NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality

Office of the Secretary

Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division

Written Notification Procedures

(LAC 33:I.3925)

 Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.3925. (OS098)

 The proposed Rule adds an additional method of submittal of written reports for any unauthorized discharge that requires notification under LAC 33: I.3915.A, 3917, 3919, or 3923. LAC 33:I.3925.A.1 and 2 currently allow written notifications to be delivered via U.S. Mail, courier service, or other means. This Rule adds e-mail as an additional submittal method for written notifications to the department. The basis and rationale for this Rule are to allow the public an additional method for notification to the department. This Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

**Family Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

**Small Business Analysis**

This Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:965.2 - 965.8.

**Provider Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

**Public Comments**

 All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by OS098. Such comments must be received no later than May 5, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Deidra Johnson, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to fax (225) 219-4068 or by e-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of these proposed regulations can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of OS098. These proposed regulations are available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on April 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Deidra Johnson at the address given below or at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

 These proposed regulations are available for inspection at the following DEQ 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; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

 Herman Robinson

 General Counsel

Title 33

Environmental Quality

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 2. Notification

Chapter 39. Notification Regulations and Procedures for Unauthorized Discharges

Subchapter D. Procedures for Notifying the Department

§3925. Written Notification Procedures

A. — B.1. …

 2. the time and date of prompt notification, the state official contacted when reporting, the name of the person making that notification, ~~and~~ identification of the site or facility, vessel, transport vehicle, or storage area from which the unauthorized discharge occurred~~;~~, and the location where the incident occurred;

 3. — 16. …

 C. Written notification reports shall be submitted to SPOC by mail or ~~fax~~email. The transmittal envelope and report or ~~fax cover page~~email subject line and report should be clearly marked "UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION REPORT." The email address can be found on the LDEQ webpage at the Single Point of Contact page under Written Notification Procedures: (LAC 33:I.3926) section.

 AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(J), 2060(H), 2076(D), 2183(I), 2194(C) and 2204(A).

 HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 11:770 (August 1985), amended LR 19:1022 (August 1993), LR 20:182 (February 1994), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2443 (November 2000), LR 30:1669 (August 2004), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2434 (October 2005), LR 33:2080 (October 2007), LR 33:2628 (December 2007), LR 36:1240 (June 2010), LR 36:2553 (November 2010), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 46:

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES LOG #: OS098

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|  | Baton Rouge, LA 70802 |  |  | (LAC 33:I.3925) |
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SUMMARY

(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no impact on expenditures of the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of the proposed rule change providing for an additional submittal method (via email) for written notifications to the department of any unauthorized discharge under Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 33:I.3915 A, 3917, 3919, or 3923.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

 There is no estimated increase or decrease in revenues anticipated from the proposed rule.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There is a benefit to directly affected persons/small businesses in the reduced cost of delivery via US Mail Service or Courier Delivery Service as a result of the proposed rule. However, such benefit is not anticipated to be material.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition or employment in the public or private sector as a result of the proposed rule.

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Signature of Agency Head or Designee Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Herman Robinson, General Counsel

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is requested in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule revision will allow an additional submittal method (via email) for written notifications to the department of any unauthorized discharge under Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 33:I.3915 A, 3917, 3919, or 3923.

1. Summarize the circumstances which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

This action will allow companies to email required written notifications to the agency in a timely manner and without the cost of mailing.

C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No, the proposed rule will not result in any increase in the expenditure of funds.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) No. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

This question is not applicable.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

No costs or savings to state agencies are anticipated as a result of the proposed rule.

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OTHER CHARGES -0- -0- -0-

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POSITIONS (#) -0- -0- -0-

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

This question is not applicable.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

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FEDERAL FUNDS -0- -0- -0-

OTHER (Specify) -0- -0- -0- a

TOTAL -0- -0- -0-

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

No additional funds are required to implement the proposed action.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

 No impact on local governmental units is anticipated.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit which will be affected by these costs or savings.

 There will be no costs or savings to local governmental units, so no funding sources will be affected.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

No increase or decrease in revenues to state and local governmental units will be realized.

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE FY 19-20 FY 20-21 FY 21-22

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STATE GENERAL FUND -0- -0- -0-

AGENCY SELF-GENERATED -0- -0- -0-

RESTRICTED FUNDS\* -0- -0- -0-

FEDERAL FUNDS -0- -0- -0-

LOCAL FUNDS -0- -0- -0- a

TOTAL -0- -0- -0-

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

There will be no increase or decrease in revenues will be realized.

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

1. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

All authorized and unauthorized dischargers submitting written reports for any unauthorized discharge that requires notification under LAC 33:I.3915.A, 3917, 3919, or 3923 will save cost if they choose to submit the report via email instead of US Mail Service or Courier Service.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There will be no impact on receipts or income resulting from this revised rule change to these groups.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There will be no effect on competition or employment in the public or private sector.