

2008 Regulatory Summary

DEQ/DNR

2008 was another active year for environmental regulatory development in Louisiana. The following is a summary of key regulatory activity over the past year as reported by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. (Sources: LDEQ, LDNR and the *Louisiana Register*.)

This summary of key environmental regulatory changes includes notices of intent/proposed rules, emergency rules, final rules and potpourri items.

I. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

| Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation | Publication Date | Status | Hearing Date | Comment Deadline |
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| December | | | | |
| Statutory Exemption for Air Permits [LAC 33:III.501] AQ270 | 12/20/2008 | Proposed | 1/27/2009 | 2/3/2009 |
| Asbestos and Lead Fees [LAC 33:III.223] AQ282 | 12/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| Control Technology Guidelines [LAC 33:III.111, 2123, and 2143] AQ296 | 12/20/2008 | Proposed | 1/27/2009 | 2/3/2009 |
| November | | | | |
| Extension of Comment Period for Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities Also Treating Exploration and Production Waste--Log #MM003 0811Pot1 | 11/20/2008 | Potpourri | None | 12/19/2008 |
| Stage II Vapor Recovery [LAC 33:III.2132] AQ291 | 11/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| Hazardous Waste Code F019 [LAC 33:V.4901] HW103ft | 11/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |

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| RCRA XVIII Authorization Package [LAC 33:V.105, 109, and 3105] HW104ft | 11/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| IAEA Transportation Safety Standards [LAC 33:XV.455, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, and 1599] RP048ft | 11/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| October | | | | |
| Updates to the Water Quality Management Plan, Volume 4: Basin and Subsegment Boundaries 0810Pot1 | 10/20/2008 | Potpourri | none | 12/2/2009 |
| Expanded Web Access to Public Records 0810Pot2 | 10/20/2008 | Potpourri | none | none |
| Expedited Penalties for Asbestos and Lead [LAC 33:I.807] OS081 Contact name for public hearing and comments has been updated. | 10/20/2008 | Proposed | 11/25/2008 | 12/2/2008 |
| Dissolved Oxygen Criteria for Barataria and Terrebonne Basins [LAC 33:IX.1105, 1113, and 1123] WQ075 Contact name for public hearing and comments has been updated. | 10/20/2008 | Proposed | 11/25/2008 | 12/2/2008 |
| IAEA Transportation Safety Standards [LAC 33:XV.455, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, and 1599] RP048ft | 10/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| Training and Education Requirements for Authorized Users of Radioactive Materials [LAC 33:XV.763] RP050ft | 10/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| Secondary Containment for UST Systems [LAC 33:XI.103, 301, 303, 403, 507, 509, 701, 703, and 903] | 10/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |

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| UT014 | | | | |
| September | | | | |
| Asbestos and Lead Fees (LAC 33:III.223) | 9/20/2008 | Proposed | 10/29/2008 | 11/5/2008 |
| AQ282 | | | | |
| Hazardous Waste Code F019 (LAC 33:V.4901) | 9/20/2008 | Proposed | 10/29/2008 | 10/29/2008 |
| HW103ft | | | | |
| RCRA XVIII Authorization Package (LAC 33:V.105, 109, and 3105) | 9/20/2008 | Proposed | 10/29/2008 | 10/29/2008 |
| HW104ft | | | | |
| Performance Testing Notifications and Reports (LAC 33:III.523, 2107, 2108, 2511, 2521, 2531, and 5113) | 9/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| AQ294 | | | | |
| Amendments and Corrections (LAC 33:I.107, 502, 603, 905, 1302, 1407, 2003, 2503, 3703; III.504, 605, 2132, 2133, 2135, 2137, 2143, 2145, 2301, 5151; V.105, 109, 519, 529, 1529, 1709, 1711, 1741, 1907, 2230, 2246, 2247, 2306, 2311, 2503, 2508, 2906, 3025, 3105, 3111, 4003, 4357, 4367, 4437, 4459, 4545; VI.911; VII.711, 721; IX.301, 1123; XI.1139; and XV.609) | 9/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| MM008 | | | | |
| DMR Submittal (LAC 33:IX.2701) | 9/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| WQ074 | | | | |
| 2007 State Implementation Plan (SIP) General Revisions | 9/20/2008 | Potpourri | 10/29/2008 | 11/5/2008 |
| 0809Pot1 | | | | |
| Extension of Comment Period for Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities Also Treating Exploration and Production Waste--Log #MM003 | 9/20/2008 | Potpourri | None | 11/14/2008 |
| 0809pot3 | | | | |
| August | | | | |
| Advanced Notice of Rulemaking and Solicitation of Comments on Control Technology Guidelines | 8/20/2008 | Potpourri | N/A | 9/22/2008 |

