

granted in writing by the department. Currently, such an exemption can be provided by means of a variance issued in accordance with LAC 33:III.917 and 2119. However, per R.S. 30:2056(C), a variance cannot be granted for a period of time greater than one year. This rule is also being proposed as a revision to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan for air quality. The basis and rationale for this rule are to establish a regulatory mechanism to allow the department to permanently exempt emissions units from the control of emissions of organic compounds when conformity with applicable provisions would create an unreasonable risk to health, welfare, or safety.

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

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**Part III. Air**

**Chapter 21. Control of Emission of Organic Compounds**

**Subchapter A. General**

**§2117. Exemptions**

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B. If, upon written application of a responsible official, the administrative authority finds that strict conformity with any provision of these regulations would create an unreasonable risk to health, welfare, or safety, the administrative authority may provide an exemption from that provision to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. Approval of such an exemption is not implied, but must be expressly granted in writing by the administrative authority.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Nuclear Energy, Air Quality Division, LR 13:741 (December 1987), amended LR 16:118 (February 1990), amended by the Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division, LR 20:289 (March 1994), LR 21:681 (July 1995), LR 21:1330 (December 1995), repromulgated LR 22:14 (January 1996), amended LR 22:703 (August 1996), LR 23:1661 (December 1997), LR 24:22 (January 1998), LR 25:258 (February 1999), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:1062 (May 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 32:

A public hearing will be held on July 25, 2006, 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 Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D. at the address given below or at (225) 219-3550. Free parking is available in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by AQ263. Such comments must be received no later than August 1, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D.,

Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to [judith.schuerman@la.gov](mailto:judith.schuerman@la.gov). 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 AQ263. This regulation is available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov) under Rules and Regulations.

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; 645 N. Lotus Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, LA 70471.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
RULE TITLE: Emissions Units Exemptions**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There will be no costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of this rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There will be no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. LDEQ anticipates extremely limited use of this exemption. Currently, the agency is aware of only one situation which warrants such an exemption, and in this instance, its approval will not result in an increase in emissions.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There will be no effect on competition; no effect on employment in the public or private sector will be realized.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary  
Legal Affairs Division**

Incorporation by Reference of the Acid Rain Program  
(LAC 33:III.505)(AQ259ft)

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 Air regulations, LAC 33:III.505 (Log #AQ259ft).

This proposed Rule is identical to federal regulations found in 40 CFR Part 72 (July 1, 2005), and 70 FR 25162-25210 (May 12, 2005) and 71 FR 25328-25469 (April 28, 2006), which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the proposed Rule; therefore, the Rule will be promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This Rule replaces the existing Acid Rain Program regulations with an incorporation by reference of the recently revised federal regulations concerning the Acid Rain Program. This action is necessary in order for Louisiana to adopt the general and specific provisions for the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program, under Section 110 of the Clean Air Act, as a means of mitigating interstate transport of fine particulate and sulfur dioxide. By adopting the Acid Rain Program, 40 CFR Part 72, in its entirety, the state is authorizing EPA to assist the state in implementing the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program.

On March 10, 2005, EPA announced the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), a rule that will achieve reduction in air pollution by regulating sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from 23 states and the District of Columbia. These pollutants contribute to levels of fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in areas above the air quality standard in downwind states. In addition, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in 25 eastern states and the District of Columbia contribute to levels of ozone in areas above the air quality standard for 8-hour ozone in other downwind states. In developing the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> regulations and the cap-and-trade program, the Environmental Protection Agency relied on the successful Acid Rain Program/cap-and-trade program. The resulting CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> cap-and-trade program was merged with the Acid Rain cap-and-trade program when CAIR defined CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> allocations as those allocations made under the Acid Rain Program. EPA has promulgated changes to the Acid Rain Program that reflect the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> requirements. These actions enable the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> cap-and-trade program to accept Acid Rain SO<sub>2</sub> allocations for trading, selling, and/or determining compliance with the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> program. The recent changes to the Acid Rain Program at the federal level due to CAIR will require the state to modify its Acid Rain rule at LAC 33:III.505. The incorporation of the federal Acid Rain Rule will ensure continuity between the Acid Rain Program and the implementation of the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Program. The basis and rationale for this Rule are to mirror the federal regulations.

