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Subject: APA - Summary Report for Proposed Rule HW141
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October 7, 2026

The Honorable Eddie J. Lambert, Chairman
c/o Committee Staff
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

The Honorable Brett F. Geymann, Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment
c/o Committee Staff

**RE: Summary Report for Proposed Rule HW141
Definitions
(LAC 33:V.3813)
Proposed on August 20, 2026**

Pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is submitting a report regarding the above-referenced proposed rule, which was published in the *Louisiana Register*. Neither oral nor written comments were received. No changes have been made to the proposed rule since the report provided for in R.S. 49:966(B) was submitted. Attached is the Notice of Intent for informational purposes. The original proposed rule was previously provided to you and is not being resubmitted with this report.

We would appreciate it if you would acknowledge receipt of this message by return email. Please contact Laura Almond at laura.almond@la.gov or (225) 219-3981 if you have any questions regarding this material.

Sincerely yours,

Jill C. Clark
General Counsel

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This concludes this transmission.

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Public Comments

Interested individuals may submit written comments to Catherine S. Brindley, DCFS Policy and Rulemaking Director, Department of Children and Family Services, P.O. Box 3776, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. The deadline for submitting written comments is 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2026.

Christopher Bahm
Undersecretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Substance Abuse Testing

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

It is not anticipated that state or local government units will incur any costs or savings as a result of this proposed rule.

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) proposed to repeal Sections 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, and 121 of Chapter 1 (Substance Abuse Testing) within Part 1 of Title 67 (Social Services) of the Louisiana Administrative Code. The proposed rule removes language related to internal agency policies governing employment practices, workplace standards, and associated disciplinary actions. Due to the operational nature of these matters, they are not appropriate for inclusion in the Louisiana Administrative Code. Drug testing for public employees is authorized by R.S. 49:1015, and, pursuant to that statute, the agency has established its substance abuse testing requirements through internal policy.

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

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

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

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Implementation of this proposed rule is not anticipated to have an effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division

Definitions (LAC 33:V.3813)

Under the authority of the Louisiana 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 Hazardous Waste regulations, LAC 33:V.3813 (HW141).

Act 658 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session facilitates recycling of electronics associated with renewable energy

resource components. The proposed Rule will update the current definition of electronics or electronic device. The previous definition was created prior to the widespread advent of utilizing renewable energy, which entails multiple forms of electronic devices that are valuable and can be recycled. The basis and rationale for the proposed Rule are to facilitate the recycling of renewable energy resource electronic components. The proposed Rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:963.B(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part V. Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality—

Hazardous Waste

Chapter 38. Universal Wastes

Subchapter A. General

§3813. Definitions

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Electronics or Electronic Device—a device or a component thereof that contains one or more circuit boards and is used primarily for:

1. data transfer or storage, communication, or entertainment purposes, including but not limited to, desktop and laptop computers, computer peripherals, monitors, copying machines, scanners, printers, radios, televisions, camcorders, video cassette recorders (VCRs), compact disc players, digital video disc players, MP3 players, telephones, including cellular and portable telephones, and stereos; and/or

2. energy production, including but not limited to a component from renewable energy production, energy transmission, and/or ancillary equipment associated with energy production and/or transmission.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2180 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 23:570 (May 1997), amended by the Office of Waste Services, Hazardous Waste Division, LR 24:1760 (September 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:287 (February 2000), LR 27:302 (March 2001), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:3118 (December 2005), LR 51:1852 (November 2025), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

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

Poverty Impact Statement

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

Small Business Analysis

Small businesses should not be significantly impacted by the proposed Rule as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8. This is a technical clarification in the universal waste category simplifying the handling of these items, reducing the regulatory burden compared to managing them as fully hazardous waste.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed 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 Rule. Persons commenting should reference the proposed Rule by HW141. Such comments must be received no later than October 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of HW141. The proposed Rule is available on the Internet at <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/about-ldeq/monthly-regulation-changes-2026>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on September 29, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Conference Room 1051, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Microsoft Teams at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/258064616943533?p=5ue6C1ACMvfYjkFpE8> Meeting ID: 258 064 616 943 533, Passcode: Bc2D3tG6 or by phone (872) 239-6160 using phone conference ID: 971 330 262#. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, 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.

Jill C. Clark
General Counsel

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Definitions

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

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact costs or savings to state or local government units. The proposed rule change is a technical clarification of the definition of electronics and electronic devices in the existing definition of the universal waste regulations (LAC 33:V.3813. Definitions). The technical clarification of the definition of "Electronics or Electronic Devices" is proposed because the current definition was created before the widespread advent of utilizing renewable energy, which entails multiple forms of electronic devices that are valuable and can be recycled when decommissioned.

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

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact revenue collections of state or local government units. The proposed rule change is optional for facilities to implement and has no revenue mechanism provided for in the enabling legislation or these regulations.

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

The proposed rule change may benefit facilities that process electronics. Managing decommissioned electronics and electronic devices as universal waste is optional, but may bring benefits to businesses. If implemented, this approach simplifies storage requirements and reduces transportation and disposal costs. If industries choose to apply the rule, retail and manufacturing businesses may benefit from cost savings, while waste management and recycling companies may experience growth opportunities.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change may boost recycling sectors by increasing the collection and recycling of electronics and electronic devices, including those generated from renewable energy resource components, thereby fostering new businesses and competition for waste management and recycling companies.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Office of Elderly Affairs

Office of Elderly Affairs
(LAC 4:VII.1101, 1229, 1281, and 1283)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Office of the Governor, Office of Elderly Affairs ("GOEA") has amended LAC 4:VII.1101, 1229, 1281, and 1283. These amendments repeal the sections and are adopted on the date of promulgation.

Title 4

ADMINISTRATION

Part VII. Governor's Office

Chapter 11. Elderly Affairs

Subchapter A. State Agency on Aging

§1101. Office of Elderly Affairs

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:931 to R.S. 46:935, R.S. 14:403.2, OAA Sections 203, 305, 307 and 731, and 45 CFR 1321.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Office of Elderly Affairs. LR 10:464 (June 1984), amended LR 11:1078 (November 1985), LR 25:2199 (November 1999), LR 28:1016 (May 2002), LR 31:1330 (June 2005), LR 42:1508 (September 2016), repealed LR 52:

Subchapter C. Councils on Aging

§1229. Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 49:2010.4 and OAA Section 307(a)(12)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Office of Elderly Affairs. LR 10:464 (June 1984), amended LR 11:35 (January 1985), LR 11:1078 (November 1985), LR 13:742 (December 1987), LR 15:379 (May 1989), LR 17:600 (June 1991), repromulgated LR 17:661 (July 1991), amended LR 18:267 (March 1992), LR 24:1928 (October 1998), LR 28:1018 (May 2002), LR 42:1513 (September 2016), repealed LR 52:

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