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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 8-9, 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:	September 5, 2003
Re-Take Candidates:	September 19, 2003
Reciprocity Candidates:	November 14, 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 September 5, 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 October 20-24, 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 September 5, 2003. No applications will be accepted after September 5, 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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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Livestock Sanitary Board

Imposition of Quarantine

In accordance with the provisions of LA R. S. 3:2094, R. S. 3:2095, and R. S. 3:2097 the Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board hereby modifies the Chronic Wasting Disease quarantine issued by it on April 30, 2002 and published in *Volume 28, Number 5*, page 1114 of the *Louisiana Register* on May 20, 2002.

The quarantine is being modified to bring it into substantial conformity with HB 1797 of the 2003 Regular Session. Although HB 1797 did not become law it was enrolled and, therefore, expresses the will of the legislature in regards to entry requirements of cervid species into Louisiana. While this quarantine substantially complies with HB 1797, any deviation is in favor of more restrictive entry requirements.

I. Facts Supporting Quarantine

Chronic Wasting Disease, (CWD), now infects deer and elk herds in eight states of the United States and in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan. It affects elk, white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer and red deer. CWD is a neurodegenerative disease that is related to other spongiform encephalopathies such as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, (Mad Cow Disease), in cattle and Scrapie in sheep. CWD appears to have a one hundred percent mortality rate. There is no known cure for CWD. The means by which CWD is transmitted is not known at this time, although animal to animal contact appears to be a transmittal method. The disease is very resistant and may be able to live outside an animal for an extended period of time. Although CWD appears to be limited to deer and elk, and is not known to be capable of being transmitted to cattle or other livestock, the disease is so poorly understood that it may pose a risk to other livestock.

In 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture declared a state of emergency in regard to CWD. Other states, such as Texas and Florida, have prohibited the importation of deer and elk. The cost of monitoring and controlling CWD has reached or exceeded \$1,000,000 in some states.

This state has approximately 135 alternative livestock farms that raise imported exotic deer and imported exotic antelope, elk and farm-raised white-tailed deer. The alternative livestock industry in Louisiana is growing and is becoming an important part of the Louisiana agricultural industry. The alternative livestock industry generates an economic impact in Louisiana of over \$30,000,000.

For these reasons CWD 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 and declares this quarantine to prevent the introduction of CWD into Louisiana.

II. Objectives of Quarantine

The objectives of this quarantine are:

1. to isolate Louisiana livestock from contact with alternative livestock from other states that are not certified as being free from CWD; and
2. to prevent the spread of CWD into the state of Louisiana.

III. Geographical Area of Quarantine

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

IV. Quarantine Provisions

A.1. No person shall import into the state any black-tailed deer, white-tailed deer, red deer, mule deer, elk, or any animal of any cervid species that has been determined to be susceptible to Chronic Wasting Disease except in accordance with the provisions of this quarantine.

2. A cervid species is hereby declared to be susceptible to Chronic Wasting Disease when any animal of that species has been diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease and that diagnosis has been confirmed by means of an official test conducted by a laboratory approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service.

B. All persons who seek to import any animal of any cervid species listed in Subsection A must obtain written authority to do so from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, (commissioner) or his designee. All applications for importation shall be made in writing to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and shall provide all information that the department deems necessary or appropriate. The application shall, at a minimum, provide the following information:

1. the name, physical address, and telephone number of the applicant;
2. the number of animals to be imported;
3. the species of each animal listed on the application;
4. the name, physical address, and telephone number of the current owner of the animals;
5. the name, physical address, and telephone number of the purchaser of the animals;
6. the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who will transport the animals;
7. the current physical location of the animals;
8. the physical location of the animals' destination;
9. the herd of origin;
10. the herd destination;
11. a minimum of two permanent identifiers acceptable to the Department, including but not limited to a legible tattoo, United States Department of Agriculture approved ear tag, or microchip;
12. a certificate of veterinary inspection completed by an accredited veterinarian within the preceding thirty days.

C. No animal from any of the species listed in Subsection A shall be allowed into the state unless the animal's herd of origin meets the following criteria.

1. If the herd of origin is located in a state where Chronic Wasting Disease has not been identified in any cervid species, the herd of origin shall have participated in a complete herd certification program for a minimum of three years.

2. If the herd of origin is located within a state where Chronic Wasting Disease has been identified in any cervid species, the herd of origin shall have participated in a complete herd certification program for a minimum of five years.

3. Each complete herd certification program must have been established by or certified by the state in which the herd of origin is located and must be acceptable to the commissioner.

D. A complete herd certification program established by or certified by another state shall be acceptable for purposes of this Section if such a program meets the following criteria.

1. The perimeter fencing requirements shall be adequate to prevent ingress or egress to or from the enclosure.

2. All animals of the species listed in Subsection A which are over sixteen months of age and die are tested for Chronic Wasting Disease.

3. A quality sampling program that authorizes state and federal officials to adjust herd status if there are poor quality samples routinely submitted from a premise.

