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**Department of Environmental Quality**

**Office of Environmental Services**

**Air Permits Division**

**Proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revisions**

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R. S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division, will submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) corrective SIP revisions in response to a SIP call. (1607Pot1)

On June 12, 2015, EPA promulgated a rule entitled “State Implementation Plans: Response to Petition for Rulemaking; Restatement and Update of EPA’s SSM Policy Applicable to SIPs; Findings of Substantial Inadequacy; and SIP Calls To Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction” (80 FR 33840). This action concluded that several Louisiana air quality regulations are “substantially inadequate to meet [Clean Air Act] requirements” because they provide “automatic exemptions” or “impermissible discretionary exemptions” from “otherwise applicable SIP emission limitations.” Consequently, EPA directed the state to submit corrective SIP revisions by November 22, 2016.

In response to the SIP call, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has proposed to repeal the exemptions provided by LAC 33:III.1507.A and B, LAC 33:III.1107.A, LAC 33:III.2153.B.1.i, and LAC 33:III.2307.C. In addition, LDEQ has proposed to repeal the exemption set forth in LAC 33:III.2201.C.8 and amend LAC 33:III.Chapter 22 to allow the owner/operator of an affected point source to comply with either the emission factors imposed by LAC 33:III.2201.D at all times (including periods of start-up and shutdown), or newly-established work practice standards designed to minimize NOX emissions during periods of start-up and shutdown. These proposals are addressed in the following regulatory actions:

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| **Rule** | **Title** | **Proposed** |
| AQ360 | Repeal of LAC 33:III.1507.A and B | June 20, 2016 |
| AQ361 | Repeal of LAC 33:III.1107.A | April 20, 2016 |
| AQ362 | Repeal of LAC 33:III.2153.B.1.i | April 20, 2016 |
| AQ363 | Repeal of LAC 33:III.2307.C | June 20, 2016 |
| AQ364 | Work Practice Standards During Start-up and Shutdown | June 20, 2016 |

A public hearing on the proposed SIP revisions will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in order to provide oral comments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Deidra Johnson at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking is allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

LDEQ is also accepting written comments on the proposed SIP revisions. Written comments should be addressed to Bryan D. Johnston and mailed to LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313; faxed to (225) 219-3309; or e-mailed to bryan.johnston@la.gov. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2016 (the day of the public hearing).

Copies of the proposed regulatory actions described above are available on LDEQ’s Monthly Regulations Changes webpage: http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/ LegalAffairs/RulesandRegulations/MonthlyRegulationChanges.aspx.

A copy of the narrative portion of LDEQ’s proposed SIP submission, which includes a description of each impacted rule, the basis for the proposed rule amendments, and an analysis demonstrating how such amendments comply with sections 110(l) and 193 of the Clean Air Act, as applicable, may be viewed on LDEQ’s Louisiana SIP Revisions webpage: http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Default.aspx?tabid=2381. These documents may also be accessed at any of LDEQ’s Public Records Centers.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Bryan D. Johnston of the Air Permits Division at (225) 219-3450.

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