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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Landscape Architect Registration Exam

The next landscape architect registration examination will be given December 4-5, 2000 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: September 08, 2000
 Re-Take Candidates: September 22, 2000
 Reciprocity Candidates: November 17, 2000

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) 925-7772.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to September 8, 2000. Questions may be directed to (225) 925-7772.

Bob Odom
 Commissioner

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Retail Floristry Examination

The next retail floristry examinations will be given October 23-27, 2000, 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 September 8, 2000. No applications will be accepted after September 8, 2000.

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596, phone (225) 925-7772.

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Bob Odom
 Commissioner

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Structural Pest Control Commission

Approved Termiticides

The Structural Pest Control Commission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry hereby designates the following as approved termiticides for the treatment of subterranean termites.

The termiticides are approved for use by structural pest control operators in Louisiana.

Approved Termiticides		
Product	Percentage	Manufacturer
Biflex TC		
Chlorpyrifos TC	0.06% - 0.12%	FMC
Cyren TC	0.5% - 2.0%	Micro-Flo
Demon	0.5% - 2.0%	Chemnova
Dragnet FT	0.25% - 1.0%	Zeneca
Dragnet SFR	0.5% - 2.0%	FMC
Durban 75WG	0.5% - 2.0%	FMC
Dursban TC Equity	0.5% - 2.0%	DowAgro Sciences
Navigator 4TC (Chlorpyrifos)	0.5% - 2.0%	DowAgro Sciences
Permethrin SFR	0.5% - 2.0%	DowAgro Sciences
Permethrin TC	0.5% - 2.0%	Gharda USA, Inc
Prelude (Torpedo)	0.5% - 2.0%	Control Solutions
Premise 75	0.5% - 2.0%	Micro-Flo
Prevail	0.5% - 2.0%	Zeneca
Prevail TC	0.05% - 0.1%	Bayer
*Pryfon	0.25% - 1.0%	FMC
Surrender (Chlorpyrifos TC)	0.3% - 0.6%	FMC
Talstar	0.75%	
Tengard SFR	0.5% - 2.0%	Solutions
Tenure	0.06% - 0.12%	FMC
Termidor SC	0.5% - 2.0%	United Phosphorus
Termidor 80 WG	0.5% - 2.0%	DowAgro Sciences
Tribute	0.06% - 0.125%	Aventis
	0.06% - 0.125%	Aventis
	.05% - 1.0%	AgrEvo
*Please Note:Pryfon (some companies still have some of this Chemical. It is still one of the approved termiticides, but we are trying to phase it out.)		

Baits (Not in Pilot Project)

DowAgro Sciences

Recruit II
 Recruit AG

FMC

FirstLine GTX Termite Bait Station
 FirstLine GT Termite Bait Station
 FirstLine Termite Bait Station
 FirstLine GT Plus

Ensystem
Labyrinth
Cyanamid C Not being Marketed
Subterfuge

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment

Amendment to the Waste Tire Regulations SW029 Risk/Cost Benefit Statement

Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is proposing amendments to the Waste Tire Regulations that would increase the fees on the sale of tires. These fees, designated for the Waste Tire Management Fund, are collected by retailers and remitted to the department. The increase in fees was authorized by Act 1015 of the 1999 Louisiana Legislature.

The fee increase will provide funding to address the proper collection, processing, and marketing of off-road tires. The rule will affect all retailers selling tires that weigh in excess of 100 pounds. The rule will also effect any consumer who purchases a tire weighing in excess of 100 pounds. At the present time, only passenger and truck tires are included in the Waste Tire Program.

This statement is prepared to satisfy the requirements of R.S. 30:2019(D) and R.S. 49:953(G)(Acts 600 and 642 of the 1995 Louisiana Legislature, respectively). However, this document is not a quantitative analysis of cost, risk, or economic benefit, although costs of implementation were identified to the extent practical. The statutes allow a qualitative analysis of economic and environmental benefit where a more quantitative analysis is not practical. The department asserts that the benefits of a rule designed to support a legislatively-passed broadening of the waste tire program justify the costs associated with the fee increases.

