NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality

Office of the Secretary

Legal Division

Hazardous Waste Exclusions for Coal Combustion Residuals

(LAC 33:V.105) (HW119ft)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Hazardous Waste regulations, LAC 33:V.105 (Log #HW119ft).

This rule is identical to federal regulations found in 80FR21301, which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3985 or P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the rule. This rule will be promulgated in accordance with the procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This rule excludes certain residual solid wastes from coal combustion from the definition of hazardous waste in Louisiana. The state's hazardous waste program operates under a federal grant from the U.S. EPA. Part of the requirements for maintaining this grant is to maintain the Louisiana hazardous waste regulations so that they are equivalent to or more stringent than the corresponding federal regulations.

The basis and rationale of this rule are to mirror the federal regulations. This rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

**Family Impact Statement**

This rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

This rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

**Provider Impact Statement**

This rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

**Public Comments**

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by HW119ft. Such comments must be received no later than October 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Deidra Johnson, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to fax (225) 219-4068 or by e-mail to deidra.johnson@la.gov. The comment period for this rule ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of HW119ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx).

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on October 26, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Deidra Johnson at the address given below or at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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**Title 33**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials**

**Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality—Hazardous Waste**

**Chapter 1. General Provisions and Definitions**

**§105. Program Scope**

These rules and regulations apply to owners and operators of all facilities that generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste, except as specifically provided otherwise herein. The procedures of these regulations also apply to the denial of a permit for the active life of a hazardous waste management facility or TSD unit under LAC 33:V.706. Definitions appropriate to these rules and regulations, including *solid waste* and *hazardous waste*, appear in LAC 33:V.109. Wastes that are excluded from regulation are found in this Section.

A. – D.2.c. …

d. ~~fly ash waste, bottom ash waste, slag waste, and flue gas emission control waste, generated primarily from the combusion of coal or other fossil fuels, except as provided in LAC 33V.3025 for facilities that burn or process hazardous waste;~~coal combustion residuals include:

i. fly ash waste, bottom ash waste, slag waste, and flue gas emission control waste, generated primarily from the combusion of coal or other fossil fuels, except as provided in LAC 33:V.3025 for facilities that burn or process hazardous waste;

ii. the following wastes generated primarily from processes that support the combustion of coal or other fossil fuels that are co-disposed with the wastes in Clause D.2.d.i of this Section, except as provided in LAC 33:V.3025 for facilities that burn or process hazardous waste for the purpose of Subparagraph D.2.d of this Section include:

(a). *Coal Pile Runoff—*any precipitation that drains off coal piles;

(b). *Boiler Cleaning Solutions—*water solutions and chemical solutions used to clean the fireside and waterside of the boiler;

(c). *Boiler Blowdown*—water purged from boilers used to generate steam;

(d). *Process Water Treatment and Demineralizer Regeneration Wastes*—sludges, rinses, and spent resins generated from processes to remove dissolved gases, suspended solids, and dissolved chemical salts from combustion system process water;

(e). *Cooling Tower Blowdown*—water purged from a closed cycle cooling system, which includes cooling towers, cooling ponds, or spray canals;

(f). *Air Preheater and Precipitator Washes*—wastes from cleaning air preheaters and electrostatic precipitators;

(g). *Effluents from Floor Drains, Yard Drains, and Sumps—*wastewaters (e.g., wash water) collected by or from floor drains, equipment drains, and sumps located inside the power plant building; and wastewaters (e.g., rain runoff) collected by yard drains and sumps located outside the power plant building;

(h). *Wastewater Treatment Sludges*—refers to sludges generated from the treatment of wastewaters specified in Subclauses a through f of this Section;

D.2.e. – P.2. …

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2180 et seq., and in particular, 2186(A)(2).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 10:200 (March 1984), amended LR 10:496 (July 1984), LR 11:1139 (December 1985), LR 12:319 (May 1986), LR 13:84 (February 1987), LR 13:433 (August 1987), LR 13:651 (November 1987), LR 14:790 (November 1988), LR 15:181 (March 1989), LR 16:47 (January 1990), LR 16:217, LR 16:220 (March 1990), LR 16:398 (May 1990), LR 16:614 (July 1990), LR 17:362, 368 (April 1991), LR 17:478 (May 1991), LR 17:883 (September 1991), LR 18:723 (July 1992), LR 18:1256 (November 1992), LR 18:1375 (December 1992), amended by the Office of the Secretary, LR 19:1022 (August 1993), amended by the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 20:1000 (September 1994), LR 21:266 (March 1995), LR 21:944 (September 1995), LR 22:813, 831 (September 1996), amended by the Office of the Secretary, LR 23:298 (March 1997), amended by the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 23:564, 567 (May 1997), LR 23:721 (June 1997), amended by the Office of Waste Services, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 23:952 (August 1997), LR 23:1511 (November 1997), LR 24:298 (February 1998), LR 24:655 (April 1998), LR 24:1093 (June 1998), LR 24:1687, 1759 (September 1998), LR 25:431 (March 1999), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:268 (February 2000), LR 26:2464 (November 2000), LR 27:291 (March 2001), LR 27:706 (May 2001), LR 29:317 (March 2003), LR 30:1680 (August 2004), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 30:2463 (November 2004), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2451 (October 2005), LR 32:605 (April 2006), LR 32:821 (May 2006), LR 33:450 (March 2007), LR 33:2097 (October 2007), LR 34:614 (April 2008), LR 34:1008 (June 2008), LR 34:1893 (September 2008), LR 34:2395 (November 2008), LR 35:1878 (September 2009), LR 36:2553 (November 2010), LR 38:791 (March 2012), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 40:1336 (July 2014), LR 42:\*\*.