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

Boll Weevil Eradication Hearing 2000 Assessment

The Boll Weevil Eradication Commission will hold an adjudicatory hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., February 4, 2000 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 2000 crop year pursuant to R.S. 3:1613 and LAC 7:XV.321. Said assessment shall not exceed \$35 per acre of cotton planted for 2000 in the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre of cotton planted for 2000 in the Louisiana Eradication Zone. Calculations made to date indicate that the assessments should not, in actuality, exceed \$10 per acre for the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre for 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 February 4, 2000, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3118.

Dan P. Logan, Jr.
Chairman

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Department of Economic Development Office of Financial Institutions

2000 Judicial Interest Rate

Pursuant to La. R.S. 13:4202(B), as enacted by Acts 1997, No. 275, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions has determined that the rate of judicial interest for the period beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000 will be seven and 285/1000 (7.285%) percent per annum, in accordance with the formula mandated by La. R.S. 13:4202(B)(1).

The Commissioner was informed on October 4, 1999 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, New Orleans Branch, that the last auction of fifty-two week U. S. Treasury Bills which were settled immediately prior to October 1, 1999, was held on September 16, 1999 and that, according to a U. S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt,

publication, "Public Debt News", the investment rate, or "the coupon issue yield equivalent", was five and 285/1000 (5.285%) percent per annum.

LA. R.S. 13:4202(B)(1) mandates that "[o]n and after January 1, 1998, 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 day of October of each year, the coupon issue yield equivalent, as determined by the secretary of the United States Treasury, of the average accepted auction price for the last auction of fifty-two week United States Treasury bills settled immediately prior to the first day of October of each year. The effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year following the calculation date shall be two percentage points above the coupon issue yield equivalent as ascertained by the commissioner."

The effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2000 shall be seven and 285/1000 (7.285%) percent per annum.

This calculation and its publication in the *Louisiana Register* shall not be considered rule-making, within the intendment of La. R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, particularly La. R.S. 49:953, thus, neither a fiscal impact statement nor a notice of intent is required.

Doris B. Gunn
Acting Commissioner of
Financial Institutions

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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment

Illegal Use of Drugs and Alcohol Misuse

In accordance with Executive Order Number MJF 98-38, and in compliance with the R.S. 49:1001, et seq., the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gives notice that DEQ Policy Number 1017-98, "Illegal Use of Drugs and Alcohol Misuse," has been duly promulgated by the department.

DEQ is committed to maintaining an environment that supports the mission of the department. Although the department respects an employee's right to privacy, the illegal use of drugs or misuse of alcohol within the department community interferes with the accomplishment of the department's mission. This policy mandates drug testing of employees, appointees, prospective employees, and prospective appointees, in accordance with R.S. 49:1001

et seq. This policy is specifically directed at drug testing and illegal actions involving alcohol and controlled drugs.

This policy is available for inspection at all DEQ offices throughout the State and on the DEQ intranet under the topic "Policy and Procedures."

James H. Brent, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

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Office of the Governor
Patient's Compensation Fund

Minimum Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications of defense attorneys for the Patient's Compensation Fund: In accordance with R.S.40:1299.41(J) (Act 967 of the 1990 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature), attorneys appointed to defend PCF cases must meet the following minimum qualifications as established effective October 1, 1990:

(1) must be a defense-oriented firm with at least 75% of practice dedicated to defense;

(2) defense counsel must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in the defense of medical malpractice cases;

(3) defense firm appointed to PCF cases shall have no plaintiff medical malpractice cases;

(4) defense attorney must have completed three (3) trials within the past three (3) years. Presentation of five (5) submissions to a medical review panel may be substituted for each of two (2) trials. However, the defense attorney must have tried at least one case in the past three (3) years; and (5) The attorney representing the Patient's Compensation Fund must have proof of coverage of \$1 million in legal malpractice insurance. Interested persons may submit written comments to Mrs. Lorraine LeBlanc, Claims Manager, Patient's Compensation Fund, Post Office Box 3718, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821.

Lorraine LeBlanc
Claims Manager

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Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine

Board Meeting Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine is scheduled to meet on the following dates in year 2000:

- Thursday, February 3, 2000
- Thursday, April 20, 2000
- Thursday, June 8, 2000 (Annual Meeting)
- Thursday, August 17, 2000
- Thursday, October 12, 2000
- Thursday, December 7, 2000

These dates are subject to change, so please contact the board office at (225) 342-2176 to verify actual meeting dates.

Kimberly B. Barbier
Administrative Director

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Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine

Board Nominations

The 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 January 2000. Interested persons should submit the names of nominees directly to the LVMA as per LA 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.

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

Operator	Field	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Conn Memorial	Parker Lake	Conn Memorial	001	990428
H&H Compressors, Inc.	Olla	WX RA SUA; Albritton	001	179303
H&H Compressors, Inc.	East Bayou Castor	Zeagler	001	173405
H&H Compressors, Inc.	East Bayou Castor	La Pacific	002	184647
W T Mack	Tullos-Urania	Louis Tullos	001	042326
Texas Gulf Producing Co.	Gueydan	Mulvey	003	025478
Wilshire Oil Company, Inc.	Pendleton-Many	Phares	002	095843

Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services**

Release of Information in Case Records of Investigations
of Child Abuse/Neglect

The Office of Community Services, in accordance with LA R.S. 46:56 (F)(10), will disclose information in case records of investigations of child abuse/neglect fatalities in which the examining physician or the coroner has determined that child abuse or neglect was a factor in the

child's death when requested by an immediate family member of the victim who initiated the report. The request for information will be in writing with a notarized statement which holds the agency harmless for any damages which may result from the information contained in the case record of the investigation. The immediate family member may review information in the case record which includes witness and collateral statements.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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