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Meet LDEQ's new Secretary, Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto

Newly appointed Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Howard University, her Master of Science in molecular genetics and animal science from Purdue University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law.



LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto

She is an attorney, biologist and conservationist. She was director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and CEO of the nonprofit the International Order of T. Roosevelt. Her education and experience allow her a wide and unique perspective on Louisiana's culture and environmental issues.

Secretary Giacometto took time in her first week at LDEQ to address the over 700 employees through two town hall meetings. She shared her vision for the agency and its alignment with Gov. Jeff Landry's "Welcome Back Home Louisiana" message. She outlined the five tenets that will serve as LDEQ's guiding principles:

1. **Striking a Regulatory Balance,**
2. **Building Our Future,**
3. **Modernizing for the Next 100 Years,**
4. **Sustainably Developing and Managing Our Natural Resources, and**
5. **Creating Trust by Being Good Stewards.**

Secretary Giacometto walked through her background, from her family roots in rural Mississippi to serving as the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where she received bipartisan support from the U.S. Senate. As a biologist and lawyer, most of her career was in the private sector within divisions of regulatory sciences and legal. This invaluable experience from the private and federal sectors will help streamline processes within LDEQ and leverage new technology to better serve Louisiana, its visitors and all industries within the state. Secretary Giacometto emphasized that services provided by LDEQ are notable and incredibly important to maintaining Louisiana's economy, reputation and overall quality of life. She boasted that LDEQ employees are the agency's most valuable asset, and she plans to utilize all of the individual talent and skills that each employee brings to the table.

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LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto shared her vision for LDEQ to employees in January.

The Secretary committed to visiting each of the regions within her first six months on the job, as well as to getting into the field to see projects first-hand. She channeled Gov. Landry’s message about the environment from his inaugural speech where he stated, “As we shape policy and seek solutions to the challenges of energy, exploration, production, conservation practices and the protection of our precious environment, we shall seek and we shall heed all of the science.” Secretary Giacometto echoed those sentiments by telling employees that LDEQ plays a significant role in the relationship between industry, sustainably and responsibly of developing the state’s vast natural resources. She affirmed that “all of the decisions that I make are based on sound science, the rule of law and a thing called common sense.”

As Giacometto closed each of the town hall meetings, she highlighted the importance of transparency, within all levels of the agency and to the public. She also encouraged the LDEQ employees that “we will make the best decisions using the science and the data. There will be good days and there will be challenging days, but we will work hard and be sure to celebrate the wins.”

LDEQ announces goals for 2024

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto announced the goals for the agency. These goals align with Governor Jeff Landry’s executive order and his agenda that Louisiana is open for business.

- Developing an electronic permitting system
- Reducing permit wait times
- Reducing permit backlogs
- Curbing public perception

Secretary Giacometto outlined the goals and stated in her introduction to the Senate Environmental Committee in March that “these actions are unprecedented, but I have full faith in our team to accomplish them. Permitting has been an issue here for quite some time, and residents and businesses deserve an efficient and streamlined process. It is time to get out of the Stone Age and modernize our processes, while also educating the public on the great work that we do here at LDEQ. Let’s get into the Space Age.” Secretary Giacometto referenced a placard featuring Fred Flintstone and George Jetson.



Gov. Landry announced the executive order on Feb. 5, 2024 at the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas (LMOGA) annual meeting where Secretary Giacometto was invited to speak. The order requires LDEQ and the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources (LDENR) to collaborate on a solution to expedite permitting and create a dashboard to see the process in real time. LDEQ’s goals reflect the Governor’s agenda.

Educating and engaging with the public is another priority for Secretary Giacometto. “Residents should fully understand what our agency does and how we can support them. We will be more visible in local communities, and we plan to highlight all of the things that we do in the press and online.”

To learn more about Gov. Landry’s order, click here: <https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/ExecutiveOrders/2024/JML-Executive-Order-17.pdf>

LDEQ awards St. Helena Parish School District funds for school bus replacement



LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto presents the St. Helena Parish School Board with a check for \$41,986.50.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is granting the St. Helena Parish School District funding from the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund to replace old diesel school buses with newer environmentally friendly buses. LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto traveled to Greensburg to deliver the check to school administrators on March 15.

“The St. Helena Parish School District would like to thank LDEQ for the funds awarded to us today. We appreciate that the Secretary was able to take time out of her busy schedule to come in person to make this presentation,” Vice President Virginia Bell said.

