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Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Report of Proposed Amendment to
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 33:V. Chapter 30105
For Compliance with Act 634 of 2016

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 33:V. Chapter 30105 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.

I. Copy of the rule as it is proposed for amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(1):

See the attached Notice of Intent.

II. Statement of the proposed action per La R.S. 49:968.C(2):

The Louisiana Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 33:V. Chapter 30105 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq. The proposed rule changes for LAC 33:V add chlorine into the definition of hazardous liquid.

III. The specific citation of the enabling legislation purporting to authorize amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(3):

La R.S 30:4et seq.

IV. Statement of the circumstances requiring amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(4):

The proposed rule change is to eliminate a safety gap with chlorine. Chlorine is currently regulated as a gas by US Department of Transportation and Louisiana, but not as a hazardous liquid. The safety hazards associated with chlorine are more pronounced in the liquid form, since the expansion ratio is 460:1 and chlorine gas is 2.5 times heavier than air.

V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

The fiscal and economic impact statement is attached to this report.

A notice of intent to initiate rule-making will be published in the Louisiana Register on August 20, 2025, with a public comment period on the proposal scheduled to remain open until October 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Please contact me at 225-219-3799 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

Michael Peikert
Assistant Director, Pipeline Division
Office of Conservation

Attachments