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September 18 deadline to register for Sewage Sludge Hauling seminar in Shreveport

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is sponsoring a free program concerning new regulations for sewage sludge haulers and others involved in the sewage sludge hauling and disposal. Facility owners, operators, drivers, and the owners of any wastewater treatment facility that accepts sewage sludge should attend. The workshop will be held Thursday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Louisiana Technical College, Bldg E - auditorium, 2010 North Market Street, Shreveport.

The reason for the seminar is to discuss the regulations regarding the registration of sewage sludge haulers, how to properly fill out the registration form and monitoring and reporting requirements for both the haulers and the designated receiving facilities. The registration and monitoring and reports are necessary to ascertain that the hauled sewage sludge is properly disposed and/or handled for the protection of human health and the environment.

It is important to understand the new rules and regulations because, if a hauler, who is presently actively hauling sewage sludge, is not registered or approved by DEQ on Oct 28, 2009, the hauler is in violation of the biosolids regulations and can face fines and penalties. If a receiving facility is not permitted or has not applied and been approved by DEQ on or before Oct 28, 2009, the facility is in violation of the biosolids regulations and or the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System regulations and could receive fines and penalties.

Participants must register by Sept. 18. To register send your name, address, organization, phone number and email address to LDEQ Sewage Sludge Program, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Room 520, Shreveport, LA 71101-4388 or fax the information to 318-676-7573. For more information call the DEQ regional office at 318-676-7476. All participants will receive three hours Department of Health and Hospitals continuing education credit and will receive a certificate of completion.

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