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**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Legal Affairs and Enforcement
Investigations and Regulation Development Division**

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

The Department of Environmental Quality announces the availability of the April 15, 1999, edition of the *Semiannual Regulatory Agenda* prepared by the Investigations and Regulation Development Division. The current agenda contains information on rules which have been proposed but have not been published as final and rules which are scheduled to be proposed in 1999. The agenda is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.deq.state.la.us/olae/irdd/olaeregs.htm>. Copies of the agenda may be purchased by contacting Lula Alexander, Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Legal Affairs and Enforcement, Investigations and Regulation Development Division, Box 82282, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2282 or by calling (225) 765-0399. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy.

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**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary**

**Violation Classification and Enforcement
Response—Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
(OS031)**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on the Violation Classification and Enforcement Response draft proposed rule. This proposal was drafted in response to R.S. 30:2050.1(A), which directs the secretary to establish policies and procedures to address violations in a formal and consistent manner. This is a preliminary step in the rulemaking process; official rulemaking will be initiated following review and consideration of the comments received on this advance notice.

Title 33

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part I. Office of the Secretary

**Subpart 1. Departmental Administrative Procedures
Chapter 6. Violation Classification and Enforcement
Response**

§601. Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to classify violations that are discovered by the department and determine the appropriate enforcement response by the department to each violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(b).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

§603. Scope and Applicability

These regulations apply to every violation discovered by the department. Violations may be discovered by the department in a variety of ways, including but not limited to, department inspection or file review, citizen complaint, self auditing and reporting, or referrals from other state and federal agencies.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(b).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

§605. Definitions

Continuous Violation—an act or omission that violates a permit condition, rule, or statute and that continues without interruption for more than one day after discovery by the department.

Compliance Order (CO)—an order issued by the secretary or an assistant secretary requiring a respondent to comply with specified provisions of a rule or a permit within a specified period of time.

Department—the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

Facility Interview Form (FIF) and Compliance Evaluation Form (CEF)—reports provided by the department to a facility representative when a violation is discovered.

Notice of Corrected Violation (NOCV)—a letter detailing any violation(s) discovered by the department that have been corrected to the satisfaction of the department.

Penalty Assessment (PA)—an enforcement action that assesses a penalty for violation(s).

Repeated Violation—an act or omission that violates the same permit condition, rule, or statute as a previous act or omission committed by the same person.

Violation—failure to comply with the requirements and conditions of rules and permits under Title 33.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

§607. Violation Classification

A. Every violation discovered by the department shall be classified as a level I, II, or III violation.

B. Level I violations are exclusively those that relate to:

1. engaging in an activity where no permit or other required authorization to engage in that activity exists at any location within the site or facility. This subcategory does not include households or residences;

2. any discharge exceeding permit or regulatory limits that causes significant risk of harm to human health or the environment;

3. a violation that is grossly negligent, egregious, or constitutes a blatant disregard for the regulatory program; or

4. a repeated or continuous level II violation.

C. Level II Violations

1. Level II violations are violations not otherwise classified as level I or III.

2. The department may classify a continuous or repeated level II violation as a level I violation.

D. Level III Violations

1. Level III violations are errors in records or recordkeeping required to be kept or maintained in accordance with the Environmental Quality Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

2. The department may classify a continuous or repeated level III violation as a level II violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(b).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

§609. Enforcement Response

A. Violations shall be addressed by at least one of the enforcement responses described in Subsections C and D of this Section.

B. Violations, regardless of classification, shall be noted by the department in a FIF or CEF. However, the failure of the department to note a violation in a FIF or CEF shall not preclude the department from taking any other enforcement action regarding that violation.

C. Level I Violations

1. The department shall issue a NOCV for every level I violation that is corrected during the inspection or within 30 days after the inspection. If the level I violation is not corrected to the satisfaction of the department within 30 days after the date of the inspection, a CO shall be issued.

2. A PA shall be issued for every level I violation. The amount of the penalty shall be determined by the department after consideration of the nine factors in R.S. 30:2025(E)(3) and in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 7 [this chapter is scheduled to be final April 1999].

3. A notice of penalty assessment shall be sent prior to the penalty as required by R.S. 30:2050.3.

D. Level II Violations

1. The department shall issue a NOCV for every level II violation that is corrected during the inspection or within 30 days after the inspection. If a level II violation is not corrected to the satisfaction of the department within 30 days after the date of the inspection, a CO shall be issued.

