

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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		Date Rule Takes Effect:	<u>Upon promulgation</u>

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 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 are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule change will revise and clarify the intent of Chapter 11 of the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Water Quality regulations. The 2024 Triennial Review Report of Findings, a federally mandated review of water quality standards conducted by DEQ every three years, identified one citation in Section 1109 with errors; specifically, three uses of "and/or" when "and" is appropriate. This change in verbiage is not anticipated to create more stringent requirements, as it is a technical correction to align the administrative code with the existing Water Quality Management Plan, which is the primary document governing water quality management, pollution control, and planning activities carried out by the state in order to comply with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.

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

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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

There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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Signature of Head or Designee

Jill C. Clark, General Counsel

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

1-7-2026

Date of Signature

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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

1/08/2026

Date of Signature

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The following information is required 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).

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

This action is required in order to fulfill the department's obligation to review and revise, as necessary, at least once every three years, the state's water quality standards, pursuant to 40 CFR 131.20.

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 change is not anticipated to 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

Not applicable.

D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

(a) _____ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b) _____ X NO.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)?

(a) _____ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) _____ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) _____ NO.

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?

COSTS	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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.

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

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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?

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to require the expenditure of funds to implement.

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.

There is no anticipated impact on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements, as a result of the proposed rule change.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
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.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any impact on the revenues of state or local governmental units.

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

A. What persons, small businesses, 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.

There are no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

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 is no anticipated impact on receipts and/or income as a result of the proposed rule change.

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 is no anticipated impact on competition and employment in the public or private sectors as a result of the proposed rule change.