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| (CTG), Log #AQ296 0808Pot1 | | | | |
| General Conditions for Air Permits (LAC 33:III.535 and 537) AQ286 | 8/20/2008 | Proposed | 9/25/2008 | 10/2/2008 |
| Stage II Vapor Recovery (LAC 33:III.2132) AQ291 | 8/20/2008 | Proposed | 9/25/2008 | 10/2/2008 |
| Mercury Risk Reduction (LAC 33:I.2701, 2703, 2705, 2707, 2709, 2711, 2713, 2715, 2717, 2719, and 2721) OS077 | 8/20/2008 | Proposed | 9/25/2008 | 10/2/2008 |
| IAEA Transportation Safety Standards (LAC 33:XV.455, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, and 1599) RP048ft | 8/20/2008 | Proposed | 9/25/2008 | 9/25/2008 |
| Training and Education Requirements for Authorized Users of Radioactive Materials (LAC 33:XV.763) RP050ft | 8/20/2008 | Proposed | 9/25/2008 | 9/25/2008 |
| Lyondell Delisting Petition (LAC 33:V.4999.Appendix E) HW099P (with technical amendments) | 8/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| Electronic Documents and Signatures (LAC 33:I.2101, 2103, 2105, and 2107) OS079 | 8/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| July | | | | |
| Expedited Penalty Agreement (LAC 33:I.801 and 807; VII.115 and 315; and XI.703). MM004 | 7/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| 2007 Incorporation by Reference for Air Quality (LAC 33:III.507, 2160, 3003, 5116, 5122, 5311, and 5901). | 7/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |

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| AQ293ft | | | | |
| Extension of Comment Period for Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities Also Treating Exploration and Production Waste--Log #MM003 | 7/20/2008 | Potpourri | N/A | 09/15/2008 |
| 0807Pot2 | | | | |
| Withdrawal of Proposed Rule AQ281, Toxic Air Pollutant Ambient Air Standards (LAC 33:III.5112) | 7/20/2008 | Potpourri | expired | expired |
| 0807Pot1 | | | | |
| Expedited Penalty Agreement (LAC 33:I.801 and 807, and VII.115 and 315). | 7/20/2008 | Emergency | None | None |
| MM004E4 | | | | |
| June | | | | |
| Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Trading Programs SIP Revision | 6/20/2008 | Potpourri | 7/29/2008 | 8/5/2008 |
| 0806Pot1 | | | | |
| Advanced Notice of Rulemaking and Solicitation of Comments on Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities Also Treating Exploration and Production Waste-Log #MM003. | 6/20/2008 | Potpourri | N/A | 7/31/2008 |
| 0806Pot2 | | | | |
| Performance Testing Notifications and Reports (LAC 33:III.523, 2107, 2108, 2511, 2521, 2531, and 5113). | 6/20/2008 | Proposed | 7/29/2008 | 8/5/2008 |
| AQ294 | | | | |
| Amendments and Corrections (LAC 33:I.107, 502, 603, 905, 1302, 1407, 2003, 2503, 3703; III.504, 605, 2132, 2133, 2135, 2137, 2143, 2145, 2301, 5151; V.105, 109, 519, 529, 1529, 1709, 1711, 1741, 1907, 2230, 2246, 2247, 2306, 2311, 2503, 2508, 2906, 3025, 3105, 3111, 4003, 4357, 4367, 4437, 4459, 4545; VI.911; VII.711, 721; IX.301, 1123; XI.1139; and XV.609). | 6/20/2008 | Proposed | 7/29/2008 | 8/5/2008 |
| MM008 | | | | |
| Secondary Containment for UST Systems (LAC 33:XI.103, 301, 303, 403, 507, 509, 701, 703, and 903). | 6/20/2008 | Proposed | 7/29/2008 | 8/5/2008 |