Therefore, the qualitative approach is taken with this risk/cost benefit statement. As discussed further in this document, these amendments to the Waste Tire Regulations provide environmental and economic benefits. Assessing dollar benefits of avoided environmental risk or economic benefits of this rule is not practicable. In addition, the department asserts that the indirect and direct environmental and economic benefits to be derived from this rule will, in the judgement of reasonable persons, outweigh the costs associated with the implementation of the rule and that the rule is the most cost-effective alternative to achieve these benefits.

Risks Addressed by the Rule

The fee portion of the rule addresses the risks associated with the pollution caused by improper disposal of off-road tires to include unauthorized waste tire piles consisting of this type tire. The rule does this by bringing off-road tires into the Waste Tire Program with the addition of a fee. The fee will allow the department, through the Waste Tire

Management Fund, to pay waste tire processors for the processing of off-road tires and the marketing of the resulting waste tire material. The payment incentive will encourage waste tire processors to seek out this type tire rather than only accepting passenger tires for processing and marketing.

Numerous risks are associated with the improper disposal of tires, including off-road tires. Unprocessed tires hold water that provides a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes, which provide an excellent vector for diseases. Unprocessed tires also provide shelter for vermin, such as rats, that are another vector for disease in addition to being a destructive pest. Tire piles may catch fire under certain circumstances. These fires are extremely difficult to extinguish, and they emit noxious gases and thick smoke. Lastly, individual tires or tire piles that litter the landscape are unsightly. Waste tires do not degrade which provides a long-lasting hazard to the environment.

Environmental and Health Benefits of the Rule

The additional money collected through this rule will provide an incentive for waste tire processors to process and market off-road tires. This will result in the removal of off-road tires from parish collection centers, Department of Transportation and Development collection centers, and from private residences and farms. The removal, processing, and marketing of these tires will eliminate potential breeding places of disease-spreading insects and mammals. The removal of these tires would eliminate the possibility of tire pile fires. The rule would also lead to the removal, either to a collection center or processor, of off-road tires stored on farms, as no entity was willing to accept farm tires for disposal or processing previously.

Social and Economic Costs

This rule is an amendment to raise fees that are already assessed in some cases and as such there are no significant costs to implement the rule. The only new fees are on off-road tires that constitute only one percent of the tires sold at the retail level in Louisiana. The rule increases fees on truck tires and places a fee on off-road tires, while retaining the same fee for passenger tires.

Persons purchasing truck tires that weigh in excess of 100 pounds will pay an additional fee of \$4 to \$6, depending on weight, for every truck tire. Persons purchasing off-road tires will pay an average fee of \$20 for a retail purchase. These new fees will generate an estimated \$3,080,000 for the Waste Tire Management Fund. In conjunction with this fee increase, waste tire processors will receive a payment increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for every 20 pounds of waste tire material processed and marketed. This will result in an estimated \$3,646,697 of additional funds paid from the Waste Tire Management Fund. The difference in funds received and paid will be made up with waste tire remediation funds. More than 98 percent of the waste tire sites in the state have been remediated, freeing funds for additional processor payments.

Persons purchasing truck tires will pay additional fees, and persons purchasing off-road tires will pay fees for the first time; however, these fees will provide benefits in excess of the fees. Health hazards will be removed in the form of unauthorized tire piles. The fire hazardous associated with unauthorized piles will also be removed. Lastly, the removal

of tire piles and individual off-road tires will aesthetically enhance the state for the benefit of its citizens.

Conclusion

The department believes that the benefits of enhanced environmental and public health protection, as well as other benefits, outweighs the costs of implementation of the rule. Therefore, the rule is obviously the most cost-effective alternative to achieve these benefits.

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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**Division of Administration
Office of Community Development**

Availability of Proposed FY 2001
Consolidated Annual Action Plan

As set forth in 24CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies which administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana, the four state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD funded program administered by each agency include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (HOME Investment Partnerships Program), the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services (Emergency Shelter Grants Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program).

A consolidated plan was prepared which outlines the state's overall housing and community development needs and a strategy for meeting those needs for federal fiscal years 2000-2004 and included a one-year action plan for the distribution of FY 2000 federal funds received for the four aforementioned HUD programs. An annual update or action plan for the distribution of funds must be prepared and publicized for each of the subsequent four program years.