“These funds will serve to strengthen our capacity to provide services to our learners. So again, we thank you and look forward to the positive impact that this award will have on our school system.”

The Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Settlement Fund is a disbursement program that was enacted after Volkswagen (VW) entered a plea to a software violation with EPA. VW was required to pay \$2.9 billion into an environmental mitigation trust fund to be shared among the states and tribes, including \$19.8 million in Louisiana.

“Moving forward,” Volkswagen Group CEO Matthias Müller said in a company release, “will require us—following the serious setback as a result of the diesel issue—to learn from mistakes made, rectify shortcomings and establish a corporate culture that is open, value-driven and rooted in integrity.”

There were three Louisiana state agencies designated to receive equal shares of the fund: LDEQ, Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources (LDENR) and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD). These agencies were tasked to allocate the VW Mitigation Trust funds with LDEQ designated as the lead agency. LDEQ and LDENR pooled their portions of the funds to target the replacement of eligible diesel school buses, while LDOTD utilized its portion to update its truck fleet with clean-burning diesel trucks.

St. Helena Parish will receive \$41,986.50 in total from LDEQ. “Better buses will save energy and reduce emissions while transporting students to and from school,” Secretary Giacometto emphasized.

The State of Louisiana has awarded \$11,917,845.89 to sixteen parish school boards who applied for funding under the VW Environmental Mitigation Settlement. Approximately 156 of the 351 buses receiving funding are propane or CNG driven.

For more information on the VW Settlement, go to <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/louisiana-volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust>.

2024 Louisiana Environmental Conference and Trade Fair held in March



The Louisiana Solid Waste Association (LSWA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) hosted the Louisiana Environmental Conference (LEC) and Trade Fair on March 14-15 at the Cajun Dome Convention Center in Lafayette.

The multimedia conference allowed opportunities for audiences to learn about new environmental topics and the latest regulations. LEC attendees were able to network with LDEQ personnel and others in public and private environmental sectors.

Attendees were able to talk with professionals about environmental topics like air and water permitting, waste management and safety, compliance and enforcement, underground storage tanks and remediation programs.

Featured exhibits showcased the latest environmental products. The event was also an opportunity to engage in professional development and gain continuing education units. Many LDEQ employees participated in the conference by presenting topics of interest, exhibiting and offering on-hand help.

For more information about the conference, visit www.lswa.us/conference.



LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto speaks with attendees of the 2024 Louisiana Environmental Conference and Trade Show in Lafayette.

Louisiana Envirothon team to return to national competition

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Tree Huggers, took home the gold again this year in Louisiana Envirothon's 20th consecutive competition. The competition was held March 6 at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. The Tree Huggers were the winners of last year's Louisiana Envirothon and were 11th place winners at the 2023 NCF-Envirothon competition.

Three of 12 participating high school teams scored high enough on their tests to qualify to represent Louisiana at the NCF-Envirothon competition in Geneva, N.Y., July 28 to Aug. 3., 2024.

"All participating teams worked really hard this year, and we are so proud of them for all for the extra commitment to participate in the competition," Coordinator of Envirothon and LDEQ Business Analytics Specialist Tomeka Prioleau said. "This year, the current issue was Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future, and students had to conceptualize what Louisiana's energy profile would look like in the future and what measures need to be taken to enable it. Students dove into this topic, and we were very impressed with the solutions they shared. The Tree Huggers did really well last year, placing 11th overall, and we look forward to see how well they do this year as they compete for prizes and scholarships."

The 2024 Louisiana Envirothon, an environmental problem solving competition, was hosted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) in collaboration with other Louisiana organizations. The competition included testing in aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife, as well as a current issue and an oral presentation. Envirothon teams consisted of five students who answered test questions about the subjects and presented an oral presentation on the current issue. The Louisiana Envirothon is a part of the NCF Envirothon, which includes 50 states, Canadian Provinces, China and Singapore. Envirothon serves as the largest high school environmental educational competition in North America.

Participating schools included Arden Cahill Academy, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Caddo Magnet High School, Central High School, Doyle High School, Lafayette High School, Live Oak High School, Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy, Scotlandville Magnet High School and St. Anthony's School

The 2024 Louisiana Envirothon winners:

First place and highest score winners in Aquatics, Forestry, Soils and Wildlife: Baton Rouge Magnet High School's Tree Huggers. The team members include Brandon Line, Sarah Thomas, Andrew Wang, James Xu and Louisa Zhu.



