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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 9th, 2003, beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the College of Design Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The deadline for sending the application and fee is as follows.

New Candidates:	February 21, 2003
Re-Take Candidates:	March 7, 2003
Reciprocity Candidates:	May 2, 2003

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 21, 2003. 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 April 28-May 2, 2003, 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 14, 2003. No applications will be accepted after March 14, 2003.

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.

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Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Boll Weevil Eradication Commission

Boll Weevil Eradication Adjudicatory Hearing Establishment of 2003 Assessment

The Boll Weevil Eradication Commission will hold an adjudicatory hearing beginning at 10 a.m., March 20, 2003 at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, First Floor Auditorium, located at 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, relative to the setting of the assessments levied upon cotton producers for each acre of cotton planted for the 2003 crop year pursuant to R.S. 3:1613 and LAC 7:XV.321. Said assessment shall not exceed \$10 per acre of cotton planted for 2003 in the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre of cotton planted for 2003 in the Louisiana Eradication Zone.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be afforded an opportunity to participate in the adjudicatory hearing. Written comments will be accepted if received prior to March 20, 2003, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596.

Dan P. Logan, Jr.
Chairman

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Animal Health Services Livestock Sanitary Board

Imposition of Quarantine on Out-of-State Poultry and Other Avian Species

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 3:2094, R.S. 3:2095, and R.S. 3:2097 the Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board hereby declares and imposes the following quarantine.

I. Facts Supporting Quarantine

An outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease, ("END"), has occurred in regions of southern California and has also been confirmed in portions of Nevada and Arizona. END is a highly contagious and highly fatal disease of poultry and other avian species. If introduced into Louisiana, END could have devastating and catastrophic effects on the state's poultry industry as well as severely affecting other avian populations. Louisiana's poultry and avian industries have a gross farm value of over \$493,000,000.

For these reasons END presents an imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare, as well as an imminent peril to Louisiana's livestock. As a result of this imminent peril, the Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board hereby exercises its plenary power to deal with all contagious and infectious diseases of animals by imposing this quarantine.

II. Objective of Quarantine

The objective of this quarantine is to prevent the spread of END into the State of Louisiana.

III Geographical Area of Quarantine

The geographical area of this quarantine is the entire state of Louisiana.

IV. Prohibitions

The following actions are hereby prohibited unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.

No person shall import into, or transport through, the state of Louisiana any poultry or other avian species, ("birds") or any poultry or avian products, ("products") that originated from or were moved from or through any geographical areas within the United States that are now, or in the future, quarantined for END by either the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the authorities of the respective states. The list of geographical areas subject to quarantine for END may be found on the Internet at www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues.

V. Criteria for Release from Quarantine

Any person owning or transporting birds or products subject to this quarantine may apply for a waiver of the quarantine from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee. Any person seeking a waiver must present the following documentation or information to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee:

(1) a written request stating the type of the birds or product involved, the current location of the birds or products, the origin of the birds or products, the reason for moving the birds or products, the duration of time that the birds or products were in an END quarantined area and the reason they were in a quarantined area;

(2) certification from the state in which the birds or products are located that such birds or products are not from flocks or geographic areas quarantined for END;

(3) each bird or product is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the preceding 30 days;

(4) a permit number is obtained from the Louisiana Office of Animal Health Services by the veterinarian issuing the certificate of veterinary inspection;

(5) any other information or documentation that the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee may require to make an informed decision regarding the request for a waiver.

The granting of a waiver, in whole or in part, shall be strictly discretionary with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee. No waiver shall be deemed to have been granted unless in writing and signed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

VI. Time Limit

This quarantine shall remain in effect until rescinded by written order of this Board. Authorization from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee(s) to do any of the prohibited acts, whether in whole or in part, shall not be construed as a rescission, or modification of this quarantine.