4. The physical herd is inventoried with annual verification reconciling animals and identification with records by an accredited veterinarian or state or federal personnel, including a cross check of all animal identifications with the herd inventory and specific information on the disposition of all animals not present at the time of the annual verification.

5. Identification of premise locations by global positioning system or by a detailed property description.

6. Herd certification status may be adjusted for addition of animals to the herd from other herds or from contact with animals of other herds in the following manner.

a. Additions from herds with equal or greater time in a herd certification program shall have no negative impact on the certification status of the receiving herd.

b. Additions from a herd with a later date of enrollment in a herd certification program shall cause the receiving herd to revert to the enrollment date of the sending herd.

c. Additions from a herd that does not participate in a herd certification program shall cause the receiving herd to start over with a new enrollment date based upon the date the additions were placed with the herd.

d. The status of a new herd shall be based upon the lowest status of any animal initially used to start the herd.

e. Animals of different status are commingled during marketing or transport shall revert to the lowest status of any animal commingled.

7. Chronic Wasting Disease is a reportable disease, and an immediate quarantine shall be imposed on a herd and premises when Chronic Wasting Disease is confirmed in an animal that is or had been in the herd or on the premises.

8. Animal health officials in charge of the herd certification programs have access to herd records, including records of deaths and causes of death, for three years in states where Chronic Wasting Disease has not been identified and five years in states where Chronic Wasting Disease has been identified.

E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or of any other law to the contrary, the commissioner shall have the power to issue, in the name of the Livestock Sanitary Board, an order imposing a more specific or restrictive quarantine on the importation of any cervid species from any or all locations outside the state, as he deems necessary to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease into the state. The commissioner may place such conditions and restrictions on the quarantine, as he deems necessary to carry out the purpose of the quarantine. The commissioner shall have the power to lift or modify any quarantine imposed by him at any time he finds such action appropriate. Any order of the commissioner imposing, lifting, or modifying a quarantine shall be promulgated under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and published in the *Louisiana Register* as soon as possible. Any such quarantine shall remain in full force and effect until lifted or modified by the commissioner unless such quarantine is lifted or modified by this Board at its next meeting after the issuance of the quarantine.

F. The provisions of the quarantine are in addition to any other provisions in Title 3 of Revised Statutes and to any provisions established by Rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Title 3 of the Revised Statutes.

G. Any violation of this quarantine or of any quarantine issued by the commissioner shall be subject to any or all of the penalties authorized by R.S. 3:2093(7); R.S. 3:2096, or R.S. 3:2097.

V. Time Limit

This quarantine shall remain in effect until rescinded by written order of this board. Authorization from the commissioner 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.

VI. Date of Adoption

This quarantine was adopted by the Louisiana State Livestock Sanitary Board and signed this 24th day of July, 2003 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Bob Odom
Chairman

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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, the state's average weekly wage upon which the maximum workers' compensation weekly benefit amount will be based, effective September 1, 2003, has been determined by the Department of Labor to be \$572.53.

Dawn Romero Watson
Secretary

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

Weekly Workers' 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 workers' compensation benefits for workers' compensation claimants injured during the period September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004.

Average Weekly Wage	Maximum Compensation	Minimum Compensation	Mileage Reimbursement
\$572.53	\$429.00	\$114.00	\$00.32 per mile

Dawn Romero Watson
Secretary

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

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.

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
F. T. Smith Jr.	West Gueydan	L	Myrtle E. Smith	1	103173
Lion Oil Refining Co.	Wildcat	M	Goodpine Oil Co.	1	025449
Thor Max Operating, Inc.	Longwood	S	Brinkman A	1	221534
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Tullos D	1	009440
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell-Stenco	1	022124
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	King Estate	1	036183
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co. SWD.	11	036520
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	King Estate	2	037468
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Rushe Dunn SWD.	1	045783
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	M. Doughty Estate	1	069546
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Spillers	4	070345
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	12	076089
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	13	072055
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Williams	1	072056
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	C. C. Wright	1	072513
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	M. Doughty Estate	2	075498
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Mrs. Alonzo Doughty	2	076082
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell-Stenco	2	076083
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	14	084660
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	15	084661
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Jo Anna Russell	3	086011
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	C. C. Wright	2	088202
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	C. C. Wright	3	097054
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	C. C. Wright	4	098663
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	H. H. Russell	1	103028
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	H. H. Russell	2	104677
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell	1	108409
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell	2	108804
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Swd	3	109722
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Spillers	5	121366
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Jo Anna Russell	1	126336
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	M Doughty Estate	3	145737
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	King Estate	7	151013
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	M. W. Maxwell	2	163434
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Maxwell	3	164886
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Maxwell	4	165449
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	18	173147
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	16	173148
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	17	173149
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	19	179116
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	20	179117
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	21	179118
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Arizola Petroleum Co.	22	179119
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Spillers	6	184894
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Spillers	7	185094
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	A. Doughty	1	192722
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	A. Doughty	3	192857
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	S. B. Russell	3	215238
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Wright SWD	1	970171
S&S Williams, Inc.	Tullos Urania	M	Russell Spillers	3	990340

James H. Welsh
Commissioner

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