First place winners: Baton Rouge Magnet High School's Tree Huggers



Second place winners: Baton Rouge Magnet High School's LeBeouf's Austrians



Third place winners: Caddo Magnet High School's Green Team

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Second place and highest score winners in Current Issue: Baton Rouge Magnet High School’s LeBeouf’s Austrians. The team members include Keya Chanda-Rastogi, Emily Chen, Sameen Enam, Sebastian Schoegl and Dhruva Sonti.

Third place winners: Caddo Magnet High School’s Green Team. The team members include Anika Alla, Soren Cate, Elaine Lu, Mason Sater and Alston Zhang.

Highest scores in Orals: Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy’s Slaystainable. Team members include Faye Fitzgerald, Haania Hafeez, Madeline Hartwell, Nhu Lam and Mira Ullo.

The major sponsor of Louisiana Envirothon is the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. Other sponsors include the Louisiana Environmental Health Association, the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts and the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Louisiana Envirothon partnered with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Southern University Urban Forestry Program, LSU School of Plant, Soil and Environmental Science, Shreveport Aquarium and Louisiana Environmental Education Commission to host the competition. For more information on Envirothon, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon or follow Louisiana Envirothon on **Facebook** or **Instagram**.



Highest scores in Orals: Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy’s Slaystainable



LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto spoke to Envirothon participants before the competition.



2024 Envirothon participants

LDEQ reflects on Black History Month

In February, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, (LDEQ) observed Black History Month. According to the NAACP, Carter G. Woodson was a scholar whose dedication to celebrating the historic contributions of Black people led to the establishment of Black History Month, marked every February in the United States since 1976. Woodson fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of Black Americans.



Carter G. Woodson

Woodson overcame early obstacles to become a prominent historian and author of several notable books on Black Americans. Born in 1875 to illiterate parents who were former slaves, Woodson's schooling was erratic. He helped out on the family farm when he was a young boy and as a teen worked in the coal mines of West Virginia to help support his father's meager income. Hungry for education, he was largely self-taught and had mastered common school subjects by the age of 17. Entering high school at the age of 20, Woodson completed his diploma in less than two years.

Woodson worked as a teacher and a school principal before obtaining a bachelor's degree in literature from Berea College in Kentucky. After graduating from college, he became a school supervisor in the Philippines and later traveled throughout Europe and Asia. In addition to earning a master's degree from the University of Chicago, he became the second Black American, after W.E.B. Du Bois, to obtain a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University. He joined the faculty of Howard University, eventually serving as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Woodson's work to showcase contributions of Black Americans bore fruit in 1926 when he launched Negro History Week in the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Woodson's concept was later expanded into Black History Month. Woodson died in 1950.

Woodson's legacy lives on each February as millions of Americans of all races celebrate Black History and learn about the achievements of Black Americans, some famous and some little known.

This past February, a few of LDEQ's employees paused to reflect on the meaning of Black History Month.

Rhyshima Parmes-Green enjoys black history month. "It gives us a period of the year to celebrate the people who have helped bring African Americans to the forefront," she said. "It helps celebrate the things they have done."

An environmental scientist in nonpoint source, Parmes-Green has worked at the LDEQ for nearly 17 years. She is active in her church, and they do a black history program each February. "The kids pick one person they want to represent." As a mom of four children herself (ages 19 to 1 years old), Parmes-Green knows about helping the mini Rosa Parks and Martin Luther Kings get dressed for the part.

"We will have each one of the kids be someone (from history)," Parmes-Green said. Black history is not just in February, she reminded, "It's all year long."

"We tend to overlook it," she said. "February is a good time. It puts a spotlight on the observance. That's a good thing for everyone," Parmes-Green said. "There is more awareness now. People speak out more and talk about things they couldn't talk about before."

Progress comes from that awareness, she said. She has marked gains over her career at LDEQ. "There were very few black scientists. There are more now," she said. "We're getting there."



*LDEQ Environmental Scientist
Rhyshima Parmes-Green*

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*LDEQ Environmental Scientist
India Ambeau*

LDEQ Environmental Scientist India Ambeau echoed Parms-Green’s sentiments.

“I think Black History Month is important because of all the people who came before us and made it possible for us to work in a place like this, made it possible for us to go to school,” Ambeau said with a wave of her hand to indicate the offices of LDEQ in Baton Rouge.

“These are opportunities that I have that my parents didn’t have,” she said. “It makes them proud.”

Ambeau is proud too, not just of her own considerable achievements, but of the sea of change that has occurred in industry and at state agencies like LDEQ.

