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Cc: Courtney Burdette (DEQ); Jill Clark; Deidra Johnson; William Little; Nathan Mills
Subject: Summary Response Proposed Rule OS099S
Attachments: Response to Comments 7.6.26.pdf; OS099 Rule language Substantive Changes 4.7.26.pdf; OS099 Notice of Intent.pdf; OS099Potpourri.pdf

The Honorable Eddie Lambert, Chairman
c/o Tyler McCloud, Attorney
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 OS099
Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and
Ownership/Operator
LAC 33:I.Chapter 19
Proposed on September 20, 2025

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*. Two public hearings were held with comments received. Amendments have been made to the proposed rule in response to the comments. This revised rule language is attached. This final summary report is comprised of the attached electronic documents.

We would appreciate it if you would acknowledge receipt of this message by return email. Please contact our office at (225) 219-3985 if you have questions regarding this material.

Sincerely yours,

Jill C. Clark
General Counsel

This concludes this transmission.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator (LAC 33:I.Chapter 19)

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 Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.Chapter 19 (OS099).

The proposed Rule seeks to modify existing regulations by clarifying the applicability and addressing other items in order to minimize the number of deficient or incomplete forms submitted to the department.

The Permit Application and Administrative Review group (PAAR) with the Public Participation and Permit Support Division is responsible for processing Notification of Change forms according to LAC 33:I.Chapter 19. Due to the lack of specificity in the current regulation, many applicants submit applications that are incomplete or request action on activities not covered in the regulation. This results in a high percentage of applications requiring deficiency letters or additional clarification. The proposed Rule seeks to address these issues. The basis and rationale for this proposed Rule are to provide clarification and better customer service, clarify expectations, and provide these services more effectively and efficiently. This 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 I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 1. Departmental Administrative Procedures Chapter 19 Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator

§1901. Applicability

A. This Chapter applies to the owner/operator of any facility with certain effective permits issued under the air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste regulatory programs, whenever a company or facility name change or an ownership or operator change occurs.

1. Notifications of changes shall be submitted by the new owner/operator to the department on the most current version of the Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) approved by the department. This form may be found on the department's website. Notification of changes shall be made for or holding any air permits, Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits, hazardous waste permits, and/or solid waste permits as indicated below:

- a. air quality permits, including, but not limited to:

- i. regulatory permits;
- ii. minor source permits;
- iii. Title V permits;
- iv. acid rain permits;
- v. prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permits; and
- vi. exemptions granted under LAC 33:III.501.B.4;
- b. solid waste permits;
- c. hazardous waste permits;
- d. LPDES permits, except as noted in Subsection A.5 and C of this Section; and
- e. biosolids permits.

2. Administratively extended permits may be transferred under this Chapter at the discretion of the administrative authority.

3. The NOC-1 Form shall not be used to make name changes, or to transfer authorization to a new owner or operator for:

- a. radiation permits and licenses;
- b. UST registrations and certifications;
- c. water quality certifications;
- d. certifications, registrations, and accreditations related to the asbestos program;
- e. certifications, registrations, and accreditations related to the lead based paint program;
- f. transporter ID numbers and authorizations under the hazardous waste program (see Subsection D of this Section);
- g. transporter ID numbers and authorizations under the solid waste and sewage sludge programs;
- h. accreditations under the Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program; and
- i. name and ownership/operator changes for sites undergoing remediation, other than for the transfer of effective permits associated with the site(s).

4. The following do not qualify for company/facility name or ownership/operator changes by the department through the NOC-1 Form:

- a. LPDES general permits, which specifically include language prohibiting transfer of permit coverage;
- b. air permit exemptions, except exemptions granted under LAC 33.III.504.B.4;
- c. any variance for air requested in accordance with LAC 33:III.917;
- d. any hazardous waste variances requested or updated in accordance with LAC 33:V.105.K;
- e. any permit that is expired, terminated, or rescinded (except that administratively continued permits pending renewal may be transferred at the discretion of the permitting authority); and
- f. administrative orders, settlement agreements, orders on consent, orders to close, orders to upgrade, or any other such mechanism.

B. A name or ownership/operator change processed in accordance with this Chapter will be considered a minor permitting action or administrative amendment. Name or ownership/operator change requests shall be processed in accordance with this Chapter, unless the administrative authority determines the name or ownership/operator change shall be processed pursuant to the requirements for a minor permit modification or administrative amendment in lieu of the procedures contained in this Chapter.

C. When the ownership of a facility holding an LPDES permit changes and there is no change to the operator of that facility, a LPDES permit transfer is not required. A NOC-1 Form shall be submitted for a change in the name of a facility or a change in the name of the company, in accordance with LAC 33:1.1905.

D. EPA Hazardous Waste Identification (ID) Numbers

1. EPA hazardous waste ID numbers are not transferable.

2. For facilities with a hazardous waste permit, the new applicant shall submit both an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form to transfer the permit and an accurate and complete Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity Form (HW-1 Form), or a RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form (EPA Form 8700-12) for changes to the EPA hazardous waste ID number in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current versions of the NOC-1 and HW-1 forms approved by the department.

3. For facilities with an EPA hazardous waste ID number that do not have a hazardous waste permit, and that have other permits subject to these regulations, the applicant shall submit an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form for the transfer of the permit(s) and an accurate and complete HW-1 (or EPA Form 8700-12) for changes to the EPA hazardous waste ID number in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current versions of the NOC-1 and HW-1 forms approved by the department.

4. For facilities with only an EPA hazardous waste ID number and no permits subject to transfer, the applicant need only submit an accurate and complete HW-1 Form (or EPA Form 8700-12) in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current version of the HW-1 Form approved by the department.

E. The terms *administratively complete*, *administrative amendment*, *financial assurance*, and *minor modification* as used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning and intent as when used in LAC 33:Parts III, V, VII, and IX.