2. A PA may be issued for a level II violation. The department shall consider the nine factors in R.S. 30:2025(E)(3) in deciding whether a penalty should be issued. The amount of the penalty shall be determined by the department after consideration of the nine factors in R.S. 30:2025(E)(3) and in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 7 [this chapter is scheduled to be final April 1999].

3. A notice of penalty assessment shall be sent prior to the penalty as required by R.S. 30:2050.3.

E. Level III Violations

1. Level III violations, if corrected in the field at the time of the inspection, will be noted in the FIF as corrected. No further enforcement response is necessary for the violation.

2. If the level III violation is corrected at some point after the inspection, a NOCV may be issued if compliance is documented to the satisfaction of the department and the respondent requests that a NOCV be issued.

3. The department will determine whether the violation has been corrected during a subsequent inspection. If the violation has not been corrected by the time of the subsequent inspection, it will be deemed continuous and treated as a level II violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(b).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

§611. Enforcement Discretion

The secretary, or the appropriate assistant secretary, may decide, on a case-by-case basis, to re-classify a level I violation as a level II violation if the facility has come into compliance and if the decision is not contrary to the purposes and policies of the Environmental Quality Act (the Act), as set forth in R.S. 30:2002 and 30:2003. Nothing herein shall preclude the department from taking any action, administrative or judicial, allowed by the Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder. Nothing herein shall preclude the department from issuing a CO or PA immediately upon discovery of a violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(b).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:

Comments are due by May 20, 1999, to Patsy Deaville, Investigations and Regulation Development Division (IRDD), Box 82282, Baton Rouge, LA 70884 or to fax number (225) 765-0486. Commentors should reference this document as Log Number OS031.

Copies of the draft proposed rule can be purchased by visiting the IRDD office from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. located at 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Copies may also be obtained by writing to the

IRDD at the above post office box address. You may contact the IRDD at (225) 765-0399 for pricing information. A check or money order is required in advance for each copy of OS031. The document will also be available on the Internet on LDEQ's home page at: <http://www.deq.state.la.us/olae/irdd/olaeregs.htm>.

J. Dale Givens
Secretary

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Office of the Governor Division of Administration Office of Community Development

Public Hearing—Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for FY 1998 and Consolidated Plan for FY 2000-FY 2004

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, 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:

1. to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income persons;
2. to stabilize the existing deteriorating owner occupied and rental housing stock through rehabilitation;
3. to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients/subrecipients; and
4. 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:

1. to improve and expand shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families;
2. to meet the costs of operating homeless shelters;
3. to provide essential services; and
4. 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 implementing these programs are preparing their consolidated annual performance and evaluation report for the FY 1998 program year which ended March 31, 1999. The purpose of that document is to report on the progress the State has made in addressing the goals and objectives identified in its Consolidated Plan for FY 1995- FY 1999 and FY 1998 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

The four agencies administering these programs are also beginning to prepare the Consolidated Plan for FY 2000-FY 2004. The Consolidated Plan will outline the State's overall housing and community development needs and will include a strategy for meeting those needs for federal fiscal years 2000-2004. The Consolidated Plan will also include a one year action plan for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2000 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned four HUD programs.

The State will hold public hearings for a two-fold purpose regarding these programs.

The first purpose of the hearings will be to receive comments on the State's performance during the FY 1998 program year. Copies of the consolidated annual performance and evaluation report will be available for review and each agency will present a summary of its accomplishments as identified in the performance report. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, copies of the performance report will be available for review beginning July 27, 1998, at the Office of Community Development, State Capitol Annex, 1051 North Third Street, Room 168 in Baton Rouge, at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency at 200 Lafayette Street, Suite 300 in Baton Rouge, at the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services at 333 Laurel Street, Room 606 in Baton Rouge, and at the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV/AIDS Program Office at 234 Loyola Avenue, Fifth Floor in New Orleans. Written comments on the performance report may be submitted beginning May 24, 1999, and will be accepted until June 10, 1999; comments should be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

The second purpose of the hearings will be to obtain views on the housing and community development needs throughout the State; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the Consolidated Plan for FY 2000-FY 2004 and

the FY 2000 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearings, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted beginning May 24, 1999, and will be accepted until June 10, 1999; comments may be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

The public hearings will be held on May 24, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Pineville City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, Louisiana and on May 25, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Committee Room on the third floor of the Capitol Annex, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. These facilities are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at (225) 342-7412 or TDD (225) 342-7422 or at the mailing address in the preceding paragraph at least five working days prior to each hearing.

Mark C. Drennen
Commissioner of Administration

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Office of the Governor Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Oil Spill Contingency Fund Balance

In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, particularly R.S. 30:2487, notice is hereby given that the balance of the Oil Spill Contingency Fund has reached \$10,907,139.88 as of February 28, 1999, as certified to me by the Honorable Ken Duncan, State Treasurer.

