



# Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

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A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS

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## PERMITS ISSUED

4/1/10—6/30/10

Individual Minors	70
Individual Majors	12
Sewage Sludge & Biosolids Use or Disposal	73

## GENERAL PERMITS

Class I Sanitary	85
Class II Sanitary	14
Class III Sanitary	2
Class IV Sanitary	4
Large Construction	220
Sand & Gravel	2
Petroleum UST	1
Oil & Gas Exploration—Coastal	24
Oil & Gas Exploration—Territorial	31
Auto dealer	6
Hydrostatic Test	6
Exterior Vehicle Wash	8
Potable Water	98
Cement, Concrete & Asphalt	7
C&D Landfill	0
Groundwater	0
Dewater PST	0
Multi-Sector	29

## % CURRENT

MAJORS	90.2
MINORS/GENERALS	89.6

## WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

ISSUED	111
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## Water Permits Division Newsletter

DEQ Water Permits Division publishes a Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting. We both welcome and solicit your comments, recommendations, and input. Please contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## Water Permits Division Staff Update

Recent staff changes: Ronnie Bean retired from the LDEQ June 28, 2010. Mehdi Aarabi and Ardrene Logan transferred to WPD from the LDEQ Laboratory and, Kilren Vidrine transferred to the Office of Environmental Compliance, Enforcement Division in June 2010. Gary Aydeell, Jan Cedars, and Jesse Chang will be retiring from the LDEQ in August 2010. We all wish them good luck and express our thanks to them upon their retirement.

## Sewage Sludge Haulers and Disposal Sites

The WPD has reregistered 183 haulers and conditionally approved 5 new haulers for 2010-2011. The Annual Sewage Sludge Reporting Forms were due February 28, 2010. **If you haven't submitted your reporting form, you will not be approved or certified for the 2010-2011 year.** Unregistered haulers may submit registration forms and their submittals will be evaluated. No one can pump or haul sewage sludge until they have received an Approval Letter from DEQ. A list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a separate list of all approved sewage sludge haulers is posted on the DEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx>). Both lists will be updated every 60 days. For more information contact Eura DeHart at 225-219-3092, Kathryn Berry at 225-219-3147 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Sewage Sludge Seminars

LDEQ will sponsor two additional seminars. One in Baton Rouge and one in Alexandria tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011. The training seminars are **FREE** for all attendees. For registration, go to the EnviroSchool Web site at: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx>. For more information, contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Training Seminars/EnviroSchool

DEQ will be sponsoring **FREE** training sessions and informational seminars in the near future. The topics will include: Pesticides General Permit and Minimum Quantification Limits (MQLs),

Watch the WPD website for more information.

## Water Permits Division

The Water Permits Division within the Office of Environmental Services authorizes permits administered under the DEQ Water Quality Regulations. In addition, Water Permits Division oversees Biosolids Management activities and the Water Quality Certifications program which is conducted in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers. For a more detailed description of the Division's activities and a copy of the WPD Work Plan, please check out the website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/63/Default.aspx>

## Antidegradation

DEQ is working with EPA Region 6 on the state antidegradation implementation policy. DEQ is currently revising the draft Antidegradation Implementation Procedures. The revision will be public noticed in the upcoming months. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## LAG260000 Issuance Update

March 31, 2010 was the deadline for submittal of the Notice of Intent (NOI) for those permittees wishing to retain coverage under the reissued LAG260000 Oil & Gas Territorial Seas General Permit which became effective on January 1, 2010. Permittees who failed to reapply by the deadline are no longer authorized to discharge under the LAG260000 General Permit. To date, 93 permit NOIs have been received, 67 general permit authorizations have been issued, and 70 general permits have been inactivated. For more information, contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135.

## Expedited Permits

LAC 33:I.1505 allows LDEQ 300 days to issue a new permit or substantial modification. The Expedited Permit Program may reduce the time it takes to issue a the permit. For more information or, look at the following website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2622/Default.aspx> or contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013.