“Even in the last two or three years, there is a large difference in the number of black employees we have. It’s young people too. That’s a good indication of the environment here.”

Ambeau has roots in the Baton Rouge area, across the Mississippi River in Port Allen. She recalls her mother playing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech every MLK Day. As she grew older, she became aware that someone in her family had been a Civil Rights pioneer.

“He was my uncle,” she said. “I never thought of him as being an important figure. He was a teacher in West Baton Rouge Parish.” After her Uncle EJ – Edward Searcy – retired and passed away, he was honored by having the Port Allen Black History Parade renamed in his honor, the Edward J. Searcy Black History Parade. Ambeau suddenly realized that Uncle EJ was more than just a teacher.

Searcy was a Civil Rights leader in the 1960s and led the formation of the Greater WBR Improvement Association that worked to overcome racial injustice, advocating for polling rights, education and civil rights for all residents of West Baton Rouge Parish. He led picket lines and helped stage sit-ins. He was a teacher at Port Allen High School for 55 years until he retired in 2010.

Ambeau is happy to look at the now of Black History – the advances in opportunities and employment and education – but she is always aware of how that progress originated with leaders like her uncle and other important figures in black history.

Don Wiley, an LDEQ auditor and Air Force veteran, said he enjoys there being a month to celebrate Black Americans.

“Black History Month is a way to honor Black Americans for their contribution to American society, whether it be the arts, sports or sciences,” Wiley said. “It’s just a way to show appreciation to these Americans.”

Wiley has been at LDEQ since 2012 and with civil service since 2002. Just in those 22 years, he has seen a change in culture. He’s witnessed more and more Black employees holding high positions and said he’s glad to see the hard work pay off and opportunities to arise, regardless of racial background.

Thank you Rhyshima, India and Don for your many years of dedicated service to our beautiful state!



LDEQ Auditor Don Wiley

Air Quality Awareness And You

Louisiana is called “Sportsman’s Paradise” and it has so many things to offer to its visitors and occupants. The environment is an instrumental component of the quality of life and good air quality is part of that. Louisiana has made great strides in reducing poor air quality. Twenty parishes were out of attainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone 30 years ago. No parishes are out of attainment for ozone in 2024. Since air quality affects all of us, it is important to know about it and how it may affect you and your activities.

If you are interested in current data and air quality information, there are many different ways to obtain it. You visit LDEQ’s Air Monitoring Data & AQI website at airquality.deq.louisiana.gov. There you will find current air quality data, forecasts, regional 8-hour and 1-hour ozone data, site (monitoring) data, including data from LDEQ’s mobile air monitoring labs (MAML). You can also sign up for ozone, PM 2.5 and Sulfur Dioxide notifications.

If you want to be notified about air quality in your area, you can sign up for EnviroFlash. EnviroFlash is an automated notification system, designed by EPA. It is a convenient way for the public to receive air quality information, air quality advisories and alerts and receive forecasts of what the air quality will be daily or only when it may be problematic. EnviroFlash is a partnership between EPA and LDEQ.

When you subscribe to Enviroflash, you will receive information via email daily or on demand at different air quality levels. When the ozone level is high or if the particle pollution is expected to be high, EnviroFlash sends an Air Quality Advisory with air quality information and protective actions you can take. The system is also set up to send you notifications of unusual events, such as fires, that might affect your air quality. To stay better informed about ozone, particulate pollution and other air quality matters, LDEQ encourages the public to sign up for the EnviroFlash system in their area which can be used to plan daily activities.

Subscribing to Enviroflash is fast, easy and free, and you decide which forecasts you get. To sign up, visit <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/enviroflash>.

Enviroflash users may choose the level on the Air Quality Index (AQI) at which they want to be notified:

- **GREEN** – Good
- **YELLOW** – Moderate
- **ORANGE** – Unhealthy for sensitive groups
(An advisory is issued at this level)
- **RED** – Unhealthy
(An advisory is issued at this level)
- **PURPLE** – Very Unhealthy
- **MAROON** – Hazardous
(An advisory is issued at this level)

LDEQ provides the current data and the forecasts so that Louisiana citizens can be informed and better able to take individual action to help improve air quality and do their part to protect human health and the environment.

Other resources include the EPA website, www.airnow.gov, which provides more local information.