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| UT014 | | | | |
| DMR Submittal (LAC 33:IX.2701). | 6/20/2008 | Proposed | 7/29/2008 | 8/5/2008 |
| WQ074 | | | | |
| Clean Air Interstate Rule (LAC 33:III.506). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| AQ292 (with technical amendments) | | | | |
| RCRA Burden Reduction Initiative (LAC 33:V.322, 519, 523, 532, 1509, 1513, 1515, 1529, 1737, 1739, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1911, 1913, 2109, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2303, 2515, 2605, 2719, 2803, 2805, 2807, 3007, 3023, 3111, 3119, 3317, 3319, 3517, 3527, 3707, 3711, 3715, 4365, 4367, 4373, 4387, 4395, 4403, 4407, 4411, 4433, 4435, 4437, 4438, 4440, 4441, 4451, 4452, 4462, 4472, 4489, 4498, 4507, 4512, 4701, and 4703). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| HW 100ft (with technical amendments) | | | | |
| RCRA XVI Management, Testing, and Methods Innovation (LAC 33:V.105, 109, 110, 529, 535, 537, 1127, 1516, 1703, 1711, 1741, 1901, 2223, 2299, 2603, 3001, 3005, 3013, 3025, 3115, 3325, 3807, 3823, 3845, 4003, 4033, 4047, 4067, 4357, 4431, 4727, 4901, 4903, 4909, and 4999; and LAC 33:VII.115 and 3005). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| MM006ft | | | | |
| Medical Use of Byproduct Material-Recognition of Specialty Boards (LAC 33:XV.102, 725, 729, 731, and 763). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| RP045ft | | | | |
| Terms and Conditions of Licenses (LAC 33:XV.326). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| RP049ft | | | | |
| Editor's Note to correct omitted text designation and Historical Note for LAC 33:I.3931. Incorporation by Reference-2007 (LAC 33:I.3931; V.3099; IX.2301, 4901, and 4903; and XV.1517). | 6/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| MM007ft | | | | |
| May | | | | |
| 2007 Incorporation by Reference for Air Quality (LAC 33:III.507, 2160, 3003, 5116, 5122, 5311, | 5/20/2008 | Proposed | 06/24/2008 | 06/24/2008 |

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| and 5901). AQ293ft | | | | |
| Lyondell Delisting Petition (LAC 33:V.4999.Appendix E). HW099P | 5/20/2008 | Proposed | 06/24/2008 | 07/01/2008 |
| Electronic Documents and Signatures (LAC 33:I.2101, 2103, 2105, and 2107). OS079 | 5/20/2008 | Proposed | 06/24/2008 | 07/01/2008 |
| Incorporation by Reference-2007 (LAC 33:I.3931; V.3099; IX.2301, 4901, and 4903; and XV.1517). MM007ft | 5/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| Motor Fuels UST Trust Fund Procedures (LAC 33:XI.1121). UT012 | 5/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| April | | | | |
| Regulatory Permits for Oil and Gas Well Testing, Release of Natural Gas from Pipelines, Emergency Engines, and Air Curtain Incinerators (LAC 33:III.301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, and 501) AQ274 | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 6/3/2008 |
| RCRA Burden Reduction Initiative (LAC 33:V.322, 519, 523, 532, 1509, 1513, 1515, 1529, 1737, 1739, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1911, 1913, 2109, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2303, 2515, 2605, 2719, 2803, 2805, 2807, 3007, 3023, 3111, 3119, 3317, 3319, 3517, 3527, 3707, 3711, 3715, 4365, 4367, 4373, 4387, 4395, 4403, 4407, 4411, 4433, 4435, 4437, 4438, 4440, 4441, 4451, 4452, 4462, 4472, 4489, 4498, 4507, 4512, 4701, and 4703) HW100ft | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 5/27/2008 |
| Expedited Penalty Agreement (LAC 33:I.801 and 807; VII.115 and 315; and XI.703) MM004 | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 6/3/2008 |
| RCRA XVI Management, Testing, and Methods Innovation (LAC 33:V.105, 109, 110, 529, 535, 537, 1127, 1516, 1703, 1711, 1741, 1901, 2223, 2299, 2603, 3001, 3005, 3013, 3025, 3115, | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 5/27/2008 |

