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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Landscape Architect Registration Exam

The next landscape architect registration examination will be given June 13-14, 2011, beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the Nelson Memorial Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The deadline for sending the application and fee is as follows.

New Candidates:	February 18, 2011
Re-Take Candidates:	March 18, 2011
Reciprocity Candidates:	April 22, 2011

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596, phone (225) 952-8100.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to March 18, 2011. Questions may be directed to (225) 952-8100.

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge and Biosolids (LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73)

Standards for the use or disposal of sewage sludge generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works are established in the Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Program of LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73. LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.b.v states that all minor sanitary wastewater treatment facilities that do not receive domestic septage and/or portable toilet waste into their systems shall apply for a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit as expeditiously as practicable, but in no case later than five years from June 1, 2006. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is preparing a proposed rule change for requirements of Chapter 73 which is expected to be published in the *Louisiana Register* in April 2011. Included in the proposed changes to Chapter 73 will be a revision to LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.b.v to extend the deadline to January 1, 2013. Accordingly, under the Department's enforcement discretionary authority, the Department will not pursue enforcement actions against facilities which are subject to the application deadline of LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.b.v which do not apply for a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or

Disposal Permit by the deadline stated in the current regulations. After the establishment of a new deadline in a final rule, the Department may pursue enforcement actions against facilities which do not apply by the new deadline. All other permitting requirements set forth by LAC 33:IX.7301.D will remain unchanged.

Questions may be directed to Mr. Eura DeHart, Jr. at (225) 219-3213.

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Department of Health and Hospitals Emergency Response Network Board

Interregional Transfer Protocol

On January 20, 2011, the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (La. R.S. 40:2842(1) and (3)) adopted and promulgated "LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Guidelines" and "LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Protocol", replacing "Interregional Transfer Protocol" adopted June 18, 2009, as follows.

LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Guidelines

- All patients whose conditions exceed the regionally available resources provided by local area hospitals may be transferred from one region to another following LERN Interregional Transfer Protocol.
- The LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Protocol only applies to hospitals that are participating in the LERN network.
- Regions or individual parishes that have MOU's (which include medical control and destination guidelines), between an ACS verified Level 1 trauma center and a local parish medical society (ies) will be incorporated into the LCC standard operating procedure for the effected region(s).

LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Protocol

1. Patients transferred via the LERN Hospital Interregional Transfer Protocol must:
 - a. meet LERN Standard Entry Criteria that requires resources and/or capabilities not available in that region;
 - b. be assessed and stabilized to the best of their ability at a local area hospital prior to transport to the closest appropriate hospital;
 - c. the treating physician/nurse must contact LERN to request a transfer. The LERN Communications Center (LCC) will determine the closest and most appropriate facility available following the LERN Standard Destination Protocol.

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