The proposed FY 2001 Consolidated Annual Action Plan which identifies the proposed method of distribution of FY 2001 funds under the four HUD programs will be prepared and will be available for review beginning September 6, 2000, at the Office of Community Development, State Capitol Annex, 1051 North Third Street, Room 168, Baton Rouge, LA. Copies of the proposed annual action plan will also be available for review at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency at 200 Lafayette Street, Suite 300 in Baton Rouge, and the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services at 333 Laurel Street, Room 606, in Baton Rouge, and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program at 234 Loyola Avenue, Fifth Floor, in New Orleans.

A limited number of the proposed plans will be available for distribution and may be requested in writing or by telephone from any of the four agencies participating in the consolidated planning process. The proposed plan will also be available for viewing and copying on the internet (www.state.la.us/cdbg/cdbg.htm) on or before September 6, 2000.

The following presents a summary of the proposed FY 2001 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

The state's anticipated federal allocation for the FY 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program is approximately \$37,000,000 (subject to federal allocation). The Office of Community Development is proposing to establish the following five program areas for the distribution of these funds. (1) Housing: \$2.4 million will be set aside to provide safe and sanitary living conditions through housing rehabilitation or replacement housing for low/moderate income persons. (2) Public Facilities: approximately \$24 million will be allocated for water and sewer systems, streets, and multi-purpose community centers. (3) Economic Development: approximately \$6 million will be allocated to provide loans to businesses for job creation or retention projects and/or to provide grants to local governing bodies for infrastructure improvements which will facilitate the location of a particular business. (4) Demonstrated Needs: \$2.7 million will be set aside to alleviate critical/urgent needs involving improvements to existing water, sewer, and gas systems. (5) LaStep: \$600,000 will be set aside to fund one or more water and/or sewer projects which may utilize LCDBG funds for materials, engineering, and administrative costs in conjunction with local resources (human, material, and/or financial). The remainder of the LCDBG funds will be utilized for the state's cost of providing program administration and technical assistance services.

The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, as the administrator of the state's HOME Program, expects to receive an estimated allocation of \$14,634,000 in FY 2001 funds. These funds are intended for use in support of the following affordable housing categories: (1) approximately \$2 million (or 15 percent of the HOME project allocation) will be set aside for the exclusive use of state designated community housing development organizations in developing home ownership, rental and transitional housing projects. (2) Approximately \$3.5 million will be reserved to provide mortgage financing, down payment and closing cost assistance for first time home buyers. These funds are to be used in combination with state mortgage revenue bonds which provide below market rates mortgage financing. (3) Approximately \$4 million will be available for primary or secondary financing to for-profit and non-profit developers of multi-family rental housing in HOME nonentitlement areas. (4) Approximately \$2 million will be available for funding the SHARE Grant Program to provide monies for the rehabilitation of substandard housing owned and occupied by very low income families. The balance of the grant is to be used by the agency in support of the administration of the various HOME supported programs.

The state's estimated federal allocation for the FY 2001 Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) is \$1,583,000. ESGP funding is dedicated for the rehabilitation, renovation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, for payment of certain operating costs and social services expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless and for homeless prevention services. The Louisiana Department of Social Services, administrative agency for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, proposes to distribute the state's funding allocation to eligible units of general local government which may make all or part of the grant amounts available to private non-profit organizations for use in eligible activities. Eligible applicants are defined as governmental bodies for all parish jurisdictions and those city jurisdictions with a minimum population of 10,000. The Department of Social Services shall continue use of a geographic allocation formula (based on factors for low income population) to ensure that each region of the state is allotted a specified minimum of Emergency Shelter Grant assistance. Within each region, grant distribution will be conducted through a competitive grant award process. Among other evaluation criteria, this selection process will consider the extent to which proposed activities will address local needs to "complete the development of a comprehensive system of services which will provide a continuum of care to assist homeless persons to achieve independent living."

