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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Landscape Architect Registration Exam

The next landscape architect registration examination will be given June 13-14, 2005, beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the College of Design Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The deadline for sending the application and fee is as follows.

New Candidates:	February 18, 2005
Re-Take Candidates:	March 4, 2005
Reciprocity Candidates:	April 29, 2005

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596, phone (225) 952-8100.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to February 18, 2005. Questions may be directed to (225) 952-8100.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Retail Floristry Examination

The next retail floristry examinations will be given May 2-6, 2005, 9:30 a.m. at the 4-H Mini Farm Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. The deadline for sending in application and fee is March 18, 2005. No applications will be accepted after March 18, 2005.

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596, phone (225) 952-8100.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to March 18, 2005. Questions may be directed to (225) 952-8100.

Bob Odom
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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Air Quality Assessment Division

2004 State Implementation Plan (SIP) General Revisions

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2051 et seq., the secretary gives notice of proposed general revisions to the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions include amendments to various air quality rules in LAC 33:III.Chapters 2 and 21 that were previously promulgated in 2004, and that were not previously included in other revisions to the SIP.

A public hearing will be held on March 29, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room C111, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., Office of Environmental Assessment, Regulation Development Section, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or at (225) 219-3550. Free parking is available across the street in the Galvez parking garage when the parking ticket is validated by department personnel at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed 2004 SIP general revisions. Comments must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 5, 2005. Comments should be mailed to Sandra Hilton, Office of Environmental Assessment, Air Quality Assessment Division, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or faxed to (225) 219-3582. Copies of this document can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. A check or money order is required in advance for each copy of the document.

A copy of the general revisions to the SIP may be viewed Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the following DEQ locations: 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; 201 Evans Road, Building 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 104 Lococo Drive, Raceland, LA 70394 or on the Internet at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/planning/regs/index.htm>.

Summary of Rules Promulgated in 2004		
LAC 33:III	Louisiana Register Citation	Description
§223	July 2004 LR 30:1475 AQ 243	Fee Rule
Comment: Adds a new fee number to differentiate between Title V and other facilities for criteria pollutant fees		
§2121	August 2004 LR 30:1659 AQ 237	Fugitive Emission Control
Comment: Clarifies requirements for instrumentation systems and other changes to make state regulations more consistent with 40 CFR 63 fugitive rules		
§2122	August 2004 LR 30:1659 AQ 237	Fugitive Emission Control In Nonattainment Area
Comment: Clarifies requirements for instrumentation systems and other changes to make state regulations more consistent with 40 CFR 63 fugitive rules		

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Assistant Secretary

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment

Disposal of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production (E&P) Waste in Solid Waste Landfills

In November 2001 the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) promulgated rules that allowed E&P waste to be received, stored, treated and/or disposed at a regulated facility permitted by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the standards of LAC 33.Parts V and VII. Additionally, an independent report in July 2004 of the review of Louisiana's E&P waste regulations by the nonprofit organization State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations, Inc. (STRONGER) recommended that "the DEQ consider allowing the disposal of E&P wastes at solid waste landfills" under certain criteria (Review Finding and Recommendation V.7).

E&P waste is considered a new waste stream for DEQ permitted facilities. The waste stream has primarily been regulated by DNR. If DEQ should allow the waste stream to enter the solid waste universe, there will be some shared responsibility with DNR regarding disposal management. To assist DEQ with the identification of technical and economic issues associated with the disposal of E&P wastes, DEQ is soliciting comments on minimum standard requirements and other relevant information for waste acceptance at DEQ regulated solid waste facilities. The proposed minimum standards currently under consideration are:

- **Required Waste Testing**—Waste should be analyzed for Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Procedure to ensure that the waste is nonhazardous.

- **Solid Waste Facility Criteria**—E&P waste can only be managed at Type 1 facilities (facilities that take industrial solid waste for disposal).
- **Permit Requirements**—Facilities must apply to DEQ for a permit modification to receive authorization to accept such wastes. This would be considered a major modification of the permit, which would require public comment and possibly a public hearing.
- **Responsibility for DEQ**—If disposed at a DEQ regulated facility, E&P waste would become the regulatory responsibility of DEQ upon receipt by the disposal facility. DEQ's authority would only be for the waste disposed in a landfill upon the date of any regulations promulgated.
- **Waste Tracking and Liability**—The current manifesting and "cradle-to-grave" liability requirements under the DNR rules would remain in place.

DEQ requests all interested parties submit comments on the following questions.

- Will solid waste Type I facilities be willing to accept this new waste stream?
- Will any of the listed waste streams cause any odor problems?
- Will the possible presence of chlorides in an individual waste stream cause problems with the landfill's leachate collection and/or water treatment facilities?
- Should DEQ limit acceptance to only certain types of E&P wastes?
- Is there any beneficial use of this waste stream at the landfill?
- What are the expected environmental advantages and/or disadvantages of the rules under consideration?
- What is the potential implementation costs (increase or decrease) for E&P waste generators and landfills, both solid waste and DNR facilities?
- Is there any other information you desire to offer?

