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Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Forestry Commission
and
Department of Revenue
Tax Commission

Timber Stumpage Values

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, is hereby giving notice of a joint meeting of the Forestry Commission and Tax Commission to be held on December 11, 2000, 10:00 a.m. at 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Interested persons may submit written or oral comments to the address above prior to the hearing.

The staff of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry recommends that the following stumpage values be adopted for the purpose of determining severance tax for calendar year 2001.

Trees and Timber	Price/Scale	Price/Ton
Pine Sawtimber	\$369.12/MBF	\$46.14/Ton
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$228.39/MBF	\$24.04/Ton
Pine Chip and Saw	\$100.42/CD	\$37.19/Ton
Pulpwood		
Pine Pulpwood	\$25.16/CD	\$9.32/Ton
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$12.73/CD	\$4.47/Ton

Data used to determine these recommendations are from the *Quarterly Report of Forest Products* as follows.

Third Quarter 1999 (July-September)			
Product	Stump Vol (Tons)	Stump Val (\$)	Stump Avg (\$/Ton)
Pine Sawtimber	492,834.37	\$22,710,405.93	\$46.08
Hardwood Sawtimber	223,499.28	5,613,946.16	25.12
Pine Pulpwood	1,295,475.80	12,111,194.35	9.35
Hardwood Pulpwood	294,232.32	1,399,683.78	4.76
Chip-N-Saw	34,976.56	1,263,426.20	36.12
Fourth Quarter 1999 (October-December)			
Product	Stump Vol (Tons)	Stump Val (\$)	Stump Avg (\$/Ton)
Pine Sawtimber	485,923.05	\$22,386,589.72	\$46.07
Hardwood Sawtimber	217,753.59	5,015,113.97	23.03
Pine Pulpwood	493,329.37	4,824,043.26	9.78
Hardwood Pulpwood	328,294.92	1,637,761.97	4.99
Chip-N-Saw	71,042.75	2,449,409.76	34.48
First Quarter 2000 (January-March)			
Product	Stump Vol (Tons)	Stump Val (\$)	Stump Avg (\$/Ton)
Pine Sawtimber	502,562.35	\$23,651,770.23	\$47.06
Hardwood Sawtimber	107,198.29	2,495,548.65	23.28

Pine Pulpwood	285,929.22	2,746,570.44	9.61
Hardwood Pulpwood	187,936.92	826,714.45	4.40
Chip-N-Saw	26,069.82	1,091,671.03	41.87
Second Quarter 2000 (April-June)			
Product	Stump Vol (Tons)	Stump Val (\$)	Stump Avg (\$/Ton)
Pine Sawtimber	556,277.65	\$25,261,283.06	\$45.41
Hardwood Sawtimber	130,857.94	3,206,443.47	24.50
Pine Pulpwood	516,403.46	4,464,807.63	8.65
Hardwood Pulpwood	224,006.04	755,764.26	3.37
Chip-N-Saw	36,385.07	1,461,651.26	40.17
State Totals			
Product	Stump Vol (Tons)	Stump Val (\$)	Stump Avg (\$/Ton)
Pine Sawtimber	2,037,597.42	\$94,010,048.94	\$46.14
Hardwood Sawtimber	679,309.10	16,331,052.25	24.04
Pine Pulpwood	2,591,137.85	24,146,615.68	9.32
Hardwood Pulpwood	1,034,470.20	4,619,924.46	4.47
Chip-N-Saw	168,474.20	6,266,158.25	37.19
Conversion Factors			
MBF Pine Doyle Scale = 16,000 lbs. = 8.00 Tons			
MBF Hardwood Doyle Scale = 19,000 lbs. = 9.50 Tons			
Cord Pine = 5,400 lbs. = 2.70 Tons			
Cord Hardwood = 5,700 lbs. = 2.85 Tons			
Chip-N-Saw = 5,400 lbs. = 2.70 Tons			

Signed and attested to this 10th day of October, 2000.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Environmental Planning Division

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda for October 15, 2000

The Department of Environmental Quality announces the availability of the October 15, 2000, edition of the *Semiannual Regulatory Agenda* prepared by the Environmental Planning Division, Regulation Development Section. The current agenda contains information on rules that have been proposed but have not been published as final and rules that are scheduled to be proposed in 2000 and 2001. The agenda is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.deq.state.la.us/planning/regs/index.htm>. Copies of the agenda may be purchased by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment, Regulation Development Section, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178, or by

calling (225) 765-0399. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of the agenda.

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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

Solicitation of Comments on NO_x Reasonably Available
Control Technology (RACT) for Ozone Control

Louisiana has experienced many days of elevated ozone levels this summer throughout the state and especially in the Baton Rouge area as a number of the monitored readings have exceeded the one-hour standard. In addition, the 5-parish Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area, that includes the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge, did not meet the 1999 statutory deadline to comply with the one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Therefore, identification and promulgation of regulations to implement emission reduction controls is necessary by August 15, 2001. Options being considered include controls on a statewide basis.