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program proposes to allocate the FY 2001 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant funds (approximately \$763,000) through a 60/40 percent funding split. This funding split is pending the outcome of the 2000-2001 Louisiana HIV/AIDS survey results. Through HOPWA the state receives housing assistance funds which are disbursed in Regions III through IX. Funding for Regions I and II, the greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas, is administered through separate grants provided directly to the cities of New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Currently there are residential facilities located in each of the state's seven funded regions; they will be allocated 40 percent of the HOPWA grant funds, with the exception of Regions VI and IX. These funds will be allocated through a competitive statewide HIV/AIDS Residential Facilities Solicitation of Application process. These HOPWA funds are for new construction, renovation, rehabilitation, acquisition, conversion, lease and repair of facilities or purchase of capital equipment. The other source of assistance available through HOPWA is short-term emergency rental assistance which provides low income persons with HIV/AIDS with funding to aid in paying their housing expenses such as rent, mortgage, and utility assistance for a maximum of five months. This remaining 60 percent will be allocated through a Request for Proposal through the Ryan White Title II Regional Consortia. These grant funds will be disbursed to Regions II through IX.

Written comments on the proposed consolidated and annual action plans may be submitted beginning September 6, 2000, and must be received no later than October 9, 2000. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Community

Development, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

Mark C. Drennen
Commissioner

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Fall/Winter Examination Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will accept applications to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) which will be administered through the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC) as follows:

Test Window Dates	Deadline To Apply
November 20 through December 15, 2000	Wednesday, September 20, 2000

The NAVLE is the computerized national examination for licensure to practice veterinary medicine which has replaced the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT).

The board will administer the state examination for licensure to practice veterinary medicine on the first Tuesday of every month. Deadline to apply for the State Board Examination (SBE) is the third Friday prior to exam date desired. SBE dates are subject to change due to office closure (i.e. holiday, weather).

Applications for all examinations must be received on or before the deadline. Applications and information may be obtained from the board office at 263 Third Street, Suite 104, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, or by calling (225) 342-2176.

Kimberly B. Barbier
Administrative Director

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Private Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded
New Reimbursement Rates

Effective for dates of service July 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	9-32 Beds Monthly Rate	33+ Beds Per Diem Rate	33+ Beds Monthly Rate

2	\$118.97	\$3,618.67	\$96.74	\$2,942.51	\$86.03	\$2,616.75
3	\$128.36	\$3,904.28	\$104.20	\$3,169.42	\$92.56	\$2,815.37
4	\$133.17	\$4,050.59	\$112.31	\$3,416.10	\$99.66	\$3,031.33
5	\$139.86	\$4,254.08	\$121.13	\$3,684.37	\$107.38	\$3,266.14
6	\$143.22	\$4,356.28	\$130.71	\$3,975.76	\$125.33	\$3,812.12
7	\$156.79	\$4,769.03	\$154.28	\$4,692.68	\$134.48	\$4,090.43

It should be noted that these rates include a provider fee of \$10.93.

Inquiries regarding these rates may be directed to the Director of Institutional Reimbursement, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030.

David W. Hood
Secretary

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
Nutrition Section**

OPH Nutrition Section

In accordance with Public Laws 99-500 and 99-591 the Louisiana Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is soliciting comments from the general public on the WIC Programs state plan for 2000-2001. The plan describes in detail the goals and the planned activities of the WIC Program for the next year. Interested persons may find copies of the state plan at the Central Nutrition/WIC Office (address below) or they may apply directly to the Nutrition/WIC Office for copies of the plan at 25 cents per page. Interested individuals should submit their requests for copies or their comments on the plan to the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Nutrition Section, Room 406, P.O. Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160, Attn: State Plan.

Additional information may be gathered by contacting Henry Klimek, Manager of WIC Nutrition Section, (504) 568-5065.

David Hood
Secretary

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

Private Nursing Facilities C
New Reimbursement Rates

Effective for dates of service July 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 nursing facility services:

Level Of Care	Daily	Monthly
Skilled Nursing	\$72.96	\$2,219.20
Intermediate Care I	\$70.00	\$2,129.17
Intermediate Care II	\$70.00	\$2,129.17
Skilled Nursing C Infectious Disease	\$254.89	\$7,752.90
Skilled Nursing C Technology Dependent Care	\$194.79	\$5,924.86

It should be noted that the above rates include a provider fee of \$5.56. Inquiries regarding these rates may be directed to the Director of Institutional Reimbursement, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030.

David W. Hood
Secretary

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**Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation**

Average Weekly Wage Rate

Pursuant to Act 583 of the Regular Session of the 1975 Louisiana Legislature, this state's average weekly wage upon which the maximum workers' compensation weekly benefit amount will be based, effective September 1, 2000, has been determined by the Department of Labor to be \$517.93.