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| 3325, 3807, 3823, 3845, 4003, 4033, 4047, 4067, 4357, 4431, 4727, 4901, 4903, 4909, and 4999; and LAC 33:VII.115 and 3005) | | | | |
| MM006ft | | | | |
| Medical Use of Byproduct Material-Recognition of Specialty Boards (LAC 33:XV.102, 725, 729, 731, and 763) | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 5/27/2008 |
| RP045ft | | | | |
| Terms and Conditions of Licenses (LAC 33:XV.326) | 4/20/2008 | Proposed | 5/27/2008 | 5/27/2008 |
| RP049ft | | | | |
| RCRA XVI Authorization Package (LAC 33:V.105, 109, 199, 303, 305, 311, 321, 322, 513, 529, 530, 535, 536, 537, 1107, 1109, 1113, 1501, 1516, 1529, 1799, 1802, 1907, 2001, 2299, 2603, 2805, 2903, 3001, 3005, 3007, 3105, 3115, 3315, 3319, 3517, 3523, 3719, 4001, 4003, 4005, 4045, 4067, 4301, 4357, 4367, 4379, 4381, 4401, 4439, 4457, 4497, 4507, 4512, 4513, 4701, 4703, 4901, 4903, 4909, 4911, 4913, and 4915) | 4/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| HW095ft | | | | |
| Solid Waste Exemptions, Containers, and Buffer Zones (LAC 33:VII.301, 503, 508, 709, 717, and 719) | 4/20/2008 | Final | Expired | Expired |
| SW046 (Final rule with technical amendments) | | | | |
| March | | | | |
| Annual Emissions Inventory Data Submittals (LAC 33:III.919 and 5107) | 3/20/2008 | Potpourri | None | None |
| 0803Pot1 | | | | |
| Clean Air Interstate Rule (LAC 33:III.506) | 3/20/2008 | Proposed | 4/24/2008 | 5/1/2008 |
| AQ292 | | | | |
| Ambient Air Standards for Particulate Matter (LAC 33:III.701, 703, and 711) | 3/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| AQ288 | | | | |
| Expedited Penalty Agreement (LAC 33:I.801 and 807, and VII.115 and 315) | 3/20/2008 | Emergency | None | None |

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| MM004E3 | | | | |
| Incorporation by Reference-2007 (LAC 33:I.3931; V.3099; IX.2301, 4901, and 4903; and XV.1517) | 3/20/2008 | Proposed | 4/24/2008 | 4/24/2008 |
| MM007ft | | | | |
| February | | | | |
| National Source Tracking System Reporting Dates (LAC 33:XV.493) | 2/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| RP047ft | | | | |
| RCRA XVI Authorization Package (LAC 33:V.105, 109, 199, 303, 305, 311, 321, 322, 513, 529, 530, 535, 536, 537, 1107, 1109, 1113, 1501, 1516, 1529, 1799, 1802, 1907, 2001, 2299, 2603, 2805, 2903, 3001, 3005, 3007, 3105, 3115, 3315, 3319, 3517, 3523, 3719, 4001, 4003, 4005, 4045, 4067, 4301, 4357, 4367, 4379, 4381, 4401, 4439, 4457, 4497, 4507, 4512, 4513, 4701, 4703, 4901, 4903, 4909, 4911, 4913, and 4915) | 2/20/2008 | Proposed | 3/27/2008 | 3/27/2008 |
| HW095ft | | | | |
| January | | | | |
| Additional Supplementary Information for Permit Applications (LAC 33:VII.523) | 1/20/2008 | Proposed | 02/26/2008 | 03/04/2008 |
| SW047 | | | | |
| Evidentiary Hearings on Hazardous Waste Permit Applications (LAC 33:V.709) | 1/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| HW101 | | | | |
| Amendments and Corrections (LAC 33:I.3931; III.111, 2121, 2125, 2145, 2147, and 2201; V.109, 1113, 1127, 1315, 1319, 1517, 4397, and 4999; IX.2707, 4905, and 6125; and XI.707) | 1/20/2008 | Final | expired | expired |
| MM005 | | | | |

II. Current LDEQ Regulatory Changes for 2009

| Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation | Publication Date | Status | Hearing Date | Comment Deadline |
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| January | | | | |
| Revised Public Notice and Public Participation Procedures Regarding Proposed Permit Actions in Hurricane Impacted Areas. 0901Pot1 | 1/7/2009 | Potpourri | None | None |
| Transportation Conformity [LAC 33:III.1432, 1434, 1435, and 1437] AQ302ft | 1/7/2009 | Proposed | 2/26/2009 | 2/26/2009 |
| Expedited Penalties for Asbestos and Lead [LAC 33:I.807] OS081 | 1/7/2009 | Final | None | None |

III. Upcoming Deadline for Comments on Proposed Rules – February 3, 2009

AQ270 . Statutory Exemption for Air Permits [LAC 33:III.501] . Click here for [More information](#) from LDEQ Website.