F. This Chapter does not supersede an otherwise applicable requirement addressing administrative amendments or modifications in the air, LPDES, hazardous waste, and solid waste programs, in particular, applicable regulations promulgated under 40 CFR part 63 (MACT standards), or acid rain program requirements.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2428 (October 2005), amended LR 51:

§1903. Liability

A. The previous owner or operator retains responsibility for compliance with all permit terms and conditions until the effective date of the permit transfer, as determined by the administrative authority in accordance with this Chapter.

B. The previous owner or operator retains responsibility for the compliance with the financial assurance regulations until the new owner or operator has demonstrated that he or she is complying with the specified financial assurance regulations of Title 33 of the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (e.g., LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33.VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2428 (October 2005), amended LR 36:2552 (November 2010), LR 51:

§1905. Name Change

A. For a change in a permit resulting only due to a change in the name of a facility or change in the name of the company, written notification shall be made to the Office of Environmental Services. The owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change. This form may be found on the department's website.

B. No later than 30 days after receipt of a complete notification of a name change for a facility or change in the name of the company, the administrative authority shall notify the owner/operator that the department has received and processed the name change

1. For notifications submitted prior to or no later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the name change shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the name change shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

C. For permitted hazardous waste facilities, the permittee shall send a notice of the name change to all persons on the facility mailing list maintained by the administrative authority, and to the appropriate units of state and local government, as specified in LAC 33:V.717. This notification shall be made no later than 90 calendar days after the change is effective.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2428 (October 2005), amended LR 36:2552 (November 2010), LR 51:

§1907. Change of Ownership/Operator—No Financial Assurance Required

A. The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where no financial assurance is required when an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form and the following information has been received:

1. documentation clearly identifying the party who will be responsible for existing violations; and

2. evidence of permit qualifications and requirements on the part of the new owner or operator in accordance with LAC 33:1.1701.

B. Changes in the ownership or operational control of a facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services and shall include the following.

1. The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change.

2. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between the previous and new permittees shall also be submitted to the administrative authority. The agreement shall be attached to and submitted with a completed NOC-1 Form.

C. No later than 30 days after the receipt of a complete notification of a change of the ownership or operational control of a facility, the administrative authority shall notify the previous and new owners/operators of the department's approval or disapproval of the transfer of the permit to the new owner or operator based on its evaluation of the factors set forth in Subsection A of this Section. The department will also notify EPA of changes in Title V permits within the same timeframe.

1. For notifications submitted prior to, or no later than, 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

D. The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke, and reissue an existing permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change or for failure to submit an accurate, complete NOC-1 Form.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2428 (October 2005), amended LR 51:

§1909. Change of Ownership/Operator—Financial Assurance Required

A. The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where financial assurance is required, based on the following factors:

1. assumption by the new owner or operator of liability for existing violations;

2. demonstration of compliance with financial responsibility requirements by the new owner or operator;

3. a description of the financial structure of the operating unit including capital structure, principal ownership, and insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage (Upon review, supporting information may be requested including, but not limited to, financial reports and financial statements.); and

4. evidence of permit qualifications and requirements on the part of the new owner or operator in accordance with LAC 33:I.1701.

B. Changes in the ownership or operational control of a facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services. The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change. The following actions are also required to be completed in conjunction with the change of ownership/operator notification.

1. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between the previous and new permittees shall be submitted to the administrative authority. The agreement shall be attached to and submitted with a completed NOC-1 Form.

2. A written agreement containing specific information regarding the implementation of a financial assurance mechanism meeting the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37 (hazardous waste financial requirements), LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13 (solid waste financial assurance requirements), LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 (water financial security requirements), and Section 7307 (sewage sludge financial assurance requirements). The agreements shall be attached to and submitted with a completed NOC-1 Form. The term of the implementation schedule shall not exceed six months, as indicated in Subsection C of this Section.

3. Permitted and interim status hazardous waste facilities shall also submit a revised Part I (i.e., Hazardous Waste Permit Part A Form) permit application and Hazardous Waste Notification Form (HW-1 Form) with the NOC-1 Form.

4. When a transfer of ownership or operational control occurs, the previous owner or operator shall comply with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37 (hazardous waste financial requirements), LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13 (solid waste financial assurance requirements), and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 (water financial security requirements) and Section 7307 (sewage sludge financial assurance requirements) until the new owner or operator has demonstrated that he or she is complying with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307.

C. The new owner or operator shall demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307 no later than six months after the date of the change of ownership or operational control of the facility. Upon adequate demonstration to the administrative authority by the new owner or operator of compliance with these financial assurance requirements, the administrative authority shall notify the previous owner or operator that he or she no longer needs to comply with the financial assurance requirements as of the date of demonstration.

D. Within 45 days after the receipt of a complete notification of a change of ownership or operational control of a facility, the administrative authority shall notify the previous and new owners/operators of the department's approval or disapproval of the transfer of the permit to the new owner or operator based on its evaluation of the factors set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

1. For notifications submitted prior to, or no later than, 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

E. For permitted hazardous waste facilities, the new permittee shall send a notice of the change of ownership or operational control to all persons on the facility mailing list maintained by the administrative authority, and to the appropriate units of state and local government, as specified in LAC 33:V.717. This notification shall be made no later than 90 calendar days after the administrative authority has provided a written response approving the transfer of the permit and the change has been put into effect.

F. The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke and reissue an existing permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change or a failure to submit an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2429 (October 2005), amended LR 36:2552 (November 2010), LR 51:

§1911. Fees for Name and Ownership/Operator Changes

A. Notifications of name or ownership/operator changes at a facility shall be submitted by the new owner or operator on the appropriate Notification of Change (NOC-1 Form) accompanied with the appropriate fees. The fees listed below cover the cost of reviewing, evaluating, and processing a name or ownership/operator change that has occurred at the facility. The notification shall not be considered complete if the appropriate fees are not submitted.

B. Methods of Payment

1. All payments made by check, draft, or money order shall be made payable to the Department of Environmental Quality and mailed or hand delivered to the department at the address provided on the NOC-1 Form.

2. - 3. ...

