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**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Environmental Planning Division**

Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste
Incinerators (HMIWIs) Deadlines

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2051 et seq. and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that compliance with 40 CFR 60, subparts Ec and Ce is required on or before August 16, 2000.

All hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators (HMIWIs) are required to submit a Title V Air Quality Operating Permit application. Those permit applications should be received at the Department of Environmental Quality on or before May 22, 2000. Commercial HMIWIs should mail Title V permits to the Municipal and Commercial Waste Permits Group, Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135. Independent hospitals or other smaller facilities should mail Title V permits to the Minor Industrial Permits Group, Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135.

In the case where a facility cannot meet the August 16, 2000, deadline and qualifies for an extension of compliance deadlines in accordance with 40 CFR 60.39e (d)(i), requests for an extension must also be submitted on or before May 22, 2000. HMIWIs requesting extensions should mail those requests to Mr. Todd Higginbotham, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178.

Questions about this notice should be directed to Todd Higginbotham. Mr. Higginbotham can be reached at (225) 765-0268.

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Private Nursing Facilities
Revised Reimbursement Rates

Effective for dates of service March 1, 2000 and thereafter, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has established the following reimbursement rates for private nursing facility services:

Level Of Care	Per Diem Rate	Monthly Rate
Skilled Nursing	\$ 66.63	\$2,026.66
Intermediate Care I	\$ 63.95	\$1,945.15
Intermediate Care II	\$ 63.95	\$1,945.15
Skilled Nursing- Infectious Disease	\$233.51	\$7,102.60
Skilled Nursing- Technology Dependent Care	\$178.59	\$5,432.11

It should be noted that the above rates include a provider fee of \$5.16. Inquiries regarding these rates may be directed to the Director of Institutional Reimbursement, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030.

David W. Hood
Secretary

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Private Intermediate Care Facilities
for the Mentally Retarded

Effective for dates of service March 1, 2000 and thereafter, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing establishes the following reimbursement rates for private intermediate care facility services for the mentally retarded:

Level Of Care	1-8 Beds Per Diem Rate	1-8 Beds Monthly Rate	9-32 Beds Per Diem Rate
2	\$109.40	\$3,327.58	\$88.90
3	\$118.04	\$3,590.38	\$95.76
4	\$122.47	\$3,725.13	\$103.22
5	\$128.64	\$3,912.80	\$111.32
6	\$131.74	\$4,007.09	\$120.13
7	\$144.22	\$4,386.69	\$141.84

Level Of Care	9-32 Beds Monthly Rate	33+ Beds Per Diem Rate	33+ Beds Monthly Rate
2	\$2,704.04	\$79.09	\$2,405.65
3	\$2,912.70	\$85.10	\$2,588.46
4	\$3,139.61	\$91.63	\$2,787.08
5	\$3,385.98	\$98.73	\$3,003.04
6	\$3,653.95	\$115.34	\$3,508.26
7	\$4,314.30	\$123.77	\$3,764.67

It should be noted that the above rates include a provider fee of \$10.01. Inquiries regarding these rates may be directed to the Director of Institutional Reimbursement, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030.

David W. Hood
Secretary

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**Department of Insurance
Office of the Commissioner**

Third Public Hearing of Regulation 70 Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 89)

**Title 37
INSURANCE**

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 89. Regulation 70 Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities

The Department of Insurance will hold a second public hearing on March 24, 2000 as indicated in its Potpourri Notice published on page 433 of the February 2000 *Louisiana Register*. The Department anticipates commentary, oral and written, regarding the incorporation of language provided by the American Counsel of Life Insurance (ACLI). Due to the nature of this Regulation and the unsettled language therein, the Department will now schedule a third public hearing (second substantive change hearing) to review the changes resulting from the March 24 hearing. The third public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2000, and will be held in the Plaza Hearing Room at the Department of Insurance located at 950 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. This hearing will allow the public an opportunity to express their views concerning the incorporation of proposed changes prior to final promulgation in June 2000.

Interested persons may submit oral or written comments or obtain a copy of the proposed changes by contacting Barry E. Ward, Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, (225) 219-4750. Comments will be accepted through the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on April 26, 2000.