AQ296 . Control Technology Guidelines [LAC 33:III.111, 2123, and 2143] . Click Here for [More information](#) from LDEQ Website.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RULES, PUBLISHED IN THE *LOUISIANA REGISTER* for 2008 (Including Proposed Rules and Emergency Rules

| Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation | Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation |
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| December | November |
| Office of Conservation- Application to Drill (LAC 43:XIX.10) Final | Office of Conservation- Fees (LAC 43:XIX.701, 703, 705, and 707) Final |
| Diverter Systems and Blowout Preventers (BOP) (LAC 43:XIX.111) Final | Office of Conservation- Ground Water Management (LAC 43:VI.101, 103, 105, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 501, 505, 507, 701, 703, 705, and Chapter 9) Proposed |

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| Office of Conservation Orphaned Oilfield Sites | Office of Conservation Orphaned Oilfield Sites |
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| October | September |
| Office of Conservation- Application to Drill (LAC 43:XIX.103) Emergency Rule | n/a |
| Diverter Systems and Blowout Preventers (BOP) (LAC 43:XIX.111) Emergency Rule | n/a |
| Office of Conservation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri | n/a |

| Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation | Title/Louisiana Administrative Code Citation |
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| August | July |
| Office of Conservation- Fees (LAC 43:XIX.701, 703, 705 and 707) Proposed | Office of Conservation- Application to Drill (LAC 43:XIX.103) Emergency Rule |
| Office of Conservation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri | Diverter Systems and Blowout Preventers (BOP) (LAC 43:XIX.111) Emergency Rule |
| n/a | Statewide Order No. 29-B Commercial Exploration and Production Waste Facilities (LAC 43:XIX.501, 511, 547, 549, and 565) Final Rule |
| n/a | Office of Conservation- Application to Drill (LAC 43:XIX.103) Proposed |

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| n/a | Diverter Systems and Blowout Preventers (BOP) (LAC 43:XIX.111) Proposed |
| n/a | Office of Conservation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri |

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| June | May |
| Office of Conversation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri | Office of Conversation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri |
| n/a | Office of the Secretary- Certification of Land Conservation Organizations (LAC 43:I.Chapter 41) Potpourri |

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| April | March |
| Office of Conversation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri | Statewide Order No. 29-B Commercial Exploration and Production Waste Facilities (LAC 43:XIX.501, 511, 547, 549, and 565) Proposed Rule |
| n/a | Statewide Order No. 29-B Waste Type 04 Disposal Requirements (LAC 43:XIX.503, 505, 547, and 549) Proposed Rule |
| n/a | Office of Conversation Orphaned Oilfield Sites Potpourri |

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| <p>February</p> <p>Office of Mineral Resources- Mineral Resources, Wind Energy Leasing, and Bohemia Spillways (LAC 43.I.Chapters 9, 10, 13 and V.Chapters 1 and 3)</p> <p>Final Rule</p> | <p>January</p> <p>Office of the Secretary- Certification of Land Conservation Organizations (LAC 43:I.Chapter 41)</p> <p>Proposed Rule</p> |
| <p>n/a</p> | <p>Office of Conversation Orphaned Oilfield Sites</p> <p>Potpourri</p> |

LINKS TO PUBLISHED ARTICLES OF INTEREST

A. Times Picayune--New Orleans

MMS plans for expanded drilling in the Gulf of Mexico

By Jen DeGregorio

January 16, 2009

The federal agency that controls offshore drilling is planning for the opening of now-protected regions of the Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas exploration.

With pressure mounting in Congress to increase domestic energy production, the U.S. Minerals Management Service wants to schedule lease sales for areas in the eastern and central Gulf that are now protected by a Congressional drilling ban.

The schedule is laid out in a draft of the MMS's five-year plan for leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf, which the agency released on Friday. The document, which must be approved by President-elect Barack Obama, could govern offshore leasing through 2015.