C. Failure to Pay. Failure to pay the prescribed name change or ownership/operator change fee as provided herein shall result in denial of the change request and may subject the owner/operator to enforcement actions under the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act including, but not limited to, revocation or suspension of the permit, license, registration, or variance for the failure to pay fees and for any resulting noncompliance.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and R.S. 49:316.1(A)(2)(a) and (c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2429 (October 2005), amended LR 35:2178 (October 2009), LR 36:2552 (November 2010), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1238 (July 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

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

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual, or family poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8. There may be a slight decrease in costs to entities submitting a Notification of Change (NOC-1) Form as this proposed Rule seeks to provide greater clarification, thereby reducing notices of deficiency.

Provider Impact Statement

This 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 this proposed Rule by OS099. Such comments must be received no later than November 6, 2025, 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 OS099. The proposed regulation is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/monthly-regulation-changes-2025%20>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on October 30, 2025, 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 in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96029909881> or by phone at (646) 255-1997 Meeting ID 683 613 3613. 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.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**
**RULE TITLE: Notification and Permit Transfer
Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and
Ownership/Operator**

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. This proposed rule change will allow the department to process name and ownership changes more effectively and efficiently.
The proposed rule change provides clarification for entities requesting name, ownership, and/or operator changes for effective permits subject to the rule and documents procedures. Current regulations do not adequately specify the activities that are exempt from the rule, resulting in a significant number of deficiency notices or the need for amended requests. The proposed rule change seeks to provide greater clarity, thereby allowing the request to proceed more efficiently.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There is no estimated increase or decrease in revenues anticipated from this proposed rule change.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
There may be a decrease in costs to entities submitting a Notification of Change (NOC-1) Form, as the proposed rule change seeks to provide greater clarification as to the applicability of the rule, thereby reducing notices of deficiency.
- 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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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division**

**Termination of Stage II Program
(LAC 33:III.2132)**

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 Air regulations, LAC 33:III.2132.J.3 (AQ404).

The proposed Rule modifies the wording of LAC 33:III.2132.J.3 for existing facilities that have Stage II vapor recovery equipment. It further clarifies that failure to properly decommission Stage II vapor recovery systems may subject affected facilities to enforcement action. The proposed Rule also replaces the stated enforcement actions of "requiring decommissioning of the stage II vapor recovery system" and "prohibition of the sale/dispensing of

~~gasoline" with a reference to the penalties listed in LAC 33:III.2132.H.1. The basis and rationale for this proposed Rule are to reduce the financial impact on the regulated community by providing more time to comply ahead of enforcement actions. This 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 III. Air**

**Chapter 21. Control of Emission of Organic
Compounds**

Subchapter F. Gasoline Handling

**§2132. Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems for Control of
Vehicle Refueling Emissions at Gasoline
Dispensing Facilities**

A. - J.2. ...

3. An existing facility with stage II vapor recovery equipment may complete decommissioning of the stage II equipment at any time after EPA approval of the SIP revision in Paragraph 1 of this Subsection. The failure to properly and timely decommission a stage II vapor recovery system in accordance with this Subsection is a violation of the Act and these regulations and may be subject to an enforcement action, which may include penalties as indicated in LAC 33:III.2132.H.1. Once the decommission of the stage II vapor recovery system has been completed in accordance with this Subsection, the facility is no longer subject to the requirements of this Section, except to comply with notifications, procedures, and recordkeeping associated with decommissioning.

J.4. - J.4.e.ii. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division, LR 18:1254 (November 1992), repromulgated LR 19:46 (January 1993), amended LR 23:1682 (December 1997), LR 24:25 (January 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2453 (November 2000), LR 29:558 (April 2003), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2440 (October 2005), LR 33:2086 (October 2007), LR 34:1890 (September 2008), LR 34:2397 (November 2008), LR 37:1147 (April 2011), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 38:2752 (November 2012), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 43:2138 (November 2017), LR 44:1242 (July 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

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

Poverty Impact Statement

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

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8. This Rule reduces the number of small businesses that will be subject to costly enforcement actions.

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Department of Conservation and Energy Office of Enforcement

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Enforcement records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
J. Clay Stricker, Jr.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Swepeco	001	205382 (30) Tanks, Prod. Equip.
Davis Oil Company	Bayou Segnette	M	Marreto Land	001	101624 (29) Casing Stub
Netco Energy 1 LLC	Trout Creek	M	WX B RC SUTT; P Strozier A	001	212823
Netco Energy 1 LLC	Trout Creek	M	P Strozier SWD	002	212856
Netco Energy 1 LLC	Trout Creek	M	WX A RA SUTT; Strozier	001	222762
Caddo Pine Island Energy LLC	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hom	001	178867
Caddo Pine Island Energy LLC	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hom	002	183681
Ross Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Caddo Levee Board B	15	44131 (30) Pump Jack Stand

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs Division

Notice of Public Hearing

Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule OS099
Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to
Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator
(LAC 33:I.Chapter 19)

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 the department is seeking to incorporate substantive changes to proposed regulation (LAC 33:I.Chapter 19.) (Log number OS099S), which was originally noticed as OS099 in the September 20, 2025, issue of the *Louisiana Register*. (2605Pot1)

The department has proposed substantive changes to address comments received during the public comment period of proposed rule OS099. The changes clarify the proposed rule language. In the interest of clarity and transparency, the department is providing public notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the amendments of the regulation in question. The department is also providing an interim response to comments received on the initial regulation proposal.

A strikeout/underline/shaded version of the proposed rule that distinguishes original proposed language from language changed by this proposal and the interim response to comments are available on the department's website under Rules and Regulations at <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/about-ldcq/monthly-regulation-changes-2026>. The following changes are to be incorporated into the Notice of Intent:

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 1. Department of Environmental Quality—

Hazardous Waste

Chapter 19 Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator

§1901. Applicability

A. This Chapter applies to changes at a facility for a company/facility name change or an ownership/operator change for certain effective permits issued under the air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste regulatory programs. The new owner/operator shall comply with the financial assurance requirements in accordance with LAC 33:I.1907 or 1909.

