LISTENING SESSIONS HR #231 (2019) Voluntary Environmental Compliance Audit Program Study

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will be hosting a series of listening sessions to study the establishment of a voluntary compliance audit program for industries regulated by our department.

The kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week in August, with a series of meetings to follow a bi-weekly schedule. The kickoff meeting will include presentations from LDEQ on federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Meetings #2 through #4 will involve presentations, which will address individually, voluntary audit program components for future statutory consideration, such as audit privilege, confidentiality, immunity, and EPA new owner policy. Regulated industry and their trade associations, environmental groups, and community leaders are invited to participate in the listening sessions.

Free parking will be available at the Galvez Parking Garage across the street. The garage's address is 504 Main Street, Baton Rouge, 70801. Please be sure to bring your parking ticket to the meeting for validation.

LDEQ Core Values: Make technically sound decisions rooted in science; conduct ourselves honestly and ethically; strive for continuous improvement; be accountable for our work; manage our resources effectively and efficiently to deliver value to the public; and sustain our commitment to diversity.

DATES & LOCATION

LISTENING SESSION #1: Federal & State Laws, Regulations, Policies, & Procedures

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. LDEQ Headquarters – Galvez Pensacola Room 602 N. Fifth Street, B.R. LA

LISTENING SESSION #2: Audit Program -

Privilege/Confidentiality Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. LDEQ Headquarters – Galvez Pensacola Room

LISTENING SESSION #3:

Audit Program - Immunity Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. LDEQ Headquarters – Galvez Pensacola Room

LISTENING SESSION #4: Audit Program - EPA New Owner Policy

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. LDEQ Headquarters – Galvez Conference Room: TBD

Tentative Future Meeting Date & Time

1st or 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: TBD