Under the plan, leases in the Gulf of Mexico would be issued during 14 sales. Three sales scheduled for 2010, 2011 and 2013 would offer tracts in the eastern Gulf that are now off-limits. A small protected area is also included in one of six lease sales planned for the central Gulf.

http://blog.nola.com/tpmoney/2009/01/mms_plans_for_expanded_drillin.html

B. U.S. Oil and Gas Association

Obama-Biden Comprehensive Energy Plan for America

By Alby Modiano

January 21, 2009

The Obama-Biden Plan

The energy challenges our country faces are severe and have gone unaddressed for far too long. Our addiction to foreign oil doesn't just undermine our national security and wreak havoc on our environment -- it cripples our economy and strains the budgets of working families all across America. Barack Obama and Joe Biden have a comprehensive plan to invest in alternative and renewable energy, end our addiction to foreign oil, address the global climate crisis and create millions of new jobs.

The Obama-Biden comprehensive New Energy for America plan will:

- Help create five million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future.
- Within 10 years save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.
- Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars -- cars that can get up to 150 miles per gallon -- on the road by 2015, cars that we will work to make sure are built here in America.
- Ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025.
- Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050.

Energy Plan Overview

Provide Short-term Relief to American Families

- Crack Down on Excessive Energy Speculation.
- Swap Oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to Cut Prices.

Eliminate Our Current Imports from the Middle East and Venezuela within 10 Years

- Increase Fuel Economy Standards.
- Get 1 Million Plug-In Hybrid Cars on the Road by 2015.
- Create a New \$7,000 Tax Credit for Purchasing Advanced Vehicles.
- Establish a National Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- A "Use it or Lose It" Approach to Existing Oil and Gas Leases.
- Promote the Responsible Domestic Production of Oil and Natural Gas.

Create Millions of New Green Jobs

- Ensure 10 percent of Our Electricity Comes from Renewable Sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025.
- Deploy the Cheapest, Cleanest, Fastest Energy Source & Energy Efficiency.
- Weatherize One Million Homes Annually.
- Develop and Deploy Clean Coal Technology.
- Prioritize the Construction of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.

Reduce our Greenhouse Gas Emissions 80 Percent by 2050

- Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050.
- Make the U.S. a Leader on Climate Change.

C. Houston Chronicle

Analysts see signs that oil may have hit bottom

By KRISTEN HAYS

Jan. 15, 2009

A year ago oil swept into three-digit territory for the first time, prompting speculation about how high crude would go. On Thursday, the price dropped briefly to near \$33 a barrel as worsening economic conditions depressed demand. But some analysts are starting to speculate that the price may be approaching its nadir as expectations of an eventual economic recovery and other factors appear to set the stage for a rebound. In the interim, however, some expect 2009 to be the biggest down year on record for commodity prices across the energy spectrum, largely because of bloated inventories amid shrunken demand.

The federal government this week cut its average 2009 price outlook by another 15 percent to \$43.25. Six months ago, when oil briefly surpassed \$147 a barrel and serious economic deterioration was yet to emerge, the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicted an average of \$127 a barrel this year.

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Meltdown 101: Why gas prices rise while oil drops

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HOUSTON (AP) You may do a double-take as you pass your local gas station. Chances are, the price you pay at the pump has jumped markedly in the past couple of weeks, even as crude prices have fallen.

The average national price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline rose seven-tenths of a cent overnight to \$1.799 well below the \$3.05 average of a year ago but up nearly 14 cents in the past month, according to the auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express, a company that tracks transportation data.

At the same time, the price of crude which accounts for about 60 percent of gasoline's cost has been on a steep decline. Oil futures tumbled below \$34 a barrel Thursday after trading as high as \$50 a barrel just 10 days ago.

So what gives? When oil made its extraordinary fall in recent months from a record high above \$147 a barrel in July, gasoline followed suit. Why not now?

Here are some questions and answers about the connections between oil and gasoline prices.

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US petroleum demand in 2008 lowest in 5 years

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HOUSTON (AP) America's demand for crude oil fell to its lowest level since 2003 last year, as record high prices to start the year and an ailing economy at the end of 2008 combined to sharply curtail consumption, new statistics show.

For all of 2008, U.S. petroleum deliveries a measure of demand fell 6 percent to 19.4 million barrels a day, with declines for all major products made from crude, according to a report released Thursday by the American Petroleum Institute, the industry's trade association.

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