James H. "Jim" Brown
Commissioner

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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, La. R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Arthur Arnold	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Co	009	049138
Arthur Arnold	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	005	037885
Atlantic Petroleum Co.	Wilmer	L TUSC SUD ;LK Superior Plg FW	001	078493
Sam Barnwell et al	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh Knighton et al	008	105234
Big West Drilling Company	Bellevue	Continental Amer Bk & Tr Co	001	030773
Levewhite Martin Gauthreaux et al	Chauvin	Israel Martin SWD	002	120747
H ochendel Consultants	Leeville	L Bernard	014	205253
Charles E. Mayfield	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Company C	005	050004
J.C. Mayfield	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Co	002	058216
J.C. Mayfield et al	Bellevue	Lodwick Lumber Co	006	052577
Mississippi River Fuel Corp	Lake Enfermer	A T Dusenbury et al	001	074560
NO EX, L.L.C.	Stella	L CR ISI RA SUA;13772	001	212107
NO EX, L.L.C.	Stella	SL 13772	002	212849
Geo. L. Pae	Converse	Logan Oil Co	001	016644
George H. Pierce	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh Knighton et al	006	104640
George H. Pierce	Bellevue	Wurtsbaugh-Knighton et al	009	106007
Shoreline Exploration, Inc.	East Golden Meadow	Lafourche Realty Co	003	076396
Sam Segel et al	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	003	037477
Sam Segel et al	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	004	037770
Sam Segel et al	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	006	038277
Sam Segel et al	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	009	038193

Sam Segel etal	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	017	037771
Sam, Segel etal	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	004	037595
Sam Segel etal	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	011	053219
Sam Segel etal	Bellevue	Lodwick Lbr Co	001	050148
Sam Segel etal	Bellevue	Bellevue Unit	022	038391
Sam Segel, Trustee	Bellevue	Sam ple & Macher Fee	002	059053
Warren Petroleum Corporation	Wildcat	Lafourche Realty	002	064119
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Bliss & Wetherbee	E-1	007008
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Bliss & Wetherbee	E-2	007078
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Bliss & Wetherbee	E-3	007096
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Fee	E-7	008161
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Wetherbee Fee	F-9	008755
Geo W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	Fee	F-12	008898

Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 94396, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225) 342-0122.

Jack Caldwell
Secretary

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POTPOURRI
Department of Revenue
Tax Commission

Ad-Valorem Tax Ratio Studies

Pursuant to R.S. 47:1837 the following is the result of the Tax Commission's measurement of the level of appraisal and/or assessment and the degree of uniformity for Vacant Land Ratio Study for the year 1999 (2000 Orleans Parish).

Philip N. Asproditis
Commissioner

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POTPOURRI
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 43 claims in the amount of \$115,857.86 were received during the period December 1999 - February 2000. There were 37 claims paid and 6 claims denied. Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

26795	46978	Cameron
27009	46996	Cameron
27154	46965	Vermilion
27417	46933	Iberia
27549	46923	Vermilion
27551	46924	Lafourche
27714	46880	Terrebonne
27772	46875	Terrebonne
27889	46840	Terrebonne
27906	46861	Terrebonne
27997	46870	Terrebonne
28136	46904	Terrebonne
28145	46916	Terrebonne
28364	46836	Lafourche
28807	47006	St Bernard
28936	46792	Plaquemines
29031	46867	Plaquemines
29219	47026	St Bernard

A list of claimants and amounts paid, can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Mean (%)</u>	<u>Median (%)</u>	<u>Coefficient Of Dispersion</u>
Acadia	10.4	10.0	3.6
Allen	10.7	11.0	13.0
Ascension	9.0	9.5	12.5
Assumption	9.9	10.0	19.9
Avoyelles	10.9	10.6	11.8
Beauregard	10.2	10.0	6.9
Bienville	9.8	10.0	12.9
Bossier	9.4	10.0	14.5
Caddo	10.2	10.0	18.8
Calcasieu	9.7	9.9	8.8
Caldwell	10.9	10.0	16.6
Cameron	10.5	10.5	6.7
Catahoula	9.3	10.0	7.4
Claiborne	9.2	9.0	15.0
Concordia	9.8	9.4	10.4
Desoto	9.9	9.9	14.6
East Baton Rouge	9.8	10.0	8.6
East Carroll	9.9	10.0	2.3
East Feliciana	6.8	5.7	30.7
Evangeline	9.5	10.0	15.2
Franklin	9.0	10.0	9.7
Grant	9.6	9.8	10.2
Iberia	10.2	10.0	18.0
Iberville	9.7	9.6	19.6
Jackson	9.7	9.7	14.5
Jefferson	10.9	10.4	17.7
Jefferson Davis	10.3	10.0	10.7
Lafayette	9.7	9.8	5.2
Lafourche	9.8	9.6	5.1
Lasalle	10.5	10.4	14.4
Lincoln	10.6	10.0	12.2
Livingston	7.9	7.5	15.7

