

Laura Almond

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Cc: Aurelia Giacometto (DEQ Secretary); Jill Clark
Subject: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103
Attachments: OS103 Notice of Intent.docx

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March 8, 2024

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 OS103
Open Meetings via Electronic Means Policy
(LAC 33:I.Chapter 22)
Proposed on January 20, 2024**

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 (225) 219-3981 if you have any questions regarding this material.

Sincerely yours,

Jill C. Clark
General Counsel

Laura Almond
Environmental Project Specialist
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Legal Affairs Division
(225) 219-3985

NOTICE OF INTENT

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

Open Meetings via Electronic Means Policy (LAC 33:I.Chapter 22) (OS103)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Office of the Secretary regulations, LAC 33:I.Chapter 22. (OS103)

This rule summarizes the LDEQ's obligations and limitations for announcing and holding public meetings and the process by which the LDEQ shall provide eligible requestors with accommodations in order to attend and participate in said meetings in person or remotely (via electronic means).

Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session requires the LDEQ, upon request, to provide accommodations to people with disabilities to enable them to participate in open meetings or open meetings delivered by electronic access. The basis and rationale for this rule are to ensure equal access to public meetings to all residents, including those who identify as disabled, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 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.

Family Impact Statement

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

Poverty Impact Statement

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

Small Business Analysis

This Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

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

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by OS103. Such comments must be received no later than March 5, 2024, 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, fax (225) 219-4068, or E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed regulation 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 OS103. The proposed regulation is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held via Zoom on February 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments via PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/9373792954?omn=84764065727> or by telephone by dialing (636) 651-3182 using the conference code 725573. 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 regulation 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.

Courtney J. Burdette
Executive Counsel

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ELECTRONIC RECEIPT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

Your Administrative Procedure Act (APA) submission has been received by the Office of the Speaker, Louisiana House of Representatives.

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If your communication is unrelated to an APA required submission, it has been deleted.

If you would like to contact your state legislator, click here <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/HowDoI2.aspx?p=3#11> to determine the name of your state representative and state senator and to find their contact information.

If you would like to contact members of a particular committee, click here for House Committees <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Committees.aspx?c=H> and here for Senate Committees <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Committees.aspx?c=S>. The name and contact information of all committee members is available at these sites.

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From: Jill Clark
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To: Laura Almond
Subject: Automatic reply: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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I will be out of the office Friday, March 8, 2024. If you need immediate assistance, please call 219-3985 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

I will be out of the office February 1, from 7:00am to noon. If you need immediate assistance, call (225) 219-3895 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

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From: Pryor, Alison <pryora@legis.la.gov>
To: Laura Almond
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:17 PM
Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

Your message

To: Pryor, Alison
Subject: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103
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From: Hughes, Janice <hughesj@legis.la.gov>
To: Laura Almond
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:35 AM
Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

Your message

To: Hughes, Janice
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From: Poynter Library <drplibrary@legis.la.gov>
To: Laura Almond
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Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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From: McCloud, Tyler <McCloudT@legis.la.gov>
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Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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From: Stalder, Robin <stalderr@legis.la.gov>
To: Laura Almond
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Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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Subject: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103
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To: Laura Almond
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Subject: Read: Summary Report for Proposed Rule OS103

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