AIR QUALITY INDEX FOR OZONE AND PM2.5				
Category	Value	Ozone 2008 8-HR (PPM)	24-HR PM2.5 (µg/m3)	Suggested Precautions
Good	0-50	0.000-0.059	0-15	None
Moderate	51-100	0.060-0.075	16-35	Unusually Sensitive People Limit Prolonged Outdoor Exertion
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150	0.076-0.095	36-65	Sensitive People & Children Limit Prolonged Outdoor Exertion
Unhealthy	151-200	0.096-0.115	66-150	Everyone Limit Prolonged Outdoor Exertion
Very Unhealthy	201-300	0.116-0.374	151-200	Sensitive People Avoid All Outdoor Exertion; Everyone Else Limit Prolonged Outdoor Exertion
Hazardous	301-500	0.375 & up	201 & up	Everyone, especially children and sensitive people, avoid all outdoor exertion.



Vivian Johnson

LDEQ mourns passing of longtime employee

On March 15, LDEQ Environmental Scientist Senior Vivian Johnson passed away. Johnson had been a vital part of the LDEQ Air Planning and Assessment Division since 2012. She was known for her vast knowledge and strong work ethic. She was a loyal and strong friend, always ready to help. She was brave and faced life's challenges with a can-do attitude and smile. She had a great sense of humor and the determination to conquer whatever she encountered. She was a unique and very special person.

One former coworker summed it up saying, "Vivian was a strong, compassionate, highly intelligent, beautiful person. Her life made the world a better place. She will be missed. LDEQ especially will feel her absence."

We will miss you, Viv!

Arrangements for her are pending.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful opens registration for the third annual Love the Boot Week

Love the Boot Week is scheduled for the week of April 20-28, 2024. It is Louisiana's largest litter and beautification event. In 2023, 12,777 volunteers in all 64 parishes removed 313 tons of litter. They planted 370 trees and 3,542 plants and refurbished 146 gardens. Love the Boot Week brings awareness to Louisiana's litter issues. Promoting litter awareness and improving the quality of life is the goal.

You can be a part of this week-long event by organizing and registering for an event at <https://keeplouisianabeautiful.org/love-the-boot/organize-an-event>.

Be involved and help Louisiana shine!

For more information, visit <https://keeplouisianabeautiful.org>.



LDEQ Acadiana Regional Office employees picked up litter in Lafayette during the 2023 Love The Book Week.

LOVE THE BOOT week
 SIGN UP TO CLEAN UP LOUISIANA!
APRIL 20-28, 2024
 KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL

LDEQ On The Move



LDEQ attends Woodlawn Middle School's STEM Day

On March 7, LDEQ Environmental Scientist India Ambeau attended Woodlawn Middle School's STEM Day in Baton Rouge. The event showcased organizations, businesses and programs that highlight STEM careers. Ambeau took the Enviroscape Model to present to over 700 sixth through eighth graders. The model was used to illustrate the effects of nonpoint source pollution, how it travels and how we can reduce it.

LDEQ attends St. Landry Parish B.L.A.S.T.

On March 21, LDEQ Environmental Scientist Perry Fontenot, III and Environmental Chemical Specialist Alyssa Auzenne were exhibitors at the St. Landry Parish B.L.A.S.T. (Boldly Living As Smart Teens). They showed a digital environmental presentation and handed out Envirothon literature to over 1,200 seventh grade students from all St. Landry Parish Schools. Students were taught how point source and nonpoint source pollution affected their day-to-day lives.



LDEQ recognized for outreach activities

On March 21, LDEQ was recognized by the EBR Parish School Board and Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) for their new partnership to provide outreach throughout the district. LDEQ Business Analytics Specialist Tomeka Prioleau and Environmental Scientist India Ambeau accepted this honor as part of the LDEQ Outreach Team.

The first in a series of planned outreach events for students in East Baton Rouge Parish through VIPS was on Jan. 20 at Jefferson Terrace Academy. Ambeau presented the Enviroscape model to 147 third, fourth and fifth grade students.



Who's Who At LDEQ?



**Jordan Perry – Environmental Scientist I,
Office of Environmental Assessment**

Perry is a Louisiana native. He received his bachelor's degree in biological science from LSU in May 2020. Perry previously worked for the Department of Environmental Services for the City of Baton Rouge. He worked in a laboratory. His job included running various bacteriological tests on water, sewage and industrial waste.

In his free time, Perry likes to play basketball, shop for antiques and travel.



**Melissa “Missy” Massey – Environmental Project Specialist,
Office of Environmental Services**

Massey is a native of Zachary. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from LSU. She taught middle school mathematics and science for 25 years before coming to LDEQ to work as an environmental project specialist.

In her spare time, she enjoys exercise and spending time with her family.

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