- b. Class II applications submitted on Form UIC-14, <u>Application for Subsurface Disposal of</u> <u>Reserve Pit Fluids</u>.

The applicable fees for Class I, other Class II, and Class III injection wells are as stipulated in the Office of Conservation fee schedule.

2. Statewide Order No. 29-R-08/09, §701 defines <u>Application to Amend Permit to Drill (Injection</u> or Other) as, "an application to alter, amend, or change a permit to drill, construct and/or operate an injection, or other well after its initial issuance, as authorized by R.S. 30:28."

Injection and Mining Division

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- a. Form UIC-13, Community Saltwater Disposal System Notification.
- b. Form UIC-32, Application to Change Disposal/Injection Zone.
- c. The fee will apply to the following amended permit actions regardless of the form or format of the request:
 - i. Sidetrack an existing injection well to the well's existing permitted injection zone.
 - ii. Amend the surface or bottom-hole location of an injection well after any approval-toconstruct has been issued.
 - iii. Amend an injection well's permit after any approval-to-construct or permit-to-inject has been issued. This includes, but may not be limited to, permit modifications to:
 - (a) amend the injection well's maximum authorized surface injection pressure (MASIP) if the change is requested after any permit-to-inject has been issued.
 - (b) amend an approved work prognosis to drill a new injection well or convert an existing well to injection after any approval-to-construct has been issued.
 - (c) amend the proposed injection zone after any approval-to-construct has been issued.

The information contained herein is effective November 20, 2008, and thereafter. Contact the Injection and Mining Division at 225-342-5515 if you have questions.

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