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STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN RE:

2005 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
(SIP) GENERAL REVISIONS

LOG #: 0602Pot2

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing held by the Department of Environmental Quality, Regulation Development Section, at the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, beginning at 1:30 p.m., on March 28, 2006.

BEFORE: Lori B. Overland
Certified Court Reporter
In and For the State of
Louisiana

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FOR THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

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1 **MS. STEPHENS:**

2 Good afternoon! My name is Sandy
3 Stephens. I'm employed with the Louisiana
4 Department of Environmental Quality. I'll
5 be serving as hearing officer this afternoon
6 to receive comments regarding proposed
7 amendments to the Air Quality State
8 Implementation Plan (SIP), and to the
9 Environmental Quality regulations.

10 The comment period for these
11 amendments began on February 20, 2006, when
12 the potpourri notice and notices of intent
13 were published in the Louisiana Register.
14 The comment period will close at 4:30 p.m.,
15 today, March 28, 2006, for the Log Numbers
16 AQ258ft, HW089ft, and OS068ft. It will
17 close at 4:30 p.m. on April 4, 2006, for the
18 SIP Revision and Log Numbers WQ062, WQ063,
19 and WQ064. It would be helpful to us if all
20 oral comments received today were followed
21 up in writing.

22 This public hearing provides a forum
23 for all interested parties to present
24 comments on the proposed changes. I'll ask
25 that each person commenting come up and sit

at the front table and begin by stating his or her name and affiliation for the record.

The first item on today's agenda is the 2005 State Implementation Plan General Revisions.

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2051 et seq., the secretary gives notice of proposed general revisions to the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions include amendments to various air quality regulations in LAC 33:III.Chapters 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, and 23 that were previously promulgated in 2004 and 2005, and that were not previously included in other revisions to the SIP.

Does anyone care to comment on this amendment?

If not, the hearing on the 2005 State Implementation Plan (SIP) General Revisions is closed.

Thank you for your attention and participation.

This hearing is closed.

THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 1:32 P.M.

1 **R E P O R T E R ' S P A G E**

2 I, Lori B. Overland, Certified Court
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21 Lori Overland, C.C.R.
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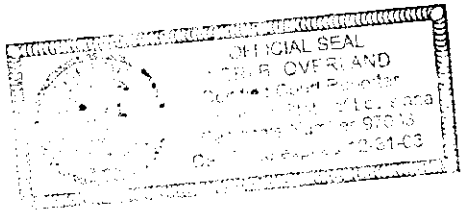

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Dear Ms. Hilton:

Our office has reviewed the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's proposed revisions to the 2005 General Revision to the State Implementation Plan, which includes revisions to LAC 33:III in Chapters 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, and 23.

Many revisions appear to be primarily non-substantive and clerical in nature from an Air Planning perspective. We support the revisions that revise rule references after department reorganization to reflect the new organizational structure. These are included in the section of your submittal entited "OS 065, Organizational Changes Under New Administration." We also support the revision to §2305 in which the reference to repealed Chapter 31 is removed. We understand the revision removes definitions from this section, so what definitions now apply here?

The additional rules that were promulgated in 2004, all refer to the reporting requirements in LAC 33:I, Chapter 39, Notification Regulations and Procedures for Unauthorized Discharges. We do not expect to be able to act on these revisions because of concern with the approvability of LAC 33:I, Chapter 39.

Regarding the revision to §2115 in 2004 adoptions, we can support the changes in threshold reporting from 50 to 25 tpy for the Baton Rouge nonattainment area, and to 100 tpy for all other areas of the state with the exception of Calcasieu and Pointe Coupee Parishes, which remain at 50 tpy. All other sections not specifically discussed in this letter may be commented upon by the Air Permit Section.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these SIP revisions. If we may be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me or Sandra Rennie of my staff at (214) 665-7367.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Diggs

Thomas Diggs, Chief
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