Madison	10.1	10.0	4.1	St. John	9.0	9.5	19.9
Morehouse	9.9	10.0	2.4	St. Landry	9.9	10.0	13.2
Natchitoches	9.7	9.7	9.1	St. Martin	10.2	10.0	13.9
Orleans-*1 st District	10.6	10.0	9.0	St. Mary	10.6	10.9	12.8
*2 nd District	10.1	10.0	5.0	St. Tammany	8.9	9.5	14.6
*3 rd District	10.2	10.0	2.0	Tangipahoa	10.0	10.0	1.2
*4 th District	9.7	10.0	13.0	Tensas	9.9	10.0	2.2
*5 th District	9.9	10.0	3.0	Terrebonne	9.3	9.5	7.7
*6 th District	10.3	10.0	6.0	Union	10.5	10.9	11.3
*7 th District	10.1	10.0	9.0	Vermilion	9.6	9.8	11.4
Ouachita	9.7	10.0	9.6	Vernon	9.7	10.9	19.1
Plaquemines	10.0	10.0	8.1	Washington	6.4	4.5	81.0
Pt. Coupee	10.8	10.6	13.2	Webster	9.4	9.6	6.5
Rapides	10.8	10.1	13.0	West Baton Rouge	10.6	10.0	9.5
Red River	10.7	10.0	9.7	West Carroll	9.6	9.7	1.1
Richland	9.5	9.4	5.2	West Feliciana	10.3	10.4	14.4
Sabine	9.2	9.4	18.4	Winn	10.0	10.0	16.4
St. Bernard	10.9	10.7	13.3	*See Attached Letter			
St. Charles	9.0	9.0	12.3				
St. Helena	9.8	9.5	6.0				
St. James	4.7	5.0	26.4				



Louisiana Tax Commission

M. J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.
Governor

MALCOLM B. PRICE, JR.
Chairman

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February 15, 2000

LOUISIANA TAX COMMISSION

ORDER

1999 - RATIO STUDY RESULTS

The Louisiana Tax Commission in the performance of its duties as required by LSA - R.S. 47:1837, has completed the 1999 Land Ratio Study for Orleans parish.

Following a thorough investigation and review of this data the Louisiana Tax Commission issues the following Order:

- 1) The market numbers used in this study could not be substantiated, and in many cases required a thorough explanation and involved added adjustments. Therefore, this study will not be used to measure the uniformity of the seven districts in Orleans parish.
- 2) Whereas, the 1998 Residential Whole Property Ratio Study, taken from the market, including land and building, will be the study used for the years 1998 and 1999 inclusively.

All data used in the determination of the Tax Commission's findings are available at its principle office, at 5420 Corporate Blvd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for public inspection pursuant to the provisions of LSA - R.S. 47:1837 and the Administrative Procedure Act.

This order issued and executed, this 15th day of February 2000.

LOUISIANA TAX COMMISSION

Malcolm B. Price, Jr.
Chairman

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This data shall constitute prima facie evidence of the uniformity or lack of uniformity with constitutional and/or statutory requirements of each parish in the State.

According to R. S. 47:1837, the following parishes do not meet the guidelines set by this Commission:

East Feliciana

Livingston
St. James
Washington

Raymond Foster, Sr.,
LTC Director

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Department of Social Services Office of Community Services

Homeless Trust Fund Grant Awards

The Louisiana Homeless Trust Fund, established by the State Legislature in 1991, has awarded grants totaling over \$30,000. Money for the grants had accumulated in the Homeless Trust Fund through voluntary "check off" donations from amounts due as refunds on state income tax returns and from other private contributions. The Office of Community Services concluded its selection of grant recipients from 39 applicants, awarding a total of six grants for \$5,000 and one grant for the balance of the Trust Fund. The following is a list of the grant recipients and a brief description of the projects to be supported through grants recently awarded by the Louisiana Homeless Trust Fund:

The Caring Center of Slidell

\$5,000 for costs of counseling, transportation, and education as supportive services in connection with emergency shelter/transitional housing services for homeless persons.

Catholic Community Services - Families First, Baton Rouge

\$5,000 for costs of establishing a mini-education curriculum to teach all aspects of home living, especially home economics, to span over a six month period and provide skills to homeless families in transition so they can become self-sufficient.