VII. Date of Adoption

This quarantine was adopted by the Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board and signed this 7th day of February 2003 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Bob Odom
Chairman

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division

Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (RECAP)
(LAC 33:I.1305 and 1307)(OS044)

The comment period for the Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (RECAP) Revision 2 (LAC 33:I.1305 and 1307 and the RECAP document) (OS044) is being extended. The original comment period ended February 20, 2003. The new closing date for comments will be March 20, 2003. The Notice of Intent for the proposed Rule was published in the December 20, 2002, *Louisiana Register* on pages 2628-2629. A public hearing was held on January 24, 2003.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by OS044. Such comments must be received no later than March 20, 2003, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Lynn Wilbanks, Regulation Development Section, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178 or to FAX (225) 765-0389 or by e-mail to lynnw@deq.state.la.us. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Records Management Section at (225) 765-0843. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of OS044.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; 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.state.la.us/planning/regs/index.htm>.

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Office of Community Development

Public Hearing CFY 2004 Consolidated Annual Action Plan

As set forth in 24 CFR 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 summary of the four programs follows.

The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides financial assistance to parishes of less than 200,000 persons and municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 in their efforts to provide a suitable living environment, decent housing, essential community facilities, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community infrastructure systems such as water, sewer, and street improvements, community centers, housing rehabilitation, and economic development assistance in the form of grants and loans. Projects funded under this program must principally benefit persons of low and moderate income.

The objectives of the Home Investment Partnerships Program are: to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income persons, to stabilize the existing deteriorating owner occupied and rental housing stock through rehabilitation, to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients/subrecipients, and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

The purpose of the Emergency Shelter Grants Program is to help local governments and community organizations to improve and expand shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families, to meet the cost of operating

homeless shelters, to provide essential services, and to perform homeless prevention activities.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program provides localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families.

The four agencies administering these programs are beginning to prepare the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2004. The Consolidated Annual Action Plan will include a one year action plan for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2004 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned four HUD programs.

The State will hold a public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs throughout the State; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for FY 2004. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted beginning February 26, 2003 and will be accepted until March 10, 2003. Written comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095 or faxed to 225-342-1947.

The public hearing will be held on February 26, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the Iowa Room (Room 1-153) on the first floor of the Claiborne Building. The Claiborne Building is located at 1201 North Third Street in Baton Rouge. This facility is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Non-English speaking persons and persons with other disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at 225-342-7412 or at the mailing address or fax number in the preceding paragraph at least five working days prior to the hearing.

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

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Procell Oil & Gas	Benson	S	Pattison	1	181023
Procell Oil & Gas	Benson	S	Pattison	2	209704
Procell Oil & Gas	Spider	S	Hutchins	3	180618
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	3	216396
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	5	216502
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	6	216625
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	7	216626
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	9	216721
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	10	216733
S. M. Hammack	Longwood	S	Hammack G	11	216734
Kilroy Co. Of Texas, Inc.	Boston Bayou	L	Vermilion Parish School Board	1	117898
J & D Oil Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hoss-Wynn	1	202507
J & D Oil Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hoss-Wynn	2	202508
J & D Oil Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hoss-Wynn	3	204680
J & D Oil Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hoss-Wynn	4	206084
J & D Oil Co.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hoss-Wynn	5	205990
Jack E. Stack, Jr.	South Monterey	M	Mil Sub; Cross-Burley	2	094635
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Futral B	1	022504
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Ptbr Futral RA SU; Futral B	3	025053
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Ptbr Futral RA SU; Futral B	5	028132
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Ptbr Futral RA SU; Futral C	1	039858
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Ptbr. Futral RA SU; S. D. Cochran	2	049710
R&R Resources Corp.	Port Barre	L	Ptbr. Futral RA SU; Futral B	6	151315
John W. Mecom Et Al	Wildcat	L	Verm. Bay Ld. & Cockrell, Jr. et al.	3	074019
Sahara Gas & Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Muslow	8	157402
Sahara Gas & Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	2	Muslow	1	162385
Sahara Gas & Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	2	Muslow	2	162386
Sahara Gas & Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	2	Muslow	3	162387
Sahara Gas & Exploration, Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	2	Muslow	4	162388

James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

**Proposed Rulemaking Pipeline Safety Definitions
for Master Meter Systems, Special Class Systems,
and School Systems**

The Louisiana Office of Conservation is requesting comments on the following draft proposed regulation that will establish pipeline safety responsibilities for master meter natural gas installations, Special Class Systems and School Systems.

It is the office's intent to incorporate the proposed regulation into the Office of Conservation Pipeline Safety regulations. This is a preliminary step in the rulemaking process. Official rulemaking will be initiated after review and consideration of the comments received on this advance notice.

