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### **DEQ to investigate impact of additional EPA regulations on greenhouse gasses**

BATON ROUGE – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced “that greenhouse gases threaten the public health and welfare of the American people.” The announcement does not impose emission reductions at this time. However, EPA is required to issue an “endangerment finding” before it can regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses.

“EPA has not outlined the full details of how the federal government and its partners are going to regulate greenhouse gasses,” said DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett. “Currently, there is no immediate impact on the state. However, this announcement is a prerequisite to regulating greenhouse gasses. DEQ staff will continue to work to determine the impact of additional regulations on the state.”

Many types of facilities have the potential to be affected. Some include: power plants, paper mills, landfills, refineries, and other industrial sources. Currently, DEQ staff is conducting a comprehensive review of the possible impact regulations would have on Louisiana industry, such as the oil and gas industry, as well as the impact on DEQ’s permitting and compliance activities.

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