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Expanded Web Access to Public Records  
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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is committed to the tenet of transparency and accountability in all of its operations. In compliance with Governor Bobby Jindal's Executive Order BJ 2008-2, the LDEQ is working to ensure that 100 percent of its public records are available via its web site or the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

In 2006, the LDEQ completed a pilot project to make its public records available to the public via its web site utilizing the LDEQ's EDMS. The initial project included access to items in the system dated 2005 and 2006. In 2007, access was expanded to include all public records in EDMS dated January 1, 2000, and after.

All public records in the EDMS, the LDEQ's electronic repository of official records, including items dated prior to January 1, 2000, will be made available to the public through the LDEQ web site beginning January 1, 2009. The LDEQ takes this action to enhance the transparency and openness of agency records to the public and to promote a "greener" state government.

Consistent with LAC 33:I.Chapter 5 (Confidential Information Regulations) and Chapter 6 (Security-Sensitive Information), procedures are in place to ensure that confidential data and security-sensitive information can be properly identified and protected. The LDEQ Records Management staff can provide assistance in resolving questions and concerns regarding protection or release of specific records dated prior to January 1, 2000, that are already in the EDMS, or records that will be submitted to LDEQ in the future.

Anyone with questions regarding how documents dated prior to January 1, 2000, will be handled on and after January 1, 2009, may visit any LDEQ Public Records Center to identify and review the documents with Records Management staff. Records may be viewed at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 645 N. Lotus Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, LA 70471.

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