

POTPOURRI

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division

Regulatory Permits
(0612Pot5)

Act 115 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session authorized the Department of Environmental Quality, to develop regulatory permits for certain air emissions and water discharges. Act 115 requires the secretary to consider which activities are appropriate for coverage under regulatory permits and to publish an initial list of such activities no later than January 1, 2007.

In a potpourri notice for Request for Comments on Regulatory Permits (0609Pot2) published in the *Louisiana Register* on September 20, 2006, the department solicited written comments from interested parties regarding activities appropriate for consideration of coverage under regulatory permits as the required list was being developed. Comments were received from two sources regarding regulatory permits in the air program.

This notice fulfills the requirement of Act 115 to publish an initial list of activities appropriate for coverage under a regulatory permit by January 1, 2007. The department is initially considering the following activities as eligible for coverage under regulatory permits:

Air—minor sources only:

- Oil and Gas production activities
- Oil and Gas well testing
- Oil and Gas and Pipeline maintenance flaring/venting
- Bulk terminal facilities
- Hot mix asphalt plants
- Concrete ready-mix plants
- Emergency equipment
- Coating operations (priming, painting and sandblasting)

Water—minor sources only:

- Oil and Gas Coastal
- Oil and Gas Territorial Seas
- Construction Activities greater than 1 acre but less than 5 acres
- Hydrostatic Test

This is a preliminary list only and does not preclude the department from considering the applicability of regulatory permits for other sources in the future. For further information regarding air permits, contact Cheryl Sonnier Nolan, Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division, at 225-219-3010 or cheryl.nolan@la.gov. For further information regarding water permits, contact Lenny Young, Office of Environmental Services, Water Permits Division, at 225-219-9371 or lenny.young@la.gov.

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