- 1. - 1.a.iv. ...
 - v. prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permits;
 - vi. exemptions granted under LAC 33:III.501.B.4;
 - vii. exemptions to test granted under LAC 33:III.523.B, may be transferred at the discretion of the administrative authority; and
 - viii. variances granted under LAC 33:III.917 or 2119, may be transferred at the discretion of the administrative authority;

- 1.b. - 4.a. ...
 - b. any hazardous waste variances requested or updated in accordance with LAC 33:V.105.K;
 - c. any permit that is expired, terminated, or rescinded (except that administratively continued permits pending renewal may be transferred at the discretion of the permitting authority); and
 - d. administrative orders, settlement agreements, orders on consent, orders to close, orders to upgrade, or any other such mechanism.

B. - D.4. ...

E. The terms administratively complete, administrative amendment, financial assurance, and minor modification as used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning and intent as when used in LAC 33:Parts III, V, VII, and IX. The term operational control shall consist of having custody, care, or concern over a thing subject to regulation by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act or the Louisiana Administrative Code when the custodian has the right to direct or control it, and has a duty to prevent harm occasioned by the violation of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act or other environmental regulations.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2428 (October 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

§1911. Fees for Name and Ownership/Operator Changes

A. - B.3. ...

C. Failure to Pay. Failure to pay the prescribed name change or ownership/operator change fee as provided herein shall result in denial of the change request and may subject the owner/operator to enforcement actions under the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and R.S. 49:316.1(A)(2)(a) and (c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 31:2429 (October 2005), amended LR 35:2178 (October 2009), LR 36:2552 (November 2010), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 44:1238 (July 2018), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Public Comments

All interested persons are also invited to submit written comments on the substantive changes. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation as OS099S. Such comments must be received no later than June 25, 2026, at

4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or emailed to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. The comment period for the substantive changes ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of these substantive changes 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 OS099S. This regulation is available on the Internet at <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/about-ldeq/monthly-regulation-changes-2026>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing on the substantive changes will be held on June 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Teams at: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22658358528047?p=xJ5QWwZ.R9eeRy8uMMx> using Meeting ID: 226 583 585 280 47 and passcode: uZ9VL2dQ or by phone (872) 238-6160 using phone conference ID 566 777 492#.

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.

These substantive changes to OS099S are available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8:00 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; and 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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~~Office of the Governor
Board of Examiners of Interior Designers~~

~~Notice of Public Hearing
Request for Comments on Rulemaking~~

~~In compliance with R.S.49:964, the Board of Examiners of Interior Designers gives notice that a public hearing will be held on June 11, 2026 at 12:30 pm at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, Room 2D, for the purpose of receiving comments from all interested persons regarding any rule of the board that may be contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome.~~

~~All interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral or written comments. The board will consider all comments; however, only written comments received by the board will be included in the report submitted to the Louisiana legislative oversight committees. Written comments must be~~

Comment Summary Response
Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility
Name and Ownership/Operator
(LAC 33:I.Chapter 19) (OS099)

COMMENT 1: The Proposed Rule amends LAC 33:I.1901 such that instead of applying to “name and ownership/operator changes at facilities”, Chapter 19 would apply to “the owner/operator of any facility ...whenever a company or facility name change or an ownership or operator change occurs.” The Proposed Rule also amends section 1901.A.1 as follows:

Written notifications of these changes shall be submitted by the new owner/operator to the department for facilities applying on the most current version of the Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) approved by the department. . .

Thus, Chapter 19 applies to current owner/operators with certain effective permits issued, but the new owner/operator is required to submit the required form to the Department. Further, the “previous owner or operator” retains responsibility for compliance with the permits until the effective date of the permit transfer. See Section 1903.A (as amended) and liability for failure to provide notice seems to be borne by the new owner/operator under Sections 1908.D and 1909.F, given that the Department may initiate action to terminate or revoke, and reissue an existing permit for failure to disclose a change in ownership or operational control within the time period or failure to submit an accurate, complete NOC-1 Form. Thus, the proposed amendment to Section 1901.A may introduce unnecessary confusion about the applicability of the regulations and what entity is reasonable for compliance with Chapter 19 transfer procedures. The current version of Section 1901.A may be more appropriate with edits to incorporate other clarifying changes implemented through the Proposed Rule:

This Chapter applies to name, company, and ownership/operator changes at facilities and the transfer of the owner/operator of any facility with certain effective permits issued that are under the purview of the air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste regulatory programs.

FOR: Clarifying the language may eliminate confusion when determining applicability.

AGAINST: The department agrees with the comment; no arguments are necessary.

RESPONSE 1: The department will modify the proposed rule language to clarify applicability. The new draft language of LAC 33:1.1901.A will read as follows:

This Chapter applies to changes at a facility for a company/facility name change or a ownership/operator change for certain effective permits issued under the air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste regulatory programs.

COMMENT 2: In addition to applicability of Chapter 19, whether a change is subject to the NOC-1 form requirements also needs clarification. Also, the regulations as amended, and current form of the NOC-1 contemplate various instances in which a NOC-1 form is required:

- Change in the name of a facility identified in a permit listed at 1901.A.1

“For a change in a permit resulting only due to a change in the name of a facility or change in the name of the company written notification shall be made to the Office of Environmental services, The [sic] owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1) ...” §1905.A, as amended

- Change in the name of a “company” identified in a permit listed at 1901.A.1

“For a change in a permit resulting only due to a change in the name of a facility or change in the name of the company written notification shall be made to the Office of Environmental services, The [sic] owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1) ...” §1905.A, as amended

- Change in ownership or operatorship of a facility (with or without financial assurance)

“Changes in the ownership or operational control of a facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services [sic] and shall include the following. 1. The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form)...” §1907.B, as amended.

“Changes in the ownership or operational control of a

facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services. The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change (NOC-1 Form)...” §1909.B, as amended.