Resource links regarding this issue are as follows:

- **STRONGER Home Page:**
<http://www.strongerinc.org>
- **2000 STRONGER E&P Waste Review Guidelines** (on which the July 2004 LA Review Report was based):
http://www.strongerinc.org/pdf/Final_Guidelines.pdf
- **STRONGER Louisiana Report July 2004:**
<http://www.strongerinc.org/pdf/Final LA Report.pdf>
- **Office of Conservation Link for E&P wastes:**
<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/CONS/CONSERIN/Waste.ssi>

Comments are due no later than 4:30 p.m., April 1, 2005, and should be submitted to Sharon Parker, Office of Environmental Assessment, Regulation Development Section, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to sharon.parker@la.gov.

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Assistant Secretary

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation 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
McCormick-Bintliff-Pettit	Live Oak	L	Fred Stovall Est	1	148994
Caddo Oil Co., Inc.	Wildcat	S	Lelong	1	142922
Caddo Oil Co., Inc.	Wildcat	S	Lelong	4	144010
Brazos River LLC	Rabbit Island	L	SL 340	5	218167
Brazos River LLC	Rabbit Island	L	SL 340	9	220809
Tommy Neal & Associates	Port Barre	L	Haas-Hirsch	2	079154 (28)
Tommy Neal & Associates	Port Barre	L	Haas-Hirsch	2-D	081750 (28)
Grubb & Hawkins	Port Barre	L	Clara G Fontenot et al	1	027451 (30)
L. W. Storms, Jr.	Edgerly	L	Wilson Broach	1	049114 (28)
L. W. Storms, Jr.	Edgerly	L	Wilson Broach Fee B	3	060318 (28)
Fifteen Oil Company	Lafourche Crossing	L	Martinez	1	022337 (28)
H.L. Hawkins & H.L. Hawkins, Jr.	Port Barre	L	Watkins	1	025511 (30)
Sam Sklar	Eola	L	Sclater	1	023297
Great Southern Oil & Gas Co., Inc.	Abbeville	L	FAULK RA SUC; M A Broussard	2	207812 (30)
McCulloch Oil Corporation	Boston Bayou	L	Vermilion Bay Land Co	1	133717

James H. Welsh
Commissioner

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Secretary
Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund**

Loran Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et seq., notice is given that 20 claims in the amount of \$72,129.51 were received for payment during the period December 1, 2004 - January 31, 2005.

There were 19 claims paid and 1 claim denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

27638	46932	St. Mary
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Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2859.830	8907.820	Plaquemines
2902.912	9022.810	Lafourche
2908.313	9056.307	Terrebonne
2908.910	9056.040	Terrebonne
2910.226	9040.804	Terrebonne
2913.485	8949.572	Jefferson
2915.801	8957.696	Jefferson
2917.040	9043.041	Terrebonne
2917.318	8941.413	Plaquemines
2918.274	8954.946	Jefferson
2920.360	8959.200	Jefferson
2921.503	8959.114	Jefferson
2923.290	8958.304	Jefferson
2927.376	8959.141	Jefferson
2930.249	9003.325	Jefferson
2940.068	8955.091	Plaquemines
2946.090	8913.420	St. Bernard
2949.534	8916.111	St. Bernard
3002.771	9319.828	Cameron

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225) 342-0122.

Scott A. Angelle
Secretary

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Family Support**

**Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
Caseload Reduction Report for Louisiana**

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, hereby gives notice that, in accordance with federal regulations at 45 CFR 261.40, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Caseload Reduction Report for Louisiana is now available to the public for review and comment.

In order to receive a caseload reduction credit for minimum participation rates, the agency must submit a report based on data from the Strategies to Empower People Program (STEP) containing the following information:

1. a listing of, and implementation dates for, all state and federal eligibility changes, as defined at §261.42, made by the state since the beginning of FY 1995;
2. a numerical estimate of the positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload of each eligibility change (based, as appropriate, on application denials, case closures, or other analyses);

3. an overall estimate of the total net positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload as a result of all such eligibility changes;

4. an estimate of the state's caseload reduction credit;

5. the number of application denials and case closures for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;

6. the distribution of such denials and case closures, by reason, for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;

7. a description of the methodology and the supporting data that it used to calculate its caseload reduction estimates;

8. a certification that it has provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology, considered their comments, and incorporated

all net reductions resulting from federal and state eligibility changes; and

9. a summary of all public comments.

Copies of the TANF Caseload Reduction Report may be obtained by writing Tara Nelson, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, P.O. Box 94065, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9065, by telephone at (225) 342-4096, or via E-mail at tnelson@dss.state.la.us.

Written comments regarding the report should also be directed to Ms. Nelson. These must be received by close of business on March 20, 2005.

Ann Silverberg Williamson
Secretary

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