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Oil Spill Coordinator

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Office of the Governor Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Restoration Planning—Lake Grande Ecaille Oil Spill

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO) as the trustee coordinator for the State of Louisiana, in consultation and agreement with the state natural resource trustees, namely the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF); and the federal natural resource trustees, namely the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), have determined that the impacts of the

September 22, 1998 discharge of crude oil associated with the Cockrell Moran #176 well blow-out, operated by Equinox, Inc. warrants conducting a natural resource damage assessment that will include restoration planning.

On September 22, 1998, an Equinox, Inc. well blew-out, discharging an unknown quantity of crude oil and oily sand into Lake Grande Ecaille, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The nature of the discharge (uncontrolled well blow-out) makes accurate determinations of release volumes difficult, but estimates provided by Equinox, LDEQ, and the USCG range from less than 500 barrels to 1500 barrels. Several thousand acres of Lake Grand Ecaille, Barataria Bay and Gulf of Mexico surface waters, marsh and other habitats and, potentially, the fauna inhabiting this area may have been exposed to crude oil as a result of this discharge. Equinox, Inc. has accepted responsibility for this incident, and will be hereafter referred to as the Responsible Party (RP).

Lake Grande Ecaille and the adjacent areas are a shallow estuarine bay system characterized by soft organic sediment. Tidal amplitude is small, driven primarily by wind. It is bordered by extensive acreage of salt marsh, which is critical nursery habitat for numerous species and provides many other ecological services. The Lake Grande Ecaille area also includes bayous, channels and small islands. Aquatic species present include, but are not limited to estuarine and estuarine-dependent white and brown shrimp, blue crabs, oysters and finfish. Wildlife species that may be present in Lake Grande Ecaille include, but are not limited to resident and migratory birds, furbearers, marine mammals and sea turtles. Some of the species that may be present have threatened or endangered status. The area is used for fishing, hunting, boating, shrimping, oyster harvesting and other commercial and recreational activities.

The trustees are designated pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §2706(e), Executive Order 12777, and the National Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. Part 300.600 and 300.605. Pursuant to R.S. 30:2460, the State of Louisiana Oil Spill Contingency Plan, September 1995, describes the state trust resources, including the following: vegetated wetlands, surface waters, ground waters, air, soil, wildlife, aquatic life, and the appropriate habitats on which they depend. The U. S. Department of the Interior, through the involvement of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trustee for natural resources described within the National Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. §300.600(b)(2) and (3), include the following and their supporting ecosystems: migratory birds, anadromous fish, endangered species and marine mammals, federally owned minerals, certain federally managed water resources, and natural resources located on, over, or under land administered by the Department of the Interior. In the case at hand, the trust resources that may be of concern are migratory birds and threatened and endangered species, which are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which represents DOI in this matter. NOAA's trust resources include, but are not limited to, commercial and recreational fish species, anadromous and catadromous fish species, marshes and other coastal habitats, marine mammals, and endangered and threatened marine species.

Following the notice of the discharge, the natural resource

trustees have made the following determinations required by 15 C.F.R. §990(a):

- The natural resource trustees have jurisdiction to pursue restoration pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act.
- The discharge of crude oil into the waters of Lake Grande Ecaille on September 22, 1998 was an incident as defined in 15 C.F.R. §990.30.
- This unauthorized discharge is not permitted under state, federal or local law.
- Natural resources under the trusteeship of the natural resource trustees listed above may have been injured as a result of the incident. The oil discharged contains components that may be toxic to aquatic organisms, birds, wildlife and vegetation when high exposure levels occur. Vegetation, birds, and/or aquatic organisms may have been exposed to the oil from this discharge, and mortalities to some flora and fauna and lost ecological services may have resulted from this incident.

Since the conditions of 15 C.F.R. §990.41(a) were met, as described above, the trustees made the further determination pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.41(b) to proceed with preassessment. Equinox, at the invitation of the trustees, agreed to participate in the preassessment, pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.41 (C).

For the reasons discussed below, the natural resource trustees have made the determinations required by 15 C.F.R. §990.42(a) and are providing notice pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.44 that they intend to conduct restoration planning in order to develop restoration alternatives that will restore, replace, rehabilitate, or acquire the equivalent of natural resources injured and/or natural resource services lost as a result of this incident.

