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## State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 9, 2024

**TO:** Benjamin C. Bienvenu, Commissioner  
Office of Conservation

**FROM:** Stephen H. Lee, Director  
Injection and Mining Division

**SUBJECT:** IMD-GS-16, Financial Security for Class I, II, III, V, and VI Injection Wells

On August 22, 2024 this Office adopted Injection and Mining Division Guidance Policy No. IMD-GS-16 detailing requirements for the submittal of cost estimates for the plugging, abandonment, closure and post-closure care of Class I, II, III, V and VI injection wells and any related facilities. The required cost estimates are necessary to ensure that adequate financial surety is provided to this Office by the applicant or operator in the event it becomes necessary for the state of Louisiana to close the facility.

On October 9, 2024 the State Mineral and Energy Board of the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources (LDENR) became the principal authority over the administration of financial surety for all wells regulated by the LDENR. In deference to this authority, effective immediately the above referenced IMD-GS-16 is revoked.

**Approved By:**

A blue ink signature of Stephen H. Lee, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Stephen H. Lee, Director  
Injection & Mining Division

A blue ink signature of Benjamin C. Bienvenu, written in a cursive style.

Benjamin C. Bienvenu  
Commissioner of Conservation