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Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal and Criminal Investigations Division

Notice of Stakeholder Meeting and Request for Comments on Development of a Water Quality Credit Trading Program for Louisiana

In accordance with R.S. 30:2074.B.(9)(a), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality may adopt and promulgate regulations necessary to establish and administer a water quality trading program as an inducement to reduce discharges of pollutants into waters of the state. Interested parties, including members of the public, are invited to submit comments on any aspect that the department may consider in the development of a water quality credit trading program for Louisiana. (1712Pot1)

A stakeholder meeting will be held on January 23, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and may submit written comments for the department's consideration. Comments may be submitted through mail or e-mail. Written comments may be addressed to Amanda Vincent, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment, Water Planning and Assessment Division, P.O. Box 4314, Baton Rouge LA 70821-4314. E-mail comments may be sent to wq.standards@la.gov. Persons commenting should reference log number, 1712Pot1, and include the name of the commenter and the organization which they represent, if appropriate. Comments are due no later than 4:30 p.m., February 28, 2018.

Progress on the water quality credit trading program development may be communicated to the public through the department webpage, (<http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/water-quality>). The department has prepared draft guidance for a water quality credit trading program for Louisiana, which is available for review on the webpage under water quality credit trading. Any rulemaking subsequent to this notice will be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

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