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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Retail Floristry Examination

The next retail floristry examinations will be given July 21-25, 2003, 9:30 a.m. at Louisiana Technical College, Lomax Hall, Ruston, LA. The deadline for sending in application and fee is June 6, 2003. No applications will be accepted after June 6, 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.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to June 6, 2003. Questions may be directed to (225) 952-8100.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division

Amendments to Office of the Secretary, Air, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Water Quality, Underground Storage Tank, and Radiation Protection Regulations for Fees (OS041)
Risk/Cost/Benefit Statement

Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has amended the Office of the Secretary, Air, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Water Quality, Underground Storage Tank, and Radiation Protection Regulations to increase the fees collected in these programs by 20 percent in Fiscal Year 2003 and by an additional 10 percent in Fiscal Year 2004. The 10 percent increase is above those in effect for Fiscal Year 2003. The department collects these fees, designated for the Environmental Trust Fund, from members of the regulated community covered by these programs. Act 134 of the 2002 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the increase in fees.

The fee increase will provide funding to be expended by the department to fund some portion or all of the 150 positions that are currently authorized in the current year's budget, but which are below the line in the Fiscal Year 2003 Executive Budget. Some of these funds would also be expended on equipment.

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 retain personnel in departmental programs justify the costs associated with the legislatively passed fee increases.

Therefore, the qualitative approach is taken with this risk/cost benefit statement. As discussed further in this document, these amendments to the Office of the Secretary, Air, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Water Quality, Underground Storage Tank, and Radiation Protection 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 judgment 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 Rule addresses the risks associated with the potential pollution or toxic releases caused or exacerbated by inadequate or lack of department-sponsored inspections. The Rule does this by providing the funds necessary to hire the appropriate number of inspectors to conduct the mandated number of inspections of regulated facilities. The fees will also allow the department to train the newly hired inspectors and provide them with the necessary equipment required to carry out their job functions.

Numerous risks are associated with inadequate, unskilled or no inspections of facilities and/or sites with the potential to discharge wastes into the environment. Unauthorized discharges to the environment have the potential to contaminate air, land, water and, particularly, groundwater. Contamination of drinking water wells and aquifers used for potable water poses a significant threat to human health. Inspections also uncover unauthorized waste sites that, at a minimum, may be remediated by the landowner or, at a maximum, become Superfund sites. Undiscovered waste tires hold water that provides a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes, which provide an excellent vector for diseases. Tire sites also provide shelter for vermin, such as rats, that are another vector for disease, in addition to being a destructive pest.

Environmental and Health Benefits of the Rule

The additional money collected through this Rule will provide the inspectors necessary to carry out the inspection mandates of the department. This will result in multimedia inspections of waste-producing facilities around the state as required by local, state and federal mandates. The fees will allow the monitoring of facilities that is necessary for curbing releases into the environment. The fee increases will also contribute to the discovery and remediation of unauthorized waste sites around the state, including

unauthorized dumps and waste tire sites. These sites, in addition to being eyesores on the landscape, have the potential for adverse impacts on human health.

Social and Economic Costs

This Rule is an amendment to raise fees that are already assessed, and as such, there are no significant costs to implement the Rule. Representatives of the regulated community are in favor of the proposed increase to fund the department at a level necessary to carry out its mandates.

Persons currently regulated by the Office of the Secretary, Air, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Water Quality, Underground Storage Tank, and/or Radiation Protection Regulations would pay an additional 20 percent in fees in FY 2003. These new fees would generate an estimated \$7.2 million in statutory dedicated fees. There would be an additional 10 percent increase in fees in FY 2004 that would generate an additional \$4.32 million over and above the \$7.2 million increase in FY 2003. The total effect of the Rule would be an \$11.52 million fee increase beginning in FY 2004 and every year thereafter.

Persons directly affected will pay additional fees; however, these fees will provide benefits in excess of the fees. The adequate monitoring of regulated facilities would reduce or prevent unauthorized releases into the environment. In addition, health hazards will be removed in the form of unauthorized waste sites, and waste tire piles would be removed from the environment. These two functions will not only protect human health and the environment, but 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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Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

Embalmer / Funeral Director Examinations

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors will give the National Board Funeral Director and Embalmer/Funeral Director exams on Saturday, June 7, 2003 at Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Ave., New Orleans, LA.

Interested persons may obtain further information from the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 8757, Metairie, LA 70011 (504) 838-5109.

Dawn Scardino
Executive Director

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Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health

Louisiana BEACH Grant Report

The Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) is requesting written comments from the public on the agency's plan, *The Louisiana BEACH Grant Report*, to continue developing a monitoring program for marine beach environments in Louisiana through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Beach Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000.

The OPH will implement a pilot monitoring and public notification program for Louisiana's coastal recreation waters with a grant provided through the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act 2000 (BEACH Act) for the purpose of protecting the public health at Louisiana's beaches. The BEACH Act requires that coastal states adopt water quality standards that EPA has chosen for coastal recreation waters, and to notify the public if water quality standards for pathogen indicators are exceeded.

Under the Beach Act, Louisiana is required to evaluate and rank beaches; identify coastal recreation waters in the state; identify bathing beaches adjacent to coastal recreation waters; develop a sampling, monitoring and notification program; develop a method for issuing beach advisories and develop a method of public notification.