- Transfer of a permit listed at 1901.A.1 to a newowner or operator (with or without financialassurance)

“The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where no financial assurance is required when an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form and the following information has been received...” §1907.A, as amended.

“The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where financial assurance is required, based on the following factors” §1909.A, as amended.

Accordingly, as understood, an NOC-1 is required: (i) when there is a change in the name of the company (i.e., the name of the company has changed, but the company itself remains the owner or operator of the facility with the new branding and responsible for compliance) or change in the name of the facility and, in either instance, a change to a permit identified in §1901.A.1 is required, (ii), when there is a change in ownership or operatorship of a facility, meaning there is a new entity that will be the owner or operator of a facility, whether a permit transfer required or not and (iii) to transfer a permit identified in §1901.A.1

For clarity, consider this example: Company A owns and operates Facility A. Company A is changing its name to Company B. Thus, Facility A will be renamed Facility B. None of the permits identified under Section 1901.A.1 are issued to Company A for ownership/operation of Facility A. Is the NOC-1 form required? Because Section 1905.A, as amended, indicates that changes in the name of a facility or changes to the name of the “company” only require an NOC-1 Form “for a change in a permit”, it seems as though no NOC-1 would be required. However, clarity is requested in light of Sections 1907.B and 1909.B. Both of those sections require an NOC-1 Form to be submitted where there is a “chang[e] in the ownership or operational control of a facility....” Neither section 1907.B nor 1909.B is limited to changes in ownership or operational control that require a permit listed at §1901.A.1 to be transferred. However, as understood, Sections 1907.B and 1909.B are implicated only where a new entity becomes the owner or operator of a facility.

Furthermore, it would be advantageous for the Department to define "operational control." It is ostensibly clear when there is an applicable permit, and the operator is identified. However, if there are no applicable permits, when does a change in operatorship occur? Consider another example: as part of a typical but complex company acquisition, Original Company 1, Inc. forms subsidiary Company 1, LLC as an interim company to hold relevant assets such as Plant A during a transaction. Company 1, LLC will be eventually acquired by or merged into New Company 1, Inc. Is an NOC-1 required:

- If New Company 1, Inc. is a wholly separate entity from Original Company 1, Inc. and there are no applicable permits that can be transferred with the NOC-1 form (assume no name change to Plant A)?
- If New Company 1, Inc. is a wholly separate entity from Original Company 1, Inc. and there are applicable permits that can be transferred with the NOC-1 form (assume no name change to Plant A)?
- If Original Company 1, Inc. transfers Plant A to Company 1, LLC as a stock sell (with or without permits that can be transferred through the NOC-1 and with or without a name change to Plant A)?
- If Original Company 1, Inc. transfers Plant A to Company 1, LLC as an asset sell (with or without permits that can be transferred through the NOC-1 and with or without a name change to Plant A)?

Thus, scenario or Q&A guidance would be beneficial. Otherwise, gaps remain even with the changes in the Proposed Rule.

FOR: Clarifying the language may eliminate confusion as it relates to terminology and when determining applicability, thereby requiring the submittal of a NOC-1 Form, which must provide the required financial assurance information and/or documentation. The department appreciates the scenario or Q&A guidance suggestion.

AGAINST: The department is unable to document all possible name/ownership/operator change scenarios.

RESPONSE 2: LAC 33:I.Chapter 19 has subject-specific Sections so the user can determine applicability and find specific provisions easier. The applicability Section found in LAC 33:I.1901.A of this rule establishes when facilities are subject to this rule and is applicable to each Section of the Chapter. LAC 33:I.Chapter 19 applies to a change of a facility name, company name, or when the owner and/or operator

changes for a facility with certain effective air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste permits. Section, LAC 33:I.1905 is specific to a change in the name of a facility or company for facilities with an effective permit that is subject to this rule. Further, certain permit activities require financial assurance, where others do not require financial assurance as it relates to a transfer of an effective permit per LAC 33:I.1907 and 1909. Financial assurance language was added to the applicability Section, LAC 33:I.1901.A.

The Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) is the tool the department uses to update its records for facilities with effective permits that are subject to this rule. If there are no effective department issued permits under the air, water, hazardous waste, or solid waste regulatory programs per LAC 33:I.1901.A, a written notification (NOC-1 Form) does not need to be submitted to the department.

A permit must be issued to the actual person(s) or company that owns or operates a facility. Therefore, to transfer an effective department issued permit or change a facility or company name, the new company (Company B) must submit a complete Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) to the department with all required signatures.

No change to the proposed rule language in LAC 33:I.1905.A is necessary. The applicability Section (LAC 33:I.1901.A) and the Name Change Only Section (LAC 33:I.1905.A), require a written notification, using the Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) when there is a change in the company name or facility name for a facility with an effective department issued permit.

No change to proposed rule language in LAC 33:I.1907.A or LAC 33:I.1909 is necessary. These Sections are to address facilities with effective permits that require financial assurance and those that do not require financial assurance as it relates to this rule.

The department appreciates the suggestion of a scenario or Q&A Guidance and added language to define "operational control".

COMMENT 3: The Department should clarify the threshold for requiring a permit modification rather than Chapter 19 NOC-1 procedures. As proposed, new LAC 33:I.1901.B states:

B. A name or ownership/operator change processed in accordance with this Chapter will be considered a minor permitting action or administrative amendment. Name or

ownership/operator change requests shall be processed in accordance with this Chapter, **unless the administrative authority determines the name or ownership/operator change shall be processed pursuant to the requirements for a minor permit modification or administrative amendment in lieu of the procedures contained in this Chapter.**

(emphasis added). Additional guidance on when a minor permit modification or administrative amendment in lieu of the procedures in Chapter 19 is warranted to avoid uncertainty, especially as it relates to timing uncertainties associated with permit modifications as compared to the Chapter 19 NOC-1 process.

FOR/AGAINST:

No argument necessary; comment does not suggest amendment or change.

RESPONSE 3:

The department appreciates the suggestion.

