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Enviroschool for communities to begin at DEQ

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality is inviting citizens to participate in an informative “school” to help the public understand the agency and how it operates. An Enviroschool session, entitled LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency, will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on May 8 in the Pensacola Room in the DEQ Conference Center, 602 North 5th Street.

As part of the new “front-loading” concept introduced by DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett, Deputy Secretary Alex Appeaning has begun the process of educating the public about the agency and its services using Enviroschool.

“The Enviroschool concept is new to DEQ,” said Appeaning. “Its goal is to help the public understand the processes so they can work together with the agency and the regulated community. The school will be managed by Tomeka Prioleau, Community and Industry Relations.”

“Louisiana citizens are interested in the regulatory process and want to contribute to the well being of our state,” said Prioleau. “These open forums, where citizens can ask questions and get answers, will help DEQ better serve the state in the future.”

Sessions will take place around the state and will focus on a variety of topics. The first, LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency will focus on:

- Understanding the vision and mission of the agency
- Challenges and opportunities
- The organization and function of each office and division

DEQ will present this session in Shreveport, New Orleans and Lake Charles soon.

If you are interested in participating in Enviroschool, you can register online at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx> ; by fax at 225-325-8222; by mail to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Community and Industry Relations, P O Box 4313, Baton Rouge, La 70821-4313; or by voicemail at 225-219-0877.

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