The Louisiana BEACH Grant Report details how beaches considered for monitoring under the pilot program were selected, and details what, when, and how monitoring and public notification will take place. *The Louisiana BEACH Grant Report* can be viewed at the following locations:

- Office of Public Health, Center for Environmental Health Services, Room 243, 6867 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA., 70810.
- The Office of Public Health's website at <http://oph.dhh.state.la.us>; (find the report link under OPH Programs, Center for Environmental Health.)

The pilot program will involve three state parks:

1. Cypremort State Park in St. Mary Parish;
 2. Fontainebleau State Park in St. Tammany Parish;
- and
3. Grand Isle State Park in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.
- Monitoring and notification of other beaches are scheduled in future years, as described in *The Louisiana BEACH Grant Report*.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments by June 30, 2003 to:

Stephen Locke
Office of Public Health
6867 Bluebonnet Blvd., Box 16
Baton Rouge LA, 70810
FAX (225) 763-3553
E-mail: slocke@dhh.state.la.us.

If you have any questions please contact Stephen Locke at (225) 763-3547.

Bobby S. Savoie
Director

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
Maternal and Child Health Section**

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Application

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) intends to apply for Maternal and Child (MCH) Block Grant Federal Funding for FY 2003-2004 in accordance with Public Law 97-35 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The Office of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Section, is responsible for program administration of the grant.

The Block Grant Application describes in detail the goals and planned activities of the State Maternal and Child Health Program for the next year. Program priorities are based on the results of a statewide needs assessment conducted in 2000, which is updated annually based on relevant data collection.

Interested persons may request copies of the application from:

State of Louisiana
DHHC Office of Public Health
Maternal and Child Health Section, Room 612
P.O. Box 60630
New Orleans, LA 70160

or view a summary of the application at:
www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/maternalchild/index

Additional information may be gathered by contacting Virginia Holland at (504) 568-5073.

David W. Hood
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
Harry Hurt, Inc.	Wildcat – So. La.	L	Aristide Kuehling	1	063178
Christeve Oil Company, Inc.	Back Ridge	L	J. A. Davis	1	(30)199483
Christeve Oil Company, Inc.	Back Ridge	L	J. A. Davis SWD	1	(29)972334
Vaughn & Hurley	Logansport	S	Vance Unit	1	029889
J. T. Cupples et al.	Tullos Urania	M	Tullos B	2	071801
E. H. Lange, et al.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Gerhig-Stoer Fee	3	039417
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	3	134556
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	6	135881
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	7	135882
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	4	137868
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	5	137869
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	1	178196
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Griswold	2	193624
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Hardtner	A001	136448
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Hardtner	A-2	136587
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Hardtner	A-3	136588
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	3	009784
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	5	009973
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	15	012934
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	16	012935
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	19	046017
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	22	106864
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	23	107021
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	24	110650
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper	2	135716
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Harper SWD	21	067426
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	5	012440
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	10	137012
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	12	138664
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	13	138665
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	8	038755
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Tullos Urania	M	Urania	1	009977
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	1	165338
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	2	166021

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	4	170496
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	6	170700
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	7	181344
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	8	181345
Cardinal Petroleum Corp. of LA	Colgrade	S	Browning	9	182534

James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation

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

Loran Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 21 claims in the amount of \$56,348.68 were received for payment during the period April 1, 2003-April 30, 2003. There were 14 claims paid and 7 claims denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

27475	46969	St Mary
28007	46830	Terrebonne
28570	46894	Jefferson
28725	46865	Jefferson
28792	46787	Jefferson

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2903.180	9025.440	Terrebonne
2904.510	9053.970	Terrebonne
2911.446	9106.250	Terrebonne
2911.449	9016.487	Lafourche
2943.200	8948.300	St Bernard
2951.985	8942.548	St Bernard
2955.546	9320.152	Cameron
2959.930	8936.890	Jefferson
3000.520	8942.800	Jefferson
3004.780	9004.220	Orleans

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

Jack C. Caldwell
Secretary

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

TANF Caseload Reduction Report

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

In order to receive a caseload reduction credit for minimum participation rates, the agency must submit a report based on data from the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) and Family Independence Work Program (FIND Work) containing the following information:

1. a listing of, and implementation dates for, all state and federal eligibility changes, as defined at §261.42, made by the state since the beginning of FY 1995;
2. a numerical estimate of the positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload of each eligibility change (based, as appropriate, on application denials, case closures, or other analyses);
3. an overall estimate of the total net positive or negative impact on the applicable caseload as a result of all such eligibility changes;
4. an estimate of the State's caseload reduction credit;
5. the number of application denials and case closures for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;
6. the distribution of such denials and case closures, by reason, for fiscal year 1995 and the prior fiscal year;
7. a description of the methodology and the supporting data that it used to calculate its caseload reduction estimates;
8. a certification that it has provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology, considered their comments, and incorporated all net reductions resulting from Federal and State eligibility changes; and
9. a summary of all public comments.

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

Written comments regarding the report should also be directed to Ms. Nelson. These must be received by close of business on June 18, 2003.

Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Secretary

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