The LDEQ is preparing a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) that will specify emission reduction control strategies so that Louisiana can comply with the ozone NAAQS standard. Rules to implement emission reduction controls for inclusion in the SIP must be promulgated. In accordance with R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, any proposed rule must include a Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement. Further, the LDEQ is required, by R.S. 30:2019(D) and R.S. 49:953(G) to perform a cost/benefit and risk analysis if a rule has a fiscal impact of \$1 million or more and is not required for compliance with a federal law or regulation.

The LDEQ is considering options to reduce oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). The options under consideration are as follows:

1. a NO_x RACT Rule similar or equal to the LDEQ Rule promulgated on February 20, 1994, as LAC 33:III.Chapter 22 (copies available upon request or refer to the *Louisiana Register*);
2. a NO_x Emissions Cap and Trade Rule (following EPA's proposed rule format published in the *Federal Register* on January 18, 2000);
3. a. remove the CAA Section 182(f) exemption(s); and/or
b. if exemption removed, then specify a higher offset ratio in lieu of LAER for NO_x New Source Review.
4. Please consider the various geographic options below when preparing responses for 1 through 3 above.

The LDEQ is also considering different geographical areas for applicability of these options. The areas under consideration are as follows:

1. the 5-parish Baton Rouge area designated as a serious ozone nonattainment area;

2. a Baton Rouge regional area that would include the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana;

3. a south Louisiana area that would include all the parishes listed in 2 above, plus the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Plaquemines, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Vernon, and Washington; or

4. statewide.

The LDEQ requests all interested parties to submit information and comments regarding options of NO_x reductions and geographical applicability. The LDEQ specifically requests comments regarding the following issues:

1. What are the expected environmental benefits and/or disbenefits of the NO_x reductions under consideration? For what geographical areas?
2. What are the potential manufacturing/processing costs/impacts for the options of NO_x reductions under consideration? For what geographical areas?
3. For a NO_x Cap and Trade rule, the rule should cover what universe of sources, baseline emission levels, emissions cap and rate of decline, what level of allocation of emissions allowances and utilize what standardized monitoring and measurement techniques? For what geographical areas?
4. Should a NO_x Cap and Trade rule stand as a contingency measure for the SIP? For what geographical areas?
5. What other NO_x reductions should LDEQ consider? For what geographical areas?
6. Could NO_x reductions be implemented for the 2002 ozone season? For what geographical areas? If not by 2002, then when at the earliest?
7. Other information or comments regarding NO_x reductions.
8. Please send comments on any plans for NO_x reductions through 2005.

Should the LDEQ propose a rule to implement a NO_x RACT Rule (including geographical areas of applicability) or a NO_x Emissions Cap and Trade Rule, the public will have an additional opportunity to comment during the rulemaking process.

Comments are due no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 30, 2000, and should be submitted to Ms. Patsy Deaville, Regulation Development Section, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178 or hand-delivered to 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or faxed to (225) 765-5095. Persons commenting should reference this document as "NO_x RACT for Ozone Control."

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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

Solicitation of Comments on Reduction in Emission of
Volatile Organic Compounds for Ozone Control

Louisiana has experienced many days of elevated ozone levels this summer throughout the state and especially in the Baton Rouge area as a number of the monitored readings have exceeded the one-hour standard. In addition, the 5-parish Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area, that includes the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge, did not meet the 1999 statutory deadline to comply with the one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Therefore, identification and promulgation of regulations to implement emission reduction controls is necessary by August 15, 2001.

The LDEQ is preparing a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) that will specify emission reduction control strategies so that Louisiana can comply with the NAAQS standard. Rules to implement emission reduction controls for inclusion in the SIP must be promulgated. In accordance with R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, any proposed rule must include a Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement. Further, the LDEQ is required, by R.S. 30:2019(D) and R.S. 49:953(G) to perform a cost/benefit and risk analysis if a rule has a fiscal impact of \$1 million or more and is not required for compliance with a federal law or regulation.

The LDEQ is considering statewide applicability of the following Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) rules: LAC 33:III.2103 (Storage of Volatile Organic Compounds), §2109 (Oil/Water-Separation), §2115 (Waste Gas Disposal), §2122 (Fugitive Emission Control for Ozone Nonattainment Areas), §2123 (Organic Solvents), §2131 (Filling of Gasoline Storage Vessels), §2135 (Bulk Gasoline Terminals), §2143 (Graphic Arts [Printing] by Rotogravure and Flexographic Processes), §2147 (Limiting VOC Emissions from SOCM I Reactor Processes and Distillation Operations), §2149 (Limiting Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Batch Processing), §2151 (Limiting Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Cleanup Solvent Processing), and §2153 (Limiting Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Industrial Wastewater).

The LDEQ will also consider expanding the applicability thresholds either on a regional or statewide basis for the rules listed above.

