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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Division of Pesticides and Environmental Programs

Imposition of Quarantine—Hurricane Katrina

In accordance with the provisions of the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (R.S. 3:3391.1 through 3391.13), the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, (commissioner), by the authority granted to him by R.S. 3:3391.7, hereby issues the following quarantine:

I. Facts Supporting Declaration

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina devastated the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington. The named parishes are known to be heavily infested with Formosan termites. The hurricane has left millions of tons of wood debris, including debris infested with Formosan termites, in the named parishes. Additionally, thousands of structurally unsound buildings and structures, many of which are infested with Formosan termites, are in the named parishes and will have to be destroyed and turned into wood debris. State and federal authorities have developed plans to turn this wood debris into compost and other items for use in these and other Louisiana parishes. Such use of this wood debris will facilitate the spread of Formosan termites into areas of the state that are either not currently infested or have a minor or moderate infestation, thereby causing destruction or substantial damage to houses and other structures.

Many of the houses and structures that will be destroyed contain architecturally significant components, such as beams and doors, which are both salvageable and economically valuable. These articles will be sold for installation in new and remodeled homes and structures in the named parishes and in other parishes. Many of these articles will be infested with Formosan termites. The use of these infested articles in new and remodeled homes and structures will cause the spread of Formosan termites and subsequent destruction or substantial damage to these and other homes and structures.

The devastation left by Hurricane Katrina also requires temporary and permanent housing to be moved into or built in the named parishes. Unless the movable temporary housing is inspected prior to leaving the named parishes, the use or passage of the temporary housing in or through other parishes of the state will cause the spread of Formosan termites and subsequent destruction or substantial damage to these and other homes and structures. All new construction and reconstruction of permanent housing in the named parishes must be treated for Formosan termites to reduce the extent of infestation and to minimize subsequent destruction and damage to these homes and structures and other homes and structures.

Imposition of this quarantine is required to prevent the spread of Formosan termites and infestation of areas, homes and structures that are not currently infested, or which are to be built or reconstructed. Failure to impose this quarantine will cause severe economic damage and property loss to the citizens of Louisiana.

II. Objectives of Quarantine

The objectives of this quarantine are to prevent the spread of Formosan termites into areas of the state that are not now currently infested with Formosan termites, to prevent Formosan termites from infesting existing homes and structures that are not currently infested, and to prevent Formosan termites from infesting new and reconstructed homes and structures.

III. Geographical Area of Quarantine

The geographical areas of this quarantine are the named parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

IV. Prohibitions and Requirements

1. All new construction and reconstruction of houses, buildings and other permanent structures in the named parishes must be treated for Formosan termites according to the Louisiana Structural Pest Control Commission's Rules and Regulations.

2. The movement of any wood or cellulose material from the named parishes is prohibited unless either (1) such wood or cellulose material has been fumigated or otherwise treated for Formosan termites and is approved for movement by the commissioner or his designee(s), or (2) the commissioner or his designee(s) gives written authorizations for untreated wood or cellulose material to be moved from the named parishes.

3. All temporary housing to be moved out of the named parishes shall not be removed from the named parishes until written authorization is given by the commissioner or his designee(s).

4. All architectural components, such as beams, doors, and other wood salvaged from a structure in the named parishes shall not be sold or placed in a new, remodeled, or reconstructed home, building, or permanent structure located in the named parishes or in any other parish prior to being fumigated or treated for Formosan termites.

V. Exemptions from Quarantine

The following activities shall be exempt from this quarantine.

1. Commercial logging and timber operations related to silviculture productions.

2. Commercial operations involving the sale or distribution of nursery stock. Nursery stock is defined in R.S. 3:1656(B) and means "all trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, grass sod, foliage plants, or marsh plants."

VI. Time Limit

This quarantine shall remain in effect until rescinded by my written order. A waiver of any requirement or authorization for anyone to do any of the prohibited acts,

whether in whole or in part, by me or my designee(s) shall not be construed as rescinding or modifying this quarantine.

Signed December 7, 2005 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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I. Facts Supporting Declaration

On September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita devastated the parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis. The named parishes are known to be heavily infested with Formosan termites. The hurricane has left millions of tons of wood debris, including debris infested with Formosan termites, in the named parishes. Additionally, thousands of structurally unsound buildings and structures, many of which are infested with Formosan termites, are in the named parishes and will have to be destroyed and turned into wood debris. State and federal authorities have developed plans to turn this wood debris into compost and other items for use in these and other Louisiana parishes. Such use of this wood debris will facilitate the spread of Formosan termites into areas of the state that are either not currently infested or have a minor or moderate infestation, thereby causing destruction or substantial damage to houses and other structures.