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

### Title 33 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### Part III. Air

#### Chapter 5. Permit Procedures

#### §505. Acid Rain Program Permitting Requirements

A. Acid Rain Program General Provisions. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal*

*Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.1-72.13, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

B. Designated Representative. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.20-72.25, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

C. Acid Rain Permit Applications. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.30-72.33, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

D. Acid Rain Compliance Plan and Compliance Options. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.40-72.44, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

E. Acid Rain Permit Contents. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.50-72.51, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

F. Federal Acid Rain Permit Issuance Procedures. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.60-72.69, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

G. Acid Rain Phase II Implementation. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.70-72.74, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

H. Permit Revisions. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.80-72.85, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

I. Compliance Certification. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR 72.90-72.96, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

J. Methodology for Annualization of Emissions Limits. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR Part 72, Appendix A, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

K. Methodology for Conversion of Emissions Limits. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR Part 72, Appendix B, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

L. Actual 1985 Yearly SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Calculation. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of*

*Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR Part 72, Appendix C, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

M. Calculation of Potential Electric Output Capacity. The Acid Rain Program regulations, published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 40 CFR Part 72, Appendix D, July 1, 2005, and as revised at 70 FR 25162-25210, May 12, 2005, and 71 FR 25328-25469, April 28, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

N. Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Section may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20242 or their website, [www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html); from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division; or from a public library.

O. Modifications or Exceptions. Whenever the referenced regulations (i.e., 40 CFR Part 72) provide authority to "the Administrator," such authority, in accordance with these regulations, shall be exercised by the administrative authority or his designee, notwithstanding any authority exercised by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Reports, notices, or other documentation required by the referenced regulations (i.e., 40 CFR Part 72) to be provided to "the Administrator" shall be provided to the Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division, where the state is designated authority by EPA as "the Administrator," or shall be provided to the Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division and EPA, where EPA retains authority as "the Administrator."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Nuclear Energy, Air Quality Division, LR 13:741 (December 1987), amended by the Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division, LR 19:1420 (November 1993), LR 21:678 (July 1995), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2446 (November 2000), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2429, 2436 (October 2005), LR 32:

A public hearing will be held on July 25, 2006, 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 Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., at the address given below or at (225) 219-3550. Free parking is available in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by AQ259ft. Such comments must be received no later than July 25, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to fax (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to [judith.schuerman@la.gov](mailto:judith.schuerman@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 AQ259ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov) under Rules and Regulations.

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Incorporation by Reference of the  
CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program  
(LAC 33:III.506)(AQ260ft)

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 adopt the Air regulations, LAC 33:III.506 (Log #AQ260ft).

This proposed Rule is identical to federal regulations found in 40 CFR Part 96, Subparts AAA, BBB, CCC, FFF, GGG, and HHH (July 1, 2005), and 70 FR 25162-25210 (May 12, 2005) and 71 FR 25328-25469 (April 28, 2006), which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the proposed Rule; therefore, the Rule will be promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This Rule incorporates by reference the federal regulations concerning the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program. This action is necessary in order for Louisiana to adopt the general and specific provisions for the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program, under Section 110 of the Clean Air Act, as a means of mitigating interstate transport of fine particulate and sulfur dioxide. By adopting 40 CFR Part 96, Subparts AAA-HHH, the state is authorizing EPA to assist the state in implementing the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> Trading Program.

On March 10, 2005, EPA announced the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), a rule that will achieve reduction in air pollution by regulating sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from 23 states and the District of Columbia. These pollutants contribute to levels of fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in areas above the air quality standard in downwind states. In addition, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in 25 eastern states and the District of Columbia contribute to levels of ozone in areas above the air quality standard for 8-hour ozone in other downwind states. In developing the CAIR SO<sub>2</sub> regulations and the cap-and-trade program, the