Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with LAC 33:III.919.D and 5107, the Secretary gives notice that the deadline for submittal of the Annual Criteria Pollutant Emissions Inventory Data and Annual Toxic Air Pollutant Emissions Inventory Data, including the discharge report, for calendar year 2008 has been extended to June 30, 2009, through an Administrative Notice dated January 21, 2009.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has implemented a project to update and enhance the existing emissions inventory reporting system. Due to circumstances beyond ERIC, the system will not be ready to receive data in time for users to meet all of the requirements associated with the March 31, 2009, reporting deadlines as outlined in LAC 33:III.919 and 5107.

Therefore, the Administrative Notice dated January 21, 2009, has extended the deadline for submitting calendar year 2008 emission point level data and the Criteria Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement certifying facility criteria pollutant emission totals for calendar year 2008 emissions from March 31, 2009, to June 30, 2009.

Additionally, the Administrative Notice dated January 21, 2009, has extended the deadline for submitting calendar year 2008 toxic air pollutant emissions data and the Toxic Air Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement certifying facility toxic air pollutant emission totals from March 31, 2009, to June 30, 2009. This deadline extension also applies to submittals of the discharge report required by LAC 33:III.5107.B.5.

This change in the submittal schedule for emission inventory data is for reporting of calendar year 2008 data only. Allowing the time extension for facilities to submit emission inventory data will not have a negative impact on data availability. The new system has been designed such that emission inventory data will be readily available for assessment and dissemination.

Again, for calendar year 2008 emissions inventory reporting, the department requires that the emission point level data and the Criteria Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement certifying facility criteria pollutant emission totals and the toxic air pollutant emissions data and the Toxic Air Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement, including the discharge report, certifying facility toxic air pollutant emission totals, be submitted by June 30, 2009.

A copy of the Administrative Notice can be found online at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/109/Default.aspx. For more information regarding this notice, you may contact Vivian Aucoin at (225) 219-3575 or Jackie Heber at (225) 219-3486.

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