Garey Forster
Secretary

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**Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation**

Weekly Compensation Benefit Limits

Pursuant to R.S. 23:1202 and based on the statewide average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Labor, the following limits shall apply to weekly compensation benefits for claimants injured during the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Average Weekly Wage	Maximum Compensation	Minimum Compensation
\$517.93	\$388.00	\$104.00

Garey Forster
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
Sam Barnwell et al	Bellevue	S	Wurtsbaugh Knighton et al	001	102749
Cajun Minerals, Inc.	West Fenris	L	A Deshotels SWD	001	113911
Calumet Refining Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	State	005	010035
Calumet Refining Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	State	007	055094
Calumet Refining Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Chew State	007	075343
Calumet Refining Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Chew-State SWD	008	075344
Jeems Bayou Oil	Caddo Pine Island	S	Clubhouse	002	990434
F. M. Johnson	Monroe	M	FM Johnson	001	090930
John W. Mecom	Bayou Des Allemands	L	Waterford Oil Company A	002	060108
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	Grandison	012	080409
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	Grandison	001	049663
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	Grandison	004	053608
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Lake Enfermer	L	Grandison	A-3	059093
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Lake Enfermer	L	Grandison	A-9	078782
Olin Gas Transmission Corp.	Lake Enfermer	L	Grandison	A-8	073135
Pala Oil Company	Caddo Pine Island	S	McEnergy	003	990433
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	CB SUA; Grandison	013	087700

Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
Injection and Mining Division**

Docket No. IMD 2000-04

Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the state of Louisiana and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended, and the provisions of the Statewide Order No. 29-B, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a hearing at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2000, in the Thibodaux City Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the Starks Municipal Complex, 1309 Canal Blvd., Thibodaux, Louisiana.

At such hearing, the commissioner, or his designated representative, will hear testimony relative to the application of Newpark Environmental Services, Inc., 207 Town Center Parkway, Second Floor, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. The applicant requests authorization to consolidate and relocate Newpark's two commercial exploration and production (E&P) waste facilities located in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. Applicant requests authorization to store and transfer RCRA-exempt exploration and production wastes generated from the drilling and production of oil and gas wells. Applicant intends to transfer wastes to other permitted processing and disposal facilities located in Louisiana and Texas. The proposed (relocated) facility, which shall replace Newpark's two existing facilities, will be located in the Port Fourchon, Louisiana area, Township 23S, Range 22E, Section 14 of Lafourche Parish, between 16th Street and the third leg of E-Slip.

The application is available for inspection by contacting Mr. Gary Snellgrove, Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, Room 279B of the State Land and Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or by visiting the Lafourche Parish Council Office in Thibodaux, Louisiana, or the Lafourche Parish Library in Golden Meadow, Louisiana. Verbal information may be received by calling Mr. Snellgrove at (225) 219-4548.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at said public hearing. Written comments which will not be presented at the hearing must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at the Baton Rouge Office. Comments should be directed to the Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804; Re: Docket No. IMD 2000-04 Commercial Facility, Lafourche Parish.

Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Secretary**

Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that eight claims in the amount of \$25,179.80 were received for payment during the period July 1, 2000 through July 31, 2000. There were eight claims paid and no claims denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

28554	46879	Jefferson
28775	46845	Jefferson/Plaquemines

A list of claimants and amounts paid, can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 94396, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225) 342-0122.

Jack C. Caldwell
Secretary

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services**

Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

The Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services is developing a five year plan for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program to implement the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-169) which was effective on December 14, 1999, amending Section 477 of the Social Security Act. Section 477(b)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act requires that all interested members of the

public have at least 30 days to submit comments on the plan. The plan is available by contacting Mr. Ernie Chapman, Office of Community Services, P.O. Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or telephoning (225) 342-2279. The public may comment on the plan for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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

Child Care Assistance Program Public Hearings

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, will hold additional public hearings on the Child Care Assistance Program changes proposed in the Notice of Intent published in this issue.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2000, at the following times and locations:

9:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
OFS Regional Office	OFS Alexandria Parish Office
330 State Office Bldg.	900 Murray Street, Room K-200
1525 Fairfield Ave.	Alexandria, LA 71303
Shreveport, LA 71101	

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at said hearing.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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