Injuries have resulted from this incident, the extent of which have not been fully determined at this time. The trustees base this determination upon data which was collected and analyzed pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 990.43 and which demonstrates that resources and services have been injured from this incident. Natural resources injured as a result of the discharge and the response may include, but are not limited to: benthic communities, water quality, wetlands dominated by smooth cordgrass *Spartina alterniflora* and interspersed with black mangrove *Avicennia germinans*, fish and wildlife species and recreational use opportunity. The USFWS estimates that 2,000 to 3,000 birds may have been in the Lake Grande Ecaille area at the time of the incident. Extreme weather conditions precluded the survey of dead and/or oiled birds. It is estimated that several thousand acres of wetlands and open water habitat have been exposed to at least oil sheen, and the above-ground portion of some vegetation exhibited signs of stress to varying degrees. A portion of the Lake Grande Ecaille area was effectively closed to recreational use for two (2) days immediately after the incident.

Due to the nature of the event and weather conditions, response actions were not able to prevent the injuries resulting from the incident. Although response actions were pursued, the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the environment precluded prevention of some injuries to natural resources. It is anticipated that injured natural resources will eventually

return to baseline, but there is a potential for interim losses to have occurred, and to continue to occur until a return to baseline is achieved.

Feasible primary and compensatory restoration actions exist to address injuries from this incident. Restoration actions that could be considered include, but are not limited to: replanting *Spartina alterniflora*, *Avicennia germinans*, and/or other native wetland vegetation in appropriate areas; creation, enhancement or protection of marsh; creation of oyster reef habitat; and creation of bird colony areas.

Assessment procedures are available to be used to evaluate the injuries and define the appropriate type and scale of restoration for the injured natural resources and services. Among these procedures are marsh grass and mangrove injury assessment studies to be used in conjunction with Habitat Equivalency Analysis to determine compensation for injuries to marsh vegetation and marsh services. Models, comparisons to observations of injury resulting from similar releases or other methodologies are available for evaluating injuries to fauna.

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §990.44(c), the Trustees seek public involvement in restoration planning for this petroleum discharge, through public review of and comment on the documents contained in the administrative record, which is maintained in the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, as well as on the Draft and Final Restoration Plans when they have been prepared.

For more information, please contact the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Office of the Governor, 625 North Fourth Street, Suite 800, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; phone (225) 219-5800 (Attn: Warren Lorentz).

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator, as the Lead Administrative Trustee, and on behalf of the Natural Resource Trustees of the State of Louisiana, the DOI/USFWS and NOAA, pursuant to the determinations made above and in accordance with 15 C.F.R. §990.44(d), hereby provides Equinox, Incorporated this notice of intent to conduct restoration planning and invites their participation with the Natural Resource Trustees in restoration planning.

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Oil Spill Coordinator

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

Operator	Field	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Kelly H. Baxter	Big Island	WX A RA SU11;Floyd	001	153794

Divi Oil & Gas, Inc.	Big Creek	Bunch	001	194382
Divi Oil & Gas, Inc.	Big Creek	Bunch	002	194383
Divi Oil & Gas., Inc.	Big Creek	Ray Crawford	001	192638
Divi Oil & Gas, Inc.	Big Creek	Ray Crawford	002	198903
James A. Hunter	North Carterville	Hunter Fee	001	166251
The Leigh Operating Co.	Fordoche	Holloway Planting Co Inc B	004	135940
The Leigh Operating Co.	Fordoche	Holloway Planting Co Inc	001	208796
The Leigh Operating Co.	Fordoche	Holloway Planting Co Inc B	006	138342
The Leigh Operating Co.	North Bayou Cholpe	V M Wilson	001	204492
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Ramos	001	139122
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Ramos	1D	139391
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Hebert	3-D-ALT	139149
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Norman A	001	141857
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Norman A	1D	142359
The Leigh Operating Co.	Simon Pass	Ramos Invest Co et al SWD	002	144136
Mid South Trading, Inc.	Shongaloo	Patterson	001	209139
Mid South Trading, Inc.	Shongaloo	Patterson	002	220992
Oil Operators Trust	Tullos-Urania	Urania Lbr Co	007	010326
Unknown	Tullos-Urania	Urania Lbr Co	020	990410
Unknown	Tullos-Urania	Hardtner	020	990411
Unknown	Tullos-Urania	Hardtner	021	990409

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Commissioner

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**Department of Revenue
Severance Tax Division**

Severance Tax Rate on Natural Gas

Pursuant to the authority granted by R.S. 47:633(9)(d)(ii), the Department of Natural Resources has determined the "gas base rate adjustment" for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 1999, to be 1.1153. Accordingly, the Department of Revenue has determined the severance tax rate on natural gas and related products described in R.S. 47:633(9)(a) to be 7.8 cents per thousand cubic feet measured at a base pressure of 15.025 pounds per square inch absolute and at the temperature base of sixty degrees Fahrenheit, effective July 1, 1999.