Our House, Inc., Monroe

\$5,000 for costs of supportive services to women in the transitional housing program to include transportation, medical, dental and mental health assistance.

Providence House, Shreveport

\$5,000 for costs of food for the homeless families in the shelter/transitional living.

Southwestern Louisiana Homeless Coalition, Inc., Lake Charles

\$5,000 for the purchase of equipment to establish a Resource Center to assist homeless persons in the transitional living program to obtain available services, support, transportation, and access to computer for resumes and practicing job skills.

Vernon Community Action Council, Inc., Leesville

\$5,000 for assistance to families for rent/utility deposits, stipends to offset maintaining a residence, Home Starter Kits, and staff salary to provide supportive services to families in obtaining long-term housing.

Hope Ministry of Pointe Coupee, New Roads

The balance of the Fund for costs of rent and utilities for a second shelter. Inquiries about the Homeless Trust Fund can be sent in writing to the Homeless Trust Fund Coordinator, Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Grants Management Division, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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POTPOURRI

Department of Social Services Office of Community Services

Social Services Block Grant

The Department of Social Services (DSS) announces opportunities for public review of the State's pre-expenditure report on intended uses of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001. The proposed FY 2000-2001 SSBG Intended Use Report has been developed in compliance with the requirements of Section 2004 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and includes information on the types of activities to be supported and the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of the State's allocation of SSBG funds. Section 2004 of the Social Security Act further requires that the SSBG pre-expenditure report shall be "made public within the State in such manner as to facilitate comment by any person." The Department of Social Services (DSS) as the designated State Services Agency will continue to administer programs funded under the Social Services Block Grant in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and federal regulations. The DSS/Office of Community Services (OCS) will be responsible for provision of social services, by direct delivery and vendor purchase, through use of federal SSBG funds. Estimated SSBG expenditures for SFY 2000-2001 total \$27,622,408.

Louisiana through the DSS Office of Community Services will utilize its allotted funds to provide comprehensive social services on behalf of children and families in fulfillment of legislative mandates for child protection and child welfare programs. These mandated services, and certain other essential social services, are provided without regard to income (WRI) to individuals in need. Individuals to be served also include low-income persons as defined in the Intended Use Report who meet eligibility criteria for services provided through SSBG funding.

Services designated for provision through SSBG funding for State Fiscal Year 2000-2001 are:

A. adoption (pre-placement to termination of parental rights);

B. child protection (investigation of child abuse/neglect reports, assessment, evaluation, social work intervention, shelter care, counseling, referrals, and follow-up);

C. day care for children (direct care for portion of the 24-hour day);

D. family services (social work intervention subsequent to validation of a report of child abuse/neglect, counseling to high risk groups);

E. foster care/residential habilitation services (foster, residential care, and treatment on a 24-hour basis).

Definitions for the proposed services are set forth in the Intended Use Report.

Persons eligible for SSBG funded services include:

A. persons without regard to income, who are in need of adoption services, child protection, family services, and foster care/residential habilitation services;

B. individuals without regard to income who are recipients of Title IV-E Adoption Assistance;

C. recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and those persons whose needs were taken into account in determining the needs of TANF recipients;

D. low-income persons (income eligibles) whose gross monthly income is not more than 125 percent of the poverty level. A family of four (4) with gross monthly income of not more than \$1,776 would qualify as income eligible for services;

E. persons receiving Title XIX (Medicaid) benefits and certain Medicaid applicants identified in the proposed plan as group eligibles;

The proposed SSBG Intended Use Report for SFY 2000-2001 will be available for public review at OCS parish and regional offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies are available without charge by telephone request to (225) 342-7199 or by writing the Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Services, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Inquiries and comments on the proposed

plan may be submitted until Friday, May 19, 2000, to the Assistant Secretary, OCS, at the above address.

A public hearing on the proposed SSBG Intended Use Report for State Fiscal Year 2000-2001 is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at the Office of Community Services, Training Room 652, Commerce Building, 333 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge.

At the public hearing all interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposed SSBG plan, orally or in writing. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, May 19, 2000.

Post expenditure reports for the SSBG program for State Fiscal Years 1997-98 and 1998-99 are included in the SSBG Intended Use Report for SFY 2000-2001 and are available for public review at the Office of Community Services, 333 Laurel Street, Room 646, Baton Rouge.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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