



Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

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A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS

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PERMITS ISSUED

7/1/10—9/30/10

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| Individual Minors | 103 |
| Individual Majors | 26 |
| Sewage Sludge & Biosolids Use or Disposal | 31 |

GENERAL PERMITS

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Class I Sanitary | 89 |
| Class II Sanitary | 17 |
| Class III Sanitary | 2 |
| Class IV Sanitary | 4 |
| Large Construction | 199 |
| Sand & Gravel | 4 |
| Petroleum UST | 0 |
| Oil & Gas Exploration—Coastal | 11 |
| Oil & Gas Exploration—Territorial | 10 |
| Auto dealer | 2 |
| Hydrostatic Test | 10 |
| Exterior Vehicle Wash | 30 |
| Potable Water | 3 |
| Cement, Concrete & Asphalt | 3 |
| C&D Landfill | 0 |
| Groundwater | 1 |
| Dewater PST | 0 |
| Multi-Sector | 34 |

% CURRENT

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|-----------------|------|
| MAJORS | 94.0 |
| MINORS/GENERALS | 97.1 |

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

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| ISSUED | 154 |
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Water Permits Division Newsletter

DEQ Water Permits Division publishes this Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting. We 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: Scott Guilliams transferred from the Waste Permits Division to the Water Permits Division as manager of the Industrial Permits Section; Kim Cortis transferred from the Water Quality Assessment Division to the Water permits Division as supervisor of the general permits group in the Municipal and General Permits Section; Angela Marse was promoted to supervisor of group 2 in the Industrial Permits Section; Bruce Fielding was promoted to DCL-B in the Water Permits Division; Eura DeHart was promoted to DCL-A in the Water Permits Division. Gary Aydell, Jan Cedars, and Jesse Chang retired 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 registered 221 haulers for 2010-2011. The Annual Sewage Sludge Reporting Forms were due Feb. 19. **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 in Baton Rouge and Alexandria. The Baton Rouge Seminar is scheduled for Nov. 9 at the Galvez Building Conference Center. The Alexandria seminar is tentatively scheduled for February 2011. The training seminars are **FREE** for all attendees. For registration, go to the Enviro-School Web site at: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx>. For more information, contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

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 update on 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 submitted a revised draft of the Antidegradation Implementation Procedures to EPA for technical review on May 20. EPA expects to submit formal comments on the draft to LDEQ by Oct. 16. The revision will be public noticed when the draft procedures have been technically approved by EPA. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

LAG260000 Issuance Update

March 31 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, 94 permit NOIs have been received, 77 general permit authorizations have been issued, and 70 general permits have been inactivated. For more information, contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135.

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Pesticides Regulation / LPDES General Permit Update

In May 2009, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's request to establish the new rules which govern how pesticides will be used/applied. Implementation of the new rules will begin April 2011. LDEQ 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. LDEQ will issue a new General Permit to cover pesticide discharges for applicable facilities and agencies within the State of Louisiana by April 2011. The permit will incorporate existing pesticide control measures currently managed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and provide for reporting, inspection and compliance monitoring activities to be supervised by LDEQ. Watch for more information in the eNewsletter or contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013 for updates.

Water Manual Maintenance Fee

LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES TITLE 30, Chapter 2 describes LDEQ's authority for assessing the water annual maintenance fees. In accordance with Title 33, Part IX, Subpart 1, Chapter 13, the annual fee shall be paid each year a facility is subject to regulation under the Louisiana Water Control Law, R.S. 30:2071 et seq. The year shall correspond with the state's fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. For more information contact, Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division is completing the update of the four remaining MQLs for Arsenic, Copper, Lead, and Nickel at this time in Volume 3 of the Water Quality Management Plan. The final document has been submitted to EPA Region 6 on Oct. 7. Upon completion of EPA Region 6 review, Water Permits Division expects that the new MQLs will become effective sometime in October or November 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 in 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. or contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

Sewage Sludge Permit Requirements

In accordance with LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.b.v, **ALL facilities with sewage treatment plants are required to apply for a sewage sludge permit no later than June 1, 2011.** For more information contact Eura DeHart at 225-219-3092, Kathryn Berry at 225-219-3147 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

General Permit Update

LAG330000—The 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 internally within LDEQ. For more information contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135.

LAG940000—The public comment period for the Draft Permit for the reissuance of the Master General Permit for Discharges of Treated Groundwater, Potentially Contaminated Stormwater and/or associated waters ended on Aug. 22. No comments were received; LDEQ WPD staff are in the process of preparing the final permit. For more information contact Bonnie Wascom at 225-219-3091.

LAG480000 – The public comment period for the draft Master General Permit for Discharges from Light Commercial Facilities ended on June 14, 2010. The final permit is under review by the LDEQ WPD staff. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Wascom at (225) 219-3091.

LAR050000 – The preliminary draft for the Master Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities was submitted to EPA for review on Oct.19. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Bissett at (225) 219-3107.

BP Deep Horizon Update

Emergency Declaration—The First Extension and the Third Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order for the BP – Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill was reissued on Aug. 31. 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 declaration can be found on the DEQ website at 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 biweekly inspections at permitted landfills that are receiving oily waste. Currently three landfills are being inspected: Colonial, River Birch, and Tidewater. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3013.

26th Annual Pretreatment Workshop

The 26th annual Region VI Pretreatment Workshop was held in Irving, Texas on Aug. 2 – 5. Attendance at the workshop was over 300, including professionals working at the local and state government level along with regional and national E.P.A. officials and many exhibitors. For more information go to the website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits.aspx>.

Training Seminars/EnviroSchool

DEQ will be sponsoring a **FREE** training seminar on the Procedures for Industrial Water Permit on Nov. 18, in St. Bernard Parish. Other Sessions will follow. One future topic will be the New LPDES Pesticides General Permit. Watch the WPD website for more information.