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DEQ announces assistant secretary for assessment

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Harold Leggett announced today that Louis Buatt has been named Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Assessment.

Buatt has been General Counsel for DEQ since 2004 and has more than 13 years of state service. Buatt earned his Bachelor of Science in geology from Louisiana State University, a Juris Doctorate from Southern University and a LL.M., advanced law degree, in Energy and Environmental Law from the University of Houston. He served as the attorney for the Office of Environmental Assessment for more than five years. Prior to his state service Buatt was in private practice in Lake Charles and in Houston.

“Lou’s experience with DEQ, and in particular with the Office of Environmental Assessment, will be an asset to the department and to the state,” Leggett said. “He has the technical skills to excel. Lou is also customer-service oriented, which will be an asset in his new position.”

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