Title 43

NATURAL RESOURCES

Part XIII. Office of Conservation Pipeline Safety

Subpart 1. General Provisions

Chapter 1. General

§125. Definitions

Master Meter System Ca pipeline system for distributing gas within, but not limited to, a definable area such as a mobile home park, housing project, apartment complex or

university, where the operator purchases metered gas from an outside source for resale through a gas pipeline system. The gas distribution pipeline system supplies the ultimate consumer who either purchases the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as by rents.

Special Class System Ca pipeline system for distributing gas to a federal, state or local government facility or a private facility performing a government function, where the operator receives or purchases gas from an outside source, and distributes the gas through a pipeline system to more than one outlet beyond the meter or regulator, which ultimate outlet may, but need not be, individually metered or charged a fee for the gas. Any exemption from pipeline safety regulation granted to master meter systems will apply to Special Class Systems.

School System Ca pipeline system for distributing natural gas to a public or private pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or high school. Upon request for a revision of service by the school, or by the school system of which the school is a component, the local distribution company providing natural gas service to the school shall install a meter at the building wall of each building of the school that utilizes natural gas. The gas piping from the outlet of the meter to the inside of the building shall be installed above ground, and shall be maintained by the school in accordance with requirements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The outside piping that is upstream of the meter to the outlet of the meter shall be owned and maintained by the local distribution company in accordance with Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations. The pipeline system of a school that does not request the revision of service described by this paragraph shall be deemed a Special Class System, and subject to the requirements of such system.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 501 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 9:217 (April 1983), amended LR 10:503 (July 1984), amended LR 29:

All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments on the draft proposal. Comments are due by March 7, 2003, and should be sent to Mariano G. Hinojosa, Pipeline Division, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275; hand delivered to 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge; sent to FAX number (225) 342-5529 or sent by email to marianoh@dnr.state.la.us.

If you have any questions regarding this document please contact Mariano G. Hinojosa at (225) 342-5519.

James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation

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Department of Social Services Office of Community Services

Louisiana's Child and Family Services Plan and Annual Progress and Services Report

The Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services (DSS/OCS) announces opportunities for public review of the Louisiana Child and Family Services Plan and the 2002 Annual Progress and Services Report. The Child and Family Services Plan is a planning document which outlines the goals and objectives/outcomes for the OCS for the time period of October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2004, with regard to the use of Title IV-B, Subpart 1 and Subpart 2, Title IV-E Independent Living Initiative and Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) funds. The Annual Progress and Service Report is the report on the achievement of goals and objectives/outcomes and amends any changes to the agency's plan in the provision of services. It is completed on an annual basis for each year of the Child and Family Services Plan. The 2002 Annual Progress and Service Report provides information on the achievement of goals and objectives for year three of the Child and Family Services Plan.

Louisiana, through the DSS/OCS, provides services which include Child Protection Investigations, Family Services, Foster Care, Adoption and the John H. Chafee Independence Program. The OCS will use allotted funds provided under the Social Security Act, Title IV-B, Subpart 1, to provide child welfare services to prevent child abuse and neglect; to prevent foster care placement; to reunite families; to arrange adoptions; and to ensure adequate foster care. Title IV-B, Subpart 2, entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families, includes service to support families and prevent the need for foster care. The John H. Chafee Independent Living Program funds services to assist foster children 15 years old and older who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18. Former foster care recipients who are 18 to 21 years of age who have aged out of foster care are also eligible for services. The services include basic living skills training and education and employment initiatives. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act funding is used to complement and support the overall mission of OCS with emphasis on developing, strengthening, and carrying out child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment programs.

We are encouraging public participation in the planning of services and the writing of this document. The Child and Family Services Plan and the Annual Progress and Services Report is 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 for review in the State Library located at 701 N. Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA and its repositories statewide.

Inquiries and comments on the plan may be submitted in writing to Joel McLain, P.O. Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, on or before the close of business March 3, 2003. He is responsible for responding to all comments and/or inquiries.

A public hearing on the Child and Family Service Plan and the Annual Progress and Services Report is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Office of Community Services, Commerce Building, 333 Laurel Street, Room 732, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At the public hearing, all interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the plan, orally or in writing.

Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Secretary

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