The reduced rates provided for in R.S. 47:633(9)(b) and (c) remain the same.

The determination of this "gas base rate adjustment" and corresponding tax rate and their publication in the *Louisiana Register* shall not be considered rule making within the intention of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

Questions should be directed to Carl Reilly, Director of the Severance Tax Division at (225) 925-7497.

John Neely Kennedy
Secretary

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**Department of Revenue
Tax Commission**

Ad Valorem Tax—Ratio Studies

Pursuant to R.S. 47:1837, the following is the result of the Tax Commission's measurement of the level of appraisal and/or assessment and the degree of uniformity for Whole Property Ratio Study for the year 1998 (1999 Orleans Parish). This data shall constitute prima facie evidence of the uniformity or lack of uniformity with constitutional and/or statutory requirements of each parish in the State.

PARISH	MEAN (%)	MEDIAN (%)	COEFFICIENT OF DISPERSION %
Acadia	10.4	10.0	7.0
Allen	10.9	10.0	13.0
Ascension	9.4	9.5	10.0
Assumption	9.1	10.0	13.0
Avoyelles	10.2	10.0	14.0
Beauregard	9.9	10.0	3.0

Bienville	9.6	9.7	6.0
Bossier	9.4	9.3	11.0
Caddo	9.3	9.3	9.0
Calcasieu	10.0	9.8	15.0
Caldwell	10.0	10.0	5.0
Cameron	10.5	10.0	7.0
Catahoula	10.1	10.0	7.0
Claiborne	10.1	10.0	4.0
Concordia	10.3	10.0	7.0
DeSoto	10.2	10.0	12.0
East Baton Rouge	10.3	10.0	3.0
East Carroll	10.8	10.2	11.0
East Feliciana	10.1	10.0	18.0
Evangeline	10.1	10.0	4.0
Franklin	9.7	9.5	17.0
Grant	9.8	9.9	3.0
Iberia	10.0	10.0	1.0
Iberville	10.0	10.0	3.0
Jackson	10.1	10.0	5.0
Jefferson	10.1	10.0	2.0
Jefferson Davis	9.6	9.2	9.0
Lafayette	9.3	9.0	4.0
Lafourche	9.8	9.9	6.0
LaSalle	9.9	10.0	2.0
Lincoln	10.0	10.0	3.0
Livingston (Revised)	9.4	9.0	11.3
Madison	9.9	9.9	14.0
Morehouse	10.3	10.0	4.0
Natchitoches	10.0	9.9	10.0
Orleans—1st MD	10.6	10.0	9.0
2nd MD	10.1	10.0	5.0
3rd MD	10.2	10.0	2.0
4th MD	9.7	10.0	13.0
5th MD	9.9	10.0	3.0

6th MD	10.3	10.0	6.0
7th MD	10.1	10.0	9.0
Ouachita	9.2	9.2	14.0
Plaquemines	10.3	10.1	6.0
Pt. Coupee	9.6	9.5	15.0
Rapides	10.1	10.0	2.0
Red River	10.9	10.1	10.0
Richland	9.9	10.0	3.0
Sabine	9.5	9.5	17.0
St. Bernard	9.9	10.0	3.0
St. Charles	10.1	10.0	1.0
St. Helena	9.5	9.7	8.0
St. James	9.9	10.0	6.0
St. John	10.0	10.0	6.0
St. Landry	10.3	10.0	4.0
St. Martin	10.0	9.9	6.0
St. Mary	10.0	9.9	3.0
St. Tammany	8.7	9.0	10.0
Tangipahoa	9.8	9.5	11.4
Tensas	10.2	10.0	12.0
Terrebonne	9.6	9.5	6.0
Union	9.8	9.8	13.0
Vermilion	11.0	10.3	10.0
Vernon	9.0	9.1	10.0
Washington	10.3	10.0	10.2
Webster	9.8	10.0	3.0
West Baton Rouge	9.9	10.0	5.0
West Carroll	10.0	10.0	3.0
West Feliciana (Revised)	10.1	10.0	3.0
Winn	10.2	10.0	3.0

NOTE: Those parishes which fell below the guidelines of the Louisiana Tax Commission were accepted with the stipulation that the deficiencies will be corrected and will be re-checked by September 30, 1999, before the 1999 rolls are certified.

Malcolm B. Price, Jr.
Chairman

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