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## Pesticides Regulation Update

In May 2009, the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's request to halt the new rules which govern how pesticides will be used/applied. Implementation of the new rules will begin April 2011. DEQ will continue to monitor the appeal and its impact on permitting requirements. EPA public noticed the Pesticides General Permit for **non-delegated states, territories and tribes** in June 2010 with a targeted issuance by the end of 2010. DEQ will issue an LPDES Pesticides General Permit for applicable facilities and agencies within the State of Louisiana. Watch for more information in the e Newsletter or contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013 for updates.

## Clean Water Act Action Plan

The Clean Water Act Action Plan, prior to February 22, 2010 known as the Clean Water Act Enforcement Action Plan, states that though some measurable progress has been made in reducing water pollution from the largest sources, this nation still needs to develop new strategies to address water quality threats from all other sources. To help meet this expectation, EPA is revamping water enforcement, water quality and water permitting standards to focus on the most significant sources of pollution, violators and violations. In keeping with this plan, enforcement staffs will work hand-in-hand with water quality and water permitting staffs to enhance the protection of the environment and our Citizens. For more information please contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013.

## LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division is completing the update of the 4 remaining MQLs for Arsenic, Copper, Lead, and Nickel at this time in Volume 3 of the Water Quality Management Plan. A technical review document has been submitted to EPA Region 6 which included stakeholder input. Upon completion of EPA Region 6 technical review, Water Permits Division expects to public notice the new MQLs by August 31, 2010 and projects that the new MQLs will become effective between October 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006.

## Online Applications

DEQ launched the online application for General Oil and Gas Permits (LAG330000) on July 1, 2010. The application is for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development and Production Facilities that are operating inland of the territorial seas on waters of the state. The web-based application is for applicable oil and gas operators, and it allows them to bypass the initial paper submittal process. For more information go to the website: [www.deq.louisiana.gov/onlinepermitapplications](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/onlinepermitapplications). or contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

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## General Permit Update

LAG380000—The Master General Permit for Potable Water Treatment Facilities has been reissued, effective January 1, 2010. 99 general permit authorizations were issued in June. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Wascom at (225) 219-3091.

LAG330000—The Preliminary Draft Permit for the reissuance of the Master General Permit for Discharges from oil and gas exploration, development and production facilities located within coastal waters is currently being reviewed by EPA Region 6. For more information contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135.

LAG940000—The Draft Permit for the reissuance of the Master General Permit for Discharges of Treated Groundwater, Potentially Contaminated Stormwater and/or associated waters is currently in review at LDEQ. For more information contact Linda Gauthier at 225-219-0801.

## BP Deep Horizon Update

Emergency Declaration—The Third Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order for the BP – Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill was issued on June 28, 2010. In the amendment, specific requirements and authorizations were included to address and regulate the discharge of sanitary wastewater, gray water, stormwater, and wastewaters / potable water from temporary housing units, located on land or on water. Also included were requirements for the hauling of sewage sludge. The amended order can be found on the DEQ website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov). If you have any questions, contact Todd Franklin at (225) 219-3119.

Landfill Inspections—The Water and Waste Permits Divisions are conducting weekly inspections at permitted landfills that are receiving oily waste. We are inspecting to ensure that permitted activities are being conducted properly and checking to ensure the landfill are adhering to the provision in the Emergency Declaration. Currently three landfills are being inspected: Colonial, River Birch, and Tidewater. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013.

Approval of Oily Waste—The Third Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order for the BP – Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill issued June 28, 2010 states, "Oily wastewater may be treated in permitted Centralized Waste Treatment facilities that are authorized to treat oily wastewater. LPDES-permitted CWT facilities may request authorization for supplemental storage and treatment operations. Requests must be submitted to the office of Environmental Services, Waste Permits Division. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013.

## New Cost Saving Measures—Postcards!

Postcards are being used for correspondence from DEQ in order to reduce the use of paper as a cost saving measure. Postcards are utilized for documents such as notices of final permit actions and permit renewal reminder letters. The use of postcards will save the agency up to 75 percent in annual postage costs. For more information contact, Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.