COMMENT 4:

The proposed rule identifies at Section 1901.A.4 permits, authorizations, and certifications that may not be transferred through the NOC-1 procedures. Those include: "air permit exemptions, except exemptions granted under LAC 33:III.504.B.4 [sic]" and "any variance for air requested in accordance with LAC 33:III.917." The Associations understand the reference to LAC 33:III.504.B.4 should instead read LAC 33:III.501.B.4, which govern permitting exemptions granted by the Department. Under section 501.B.4, the Department may expressly grant an exemption from permitting requirements at Chapter 5 of the air regulations if the facility meets the criteria outlined. The Section 501.B.4 provision is very similar to the Section 501.B.2.d. (La. R.S.30:2054(B)(2)(b)(ix)) statutory exemption provision in its threshold for emissions; however, the Section 501.B.4. requires formal approval from the Department, rather than conferring exempt status by operation of law. The Associations support the use of the NOC-1 process to transfer Section 501.B.4 exemptions expressly granted by the Department, but do not support exclusion of any other exemptions such as the air permitting exemptions at LAC 33:III.501.b.5.D, temporary exemption for testing at LAC 33:III.523.B, and variances (e.g., under LAC 33:III.917).

FOR/AGAINST:

The department agrees with the comment; no arguments are necessary.

RESPONSE 4: The department will modify the proposed rule language in LAC 33:I.1901.A.1.a to change the citation from LAC 33:III.504.B.4 to LAC 33:III.501.B.4.

COMMENT 5: According to LDEQ guidance, “[e]xemptions are **permitting actions**” and are generally used for two purposes: when a facility needs to make a small, permanent change that is immediately necessary and/or to document the exemption status of a facility from permitting requirements.¹ Variances are issued for temporary changes in permitting requirements in the event that extenuating circumstances cause a facility to be unable to strictly adhere to the terms of the permit and/or provisions of an applicable regulation.² The Department treats variances like permitting actions, which are signed by the Assistant Secretary of Environmental Services and issued under air permit routing/approval slips.

Nothing in any of the applicable regulations or statute prevents transfer of these permitting actions in the event of new ownership/operatorship. Where the underlying permit may be transferred under the NOC-1 procedures, any accompanying modifications should also be transferred using that same mechanism. Said another way, if a new owner or operator intends to operate the facility in such a way that the Department’s basis for issuance of a previously granted exemption or variance remains relevant, such should be transferable with the permit. Allowing related exemptions and variances to transfer with the permit, would also reduce the risk of inadvertent noncompliance during transitions.

Thus, the Associations respectfully request that the transfer of variances and permit exemptions be allowed through the NOC-1 Form along with the associated permit.

¹ Louisiana Guidance for Air Permitting Actions, pg. 43 of 194 (emphasis added).

² See id. at pg. 48 of 194; LAC 33:III.917.

FOR: The department should allow for the transfer of exemptions to test and variances via NOC-1 procedures.

AGAINST: The department generally agrees with the comment, but wishes to retain the discretion to evaluate requests to transfer exemptions to test and variances on a case-by-case basis.

- RESPONSE 5: Given the varied nature of exemptions to test, which allow a permittee to determine the effect of a proposed modification on emission rates, and variances, which provide temporary authorization for emissions in excess of permitted limits or otherwise allow for some act contrary to the air quality regulations due to extenuating circumstances, the department wishes to retain the discretion to evaluate requests to transfer exemptions to test and variances on a case-by-case basis. The department will modify the proposed rule language in LAC 33:1.1901.A.1.a and 1901.A.4.
- COMMENT 6: The Proposed Rules exclude expired, terminated, or rescinded permits from the NOC-1 transfer procedures at Section 1901.4.d. That exclusion clarifies that administratively continued permits pending renewal may be transferred, but only at the discretion of the Department. It is unclear why the distinction is made for permits pending renewal that have been administratively continued. The Associations request that the term "at the discretion of the permitting authority" be removed and that any administratively continued permit be transferred in the same manner as any other enforceable permit.
- FOR/AGAINST: The department acknowledges the comment. The department wishes to retain the discretion to evaluate requests to transfer administratively extended permits on a case-by-case basis.
- RESPONSE 6: No change to the proposed rule language in LAC 33:1.1901.A.5.d is necessary. The department will evaluate each request on a case-by-case basis to make a determination if an administratively continued permit can be processed. This will allow the practical operational needs of industry while maintaining regulatory compliance.

**Interim Comment Summary Response
Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility
Name and Ownership/Operator
(LAC 33:I.Chapter 19) (OS099)**

COMMENT #

SUGGESTED BY

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Lauren J. Rucinski, Kean Miller LLP on behalf of Louisiana Chemical Association (“LCA”) and the Louisiana Mid- Continent Oil and Gas Association (“LMOGA”)

Comments reflected in this document are repeated verbatim from the written submittal.

Total Commenters: 01

Total Comments: 06

**Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Part I. Office of the Secretary**

Chapter 19 Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Facility

Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator Changes Process

§1901. Applicability

A. This Chapter applies to changes at a facility for a company/facility name change or an name and ownership/operator changes at facilities~~the ownership/operator of any facility with changes for certain effective permits issued that are under the purview of the air, water, hazardous waste, and solid waste regulatory programs, whenever a company or facility name change or an ownership or operator change occurs.~~ The new owner/operator shall comply with the financial assurance requirements in accordance with LAC 33:I.1907 or 1909.

1. ~~Written n~~Notifications of these changes shall be submitted by the new owner/operator to the department for facilities applying on the most current version of the Notification of Change Form (NOC-1 Form) approved by the department. This form may be found on the department’s website. Notification of changes shall be made for or holding any air permits, Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits, hazardous waste permits, and/or solid waste permits as indicated below: A name, ownership, and/or operator change will be considered a minor permitting action or administrative amendment.

a. air quality permits, including, but not limited to:

i. regulatory permits;

ii. minor source permits;

iii. Title V permits;

iv. acid rain permits;

v. prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permits; and
vi. exemptions granted under LAC 33:III.501.B.4;
vii. exemptions to test granted under LAC 33:III.523.B, may be
transferred at the discretion of the administrative authority; and

viii. variances granted under LAC 33:III.917 or 2119, may be
transferred at the discretion of the administrative authority;

b. solid waste permits;

c. hazardous waste permits;

d. LPDES permits, except as noted in Subsection A.5 and C of this

Section; and

e. biosolids permits.