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Bob Odom
Commissioner

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**Office of the Governor
Office of Financial Institutions**

Judicial Interest Rate Determination for 2006

R.S. 13:4202(B), as amended by Acts 2001, No. 841, requires the Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions to determine the rate of judicial interest. The commissioner has determined the judicial interest rate for the calendar year 2006 in accordance with §4202(B)(1).

The commissioner ascertained that on September 20, 2005 the Federal Reserve Board of Governors approved the discount rate of 4.75 percent, which rate was the "approved discount rate" on October 1, 2005.

R.S. 13:4202(B)(1) mandates that "on and after January 1, 2002, the rate shall be equal to the rate as published annually ... by the commissioner of financial institutions. The commissioner of financial institutions shall ascertain, on the first business day of October of each year, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors' approved discount rate published daily in the Wall Street Journal. The effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year following the calculation date shall be three and one-quarter percentage points above the discount rate as ascertained by the commissioner." Thus, the effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year 2006 shall be 8.00 percent per annum.

As provided by R.S. 13:4202(B)(2), this determination and its publication in the *Louisiana Register* shall not be considered rule-making, within the intentment of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly R.S. 49:953. Therefore, neither a Fiscal Impact Statement nor a Notice of Intent is required by the APA.

John Ducrest, C.P.A.
Commissioner

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

Board Meeting Dates

The Members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates in 2006:

- Thursday, February 2, 2006
- Thursday, April 6, 2006
- Thursday, June 1, 2006 (Annual Meeting)
- Thursday, August 3, 2006
- Thursday, October 5, 2006
- Thursday, December 7, 2006

These dates are subject to change, so please contact the board office via telephone at (225) 342-2176 or e-mail at lbvm@eatel.net to verify actual meeting dates.

Spring/Summer Examination Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will administer the State Board Examination (SBE) for licensure to practice veterinary medicine on the first Tuesday of every month. Deadline to apply for the SBE is the third Friday

prior to the examination date desired. SBE dates are subject to change due to office closure (i.e. holiday, weather).

The board will accept applications to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) which will be administered through the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME), formerly the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC), as follows:

Test Window Date	Deadline to Apply
April 10 through April 22, 2006	Tuesday, January 3, 2006

The board will also accept applications for and administer the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) for state registration of veterinary technicians as follows:

Test Date	Deadline to Apply
Friday, January 20, 2006	Friday, December 9, 2005

Applications for all examinations must be received on or before the deadline. No late application will be accepted. Requests for special accommodations must be made as early as possible for review and acceptance. Applications and information may be obtained from the board office at 263 Third Street, Suite 104, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 and by request via telephone at (225) 342-2176 or by e-mail at atlsvm@eatel.net; application forms and information are also available on the website at www.lsbvm.org.

Wendy D. Parrish
Administrative Director

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

Board Nominations

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine announces that nominations for the position of Board Member will be taken by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA) at the annual winter meeting to be held in late February 2006. Interested persons should submit the names of nominees directly to the LVMA as per R.S. 37:1515. It is not necessary to be a member of the LVMA to be nominated. The LVMA may be contacted at (225) 928-5862.

Wendy D. Parrish
Administrative Director

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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
Lanaux & Wilson Operating Co.	Cameron Meadows	L	Cameron Meadows Land Co	3	169254 (29)
Kilroy Co. of Texas, Inc.	Wildcat	L	Cameron Meadows Land Co	1	148465 (29)
Lloyd H. Smith	East Cameron Meadows	L	Cameron Meadows Land Co	1	121771 (29)
Macon Ridge Land Co., Inc.	Lamar	M	Macon Ridge Land Co Inc	1	057817
M. L. Miller	Caddo Pine Island	S	Muslow	1	024268
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Wildcat	M	Lusk	1	165636
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lamar	M	M R Goodwin	1	173822
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Wildcat	M	Dennis R Self	1	212313
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lamar	M	MA TUSC RA SUA: BIGGS	2	221396
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lamar	M	Carter	1	222758
Lusk Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lamar	M	Carter SWD	2	222822
Blakewood & Crump	Crew Lake	M	MGR TUSC SUD; C HALL	1	133779

James H. Welsh
Commissioner

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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 13 claims in the amount of \$52,311.25 were received for payment during the period November 1, 2005-November 30, 2005.

There were 13 claims paid and 0 claims denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

26828	46969	Cameron
28611	46864	Jefferson

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2909.410	9021.059	Terrebonne
2910.161	8930.811	St. Bernard
2911.382	9052.658	Terrebonne
2916.897	8952.034	Jefferson
2918.081	8952.619	Jefferson
2926.199	9033.818	Terrebonne
2926.512	8957.559	Jefferson
2931.256	8958.820	Jefferson
2936.270	8933.918	Plaquemines
2936.284	8936.169	Plaquemines
2946.598	8932.100	St. Bernard

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.

Scott A. Angelle
Secretary

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