The LDEQ requests all interested parties submit information to the Department for consideration prior to rulemaking. The LDEQ specifically requests responders to address the following questions:

1. What are the expected environmental benefits and/or disbenefits of the rule options under consideration? Respondent should address the potential environmental impact on all media (air, water, etc.), if air emissions controls would result in adverse impacts on other media.

2. What is the potential manufacturing/retrofit/new control equipment costs for the rules under consideration?

Please specify costs attributed to each revised section of Chapter 21.

3. What should be the geographic applicability areas for the options under consideration if not statewide?

4. Are there any other VOC rule specifications the LDEQ should consider? Please answer the above questions by referencing a specific section of Chapter 21.

5. Any other information the responder desires to be in the record.

6. Please comment on any plans for VOC reductions through 2005.

Should the LDEQ propose a rule to implement new or revised existing VOC controls, the public will have an additional opportunity to comment during the rulemaking process.

Comments are due no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, December 15, 2000, and should be submitted to Ms. Patsy Deaville, Regulation Development Section, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178 or hand-delivered to 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or faxed to (225) 765-5095. Persons commenting should reference this document as "Reduction in Emission of Volatile Organic Compounds for Ozone Control."

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
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
Americana Oil & Gas Co., Inc.	Richland	M	McConnell	1-B	124743
The Angelina Corporation	Wildcat	L	SL 2044	001	124991
Cleary Petroleum Corporation	Perry	L	Delma Meaux	001	137383
Energy Salvage, Inc.	Bayou Pigeon	L	SD RA SUA; Iberia PH SCH BD	002	129027 (30)
Great Yellowstone Corp.	Bayou Pigeon	L	00 SUC:A G Delahoussaye	001	071217
C. L. Harvey	Eola	L	SL 414 Bayou Boeuf	001	022239
C. L. Harvey	Eola	L	SL 414 Bayou Boeuf	003	022745
Miles Oil & Gas Co.	Tullos Urania	M	J A Doughty	001	070426
NCM Operations, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	L	CH RB SUK; Stockstill	004	153575
NCM Operations, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	L	CH RB SUL;S Stockstill	005	157507

NCM Operations, Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	L	CH RB SUM; Wilberts	003	158271
NCM Operations Inc.	Bayou Bouillon	L	Stockstill SWD	001	971258
Shoreline Exploration of Texas	Bay Marchand Block 2	L	SI 6430	3-D	152284
Shoreline Exploration of Texas	Bay Marchand Block 2	L	S 6430	3	151642
Sam Siegel EtAl	Bellevue	S	Bellevue Unit	014	037763
Sam Siegel EtAl	Bellevue	S	Bellevue Unit	032	037948
Success Oil and Gas Co. Inc.	Richland	M	Sligh et al	1A	122279
Success Oil and Gas Co. Inc.	Monroe	M	Jack T Bird	001	018750
Success Oil and Gas Co. Inc.	Monroe	M	Jack T Bird	002	030277
T.N.T. Inc.	Lake Raccourci	L	13,300 RA SUA;LL&E B	001	115484 (30)
Texas Crude Oil Co.	Bully Camp	L	Louis M Adams Unit	001	114301
Texas Crude Oil Co.	Buly Camp	L	BN-5-RA SUA;L Adams	1D	116437
Wolf Production, Inc.	Terrebonne Bayou	L	D Peltier et al	001	209631 (28)
Wolf Production, Inc.	Bayou Sorrel	L	A Wilbert Sons	001	211940

Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conversation

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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 five claims in the amount of \$16,643.14 were received for payment during the period September 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000. There were five claims paid and zero claims denied.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2916.936	8957.242	Jefferson
2924.430	8954.630	Jefferson
2927.940	9157.610	Vermilion
2940.490	9159.100	Iberia
2946.888	8933.314	St. Bernard

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 Transportation and Development
Office of the General Counsel**

Fiber Optic Permits
(LAC 70:III.Chapter 25)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, that the Department of Transportation and Development will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m., Monday, November 27, 2000, at the headquarters of the Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA, in the auditorium on the first floor, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed rule on the subject of fiber optic permits, as published in the *Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 8, August 20, 2000.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present their views, data, arguments, information, or comments at said hearing.

Kam K. Movassaghi, Ph.D., P.E.
Secretary

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**Office of Transportation and Development
Sabine River Compact Administration**

Fall MeetingCSabine River Compact Administration

The fall meeting of the Sabine River Compact Administration will be held at the Omni Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas, on October 31, 2000, at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct business as programmed in Article IV of the bylaws of the Sabine River Compact Administration.

The spring meeting will be held at a site in Louisiana to be designated at the above described meeting.

Contact person concerning this meeting is Kellie Ferguson, Secretary, Sabine River Compact Administration, 15091 Texas Highway, Many, Louisiana 71449, telephone (318) 256-4112.

Kellie Ferguson
Secretary

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