2. Administratively extended permits may be transferred under this Chapter
at the discretion of the administrative authority.

3. The NOC-1 Form shall not be used to make name changes, or to transfer
authorization to a new owner or operator for:

a. radiation permits and licenses;

b. UST registrations and certifications;

c. water quality certifications;

d. certifications, registrations, and accreditations related to the
asbestos program;

e. certifications, registrations, and accreditations related to the lead
based paint program;

f. transporter ID numbers and authorizations under the hazardous waste program (see Subsection D of this Section);

g. transporter ID numbers and authorizations under the solid waste and sewage sludge programs;

h. accreditations under the Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program; and

i. name and ownership/operator changes for sites undergoing remediation, other than for the transfer of effective permits associated with the site(s).

4. The following do not qualify for company/facility name or ownership/operator changes by the department through the NOC-1 Form:

a. LPDES general permits, which specifically include language prohibiting transfer of permit coverage;

b. air permit exemptions, except exemptions granted under LAC 33:III.504.B.4;

e. any variance for air requested in accordance with LAC 33:III.917;

b.d. any hazardous waste variances requested or updated in accordance with LAC 33:V.105.K;

c.e. any permit that is expired, terminated, or rescinded (except that administratively continued permits pending renewal may be transferred at the discretion of the permitting authority); and

d.f. administrative orders, settlement agreements, orders on consent, orders to close, orders to upgrade, or any other such mechanism.

B. A name or ownership/operator change processed in accordance with this Chapter will be considered a minor permitting action or administrative amendment. Name or ownership/operator change requests shall be processed in accordance with this Chapter, unless the administrative authority determines the name or ownership/operator change shall be processed pursuant to the requirements for a minor permit modification or administrative amendment in lieu of the procedures contained in this Chapter.

C.B. When the ownership of a facility holding an LPDES permit changes and there is no change to the operator of that facility, a LPDES permit transfer is not required. Notification of the change of ownership is still required in accordance with LAC 33:I.1905. A NOC-1 Form shall be submitted for a change in the name of a facility or a change in the name of the company, in accordance with LAC 33:I.1905.

D. EPA Hazardous Waste Identification (ID) Numbers

1. EPA hazardous waste ID numbers are not transferable.
2. For facilities with a hazardous waste permit, the new applicant shall submit both an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form to transfer the permit and an accurate and complete Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity Form (HW-1 Form), or a RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form (EPA Form 8700-12) for changes to the EPA hazardous waste ID number in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current versions of the NOC-1 and HW-1 forms approved by the department.
3. For facilities with an EPA hazardous waste ID number that do not have a hazardous waste permit, and that have other permits subject to these regulations, the applicant shall submit an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form for the transfer of the permit(s) and an accurate and complete HW-1 (or EPA Form 8700-12) for changes to the EPA hazardous waste

ID number in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current versions of the NOC-1 and HW-1 forms approved by the department.

4. For facilities with only an EPA hazardous waste ID number and no permits subject to transfer, the applicant need only submit an accurate and complete HW-1 Form (or EPA Form 8700-12) in accordance with LAC 33:V.1017. The applicant shall use the most current version of the HW-1 Form approved by the department.

E.C. The terms *administratively complete*, *administrative amendment*, *financial assurance*, and *minor modification* as used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning and intent as when used in LAC 33:Parts III, V, VII, and IX. The term operational control shall consist of having custody, care, or concern over a thing subject to regulation by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act or the Louisiana Administrative Code when the custodian has the right to direct or control it, and has a duty to prevent harm occasioned by the violation of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act or other environmental regulations.

F.D. This Chapter does not supersede an otherwise applicable requirement addressing administrative amendments or modifications in the air, LPDES, hazardous waste, and solid waste programs, in particular, applicable ~~MACT rules~~ regulations promulgated under 40 CFR part 63 (MACT standards), or acid rain program requirements.

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§1903. Liability

A. The previous owner or operator retains responsibility for compliance with all permit terms and conditions until the effective date of the permit has been transferred, as determined by the administrative authority in accordance with this Chapter.

B. The previous owner or operator retains responsibility for the compliance with the financial ~~requirements~~assurance regulations until the new owner or operator has demonstrated that he or she is complying with the specified financial ~~requirements~~assurance regulations of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative Code (e.g., LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33.VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307).

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§1905. Name Change

A. For a change in a permit resulting only due to a change in the name of a facility
~~Changes in the name only of a facility or change in the name of the company of its~~
~~owner/operator, written notification~~ shall be made ~~with written notification~~ to the Office of Environmental Services. The owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of Change Name/Ownership/Operator Change Form (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change. This form may be found on the department's website.

B. ~~Within~~No later than 30 days after receipt of ~~the~~ complete notification of a ~~change of name change of~~ for a facility or ~~of its owner/operator,~~change in the name of the company, the administrative authority shall notify the owner/operator that the department has received and processed the name change.

1. For notifications submitted prior to or no later than 45 days after the change, ~~the~~ effective date of the name change shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case

the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the name change shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

C. For permitted hazardous waste facilities, the permittee shall send a notice of the name change to all persons on the facility mailing list maintained by the administrative authority, and to the appropriate units of state and local government, as specified in LAC 33:V.717. This notification shall be made ~~within~~no later than 90 calendar days after the change is effective.

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§1907. Change of Ownership/Operator—No Financial Assurance Required

A. The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where no financial assurance is required, ~~based on the presence of the following factors: when an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form and the following information has been~~ received:

1. documentation clearly identifying the party who will be responsible for existing violations; and
2. evidence of ~~managerial competence~~ permit qualifications and requirements on the part of the new owner or operator in accordance with LAC 33:I.1701.

B. Changes in the ownership or operational control of a facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services and shall include the following.

1. _____ The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Notification of ChangeName/Ownership/Operator Change Form (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change.

2. _____ A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between the previous and new permittees shall also be submitted to the administrative authority. The agreement shall be attached to and submitted with a the completed NOC-1 Form. ~~The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke an existing media permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change.~~

C. ~~Within~~ No later than 30 days after the receipt of the complete notification of a change of the ownership or operational control of a facility, the administrative authority shall notify the previous and new owners/operators of the department's approval or disapproval of the transfer of the permit to the new owner or operator based on its evaluation of the factors set forth in Subsection A of this Section. The department will also notify EPA of changes in Title V permits within the same timeframe. ~~The effective date of the permit transfer shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.~~

1. _____ For notifications submitted prior to, or no later than, 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form, unless the administrative authority determines

that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

D. The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke, and reissue an existing permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change or for failure to submit an accurate, complete NOC-1 Form.

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§1909. Change of Ownership/Operator—Financial Assurance Required

A. The administrative authority may approve the transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator where financial assurance is required, based on the following factors:

1. assumption by the new owner or operator of liability for existing violations;
2. demonstration of compliance with financial responsibility requirements by the new owner or operator; ~~and~~

3. a description of the financial structure of the operating unit including capital structure, principal ownership, and insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage (Upon review, supporting information may be requested including, but not limited to, financial reports and financial statements.); and

~~4.3.~~ evidence of managerial competence permit qualifications and requirements on the part of the new owner or operator in accordance with LAC 33:I.1701.

B. Changes in the ownership or operational control of a facility shall be made with written notification to the Office of Environmental Services. The new owner or operator shall submit a complete Name/Ownership/Operator Change Form Notification of Change (NOC-1 Form), using the most current version of the form approved by the department, prior to or no later than 45 days after the change. ~~The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke an existing media permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change.~~ The following actions are also required to be completed in conjunction with the change of ownership/operator notification.

1. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between the previous and new permittees shall be submitted to the administrative authority. The agreement shall be attached to and submitted with a the completed NOC-1 Form.

2. A written agreement containing specific information regarding the implementation of a financial assurance mechanism meeting the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37 (hazardous waste financial requirements), LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13 (solid waste financial assurance requirements), LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 (water financial security requirements), and Section 7307 (sewage sludge financial assurance requirements). The agreements shall be attached to and submitted with a completed NOC-1 Form. The term of the implementation schedule shall not exceed six months, as indicated in Subsection C of this Section.

23. Permitted and interim status hazardous waste facilities shall also submit a revised Part I (i.e., Hazardous Waste Permit Part A Form) permit application and Hazardous Waste Notification Form (HW-1 Form) ~~in conjunction with~~ the NOC-1 Form.

34. When a transfer of ownership or operational control occurs, the previous owner or operator shall comply with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37 (hazardous waste financial requirements), LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13 (solid waste financial assurance requirements), and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 (water financial security requirements) and Section 7307 (sewage sludge financial assurance requirements) until the new owner or operator has demonstrated that he or she is complying with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307.

C. The new owner or operator shall demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements of LAC 33:V.Chapter 37, LAC 33:VII.Chapter 13, and LAC 33:IX.Chapter 67 and Section 7307 ~~within~~ no later than six months ~~after~~ the date of the change of ownership or operational control of the facility. Upon adequate demonstration to the administrative authority by the new owner or operator of compliance with these financial assurance requirements, the administrative authority shall notify the previous owner or operator that he or she no longer needs to comply with the financial assurance requirements as of the date of demonstration.

D. Within 45 days after the receipt of ~~the~~ complete notification of a change of ownership or operational control of a facility, the administrative authority shall notify the previous and new owners/operators of the department's approval or disapproval of the transfer of the permit to the new owner or operator based on its evaluation of the factors set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

1. For notifications submitted prior to, or no later than, 45 days after the change, ~~t~~The effective date of the permit transfer shall be the date indicated on the NOC-1 Form unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

2. For notifications submitted later than 45 days after the change, the effective date of the permit transfer and change of ownership or operational control shall be the date the change is approved by the administrative authority, unless the administrative authority determines that a different date is appropriate, in which case the Office of Environmental Services shall notify the permit applicant of the actual effective date.

E. For permitted hazardous waste facilities, the new permittee shall send a notice of the change of ownership or operational control to all persons on the facility mailing list maintained by the administrative authority, and to the appropriate units of state and local government, as specified in LAC 33:V.717. This notification shall be made ~~withi~~no later than 90 calendar days after the administrative authority has provided a written response approving the transfer of the permit and the change has been put into effect.

F. The department may initiate action to terminate or revoke and reissue an existing permit for a failure to disclose a change of ownership or operational control within 45 days after the change or a failure to submit an accurate and complete NOC-1 Form.

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§1911. Fees for Name and Ownership/Operator Changes

A. Notifications of name or ownership/operator changes at a facility shall be submitted by the new owner or operator on the appropriate Notification of Change (NOC-1 Form) accompanied with the appropriate fees. The fees listed below cover the cost of reviewing, evaluating, and processing a name or ownership/operator change that has occurred at the facility. The notification shall not be considered complete if the appropriate fees are not submitted.

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B. Methods of Payment

1. All payments made by check, draft, or money order shall be made payable to the Department of Environmental Quality, and mailed or hand delivered to the department at the address provided on the NOC-1 Fform.

2. — 3. ...

C. Failure to Pay. Failure to pay the prescribed name change or ownership/operator change fee as provided herein shall result in denial of the change request ~~not being processed by the department, and may subject the owner/operator to enforcement actions under the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act including, but not limited to, revocation or suspension of the permit, license, registration, or variance for the failure to pay fees and for any resulting noncompliance.~~

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