

2009 Louisiana Register – RE: La. Department of Natural Resources:

September:

Office of Conservation_Ground Water Management (LAC 43:VI. 103 and 307) 1989

The Louisiana Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:VI.Chapter 1 et seq., in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana and particularly Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Sections 38:3097.1 et seq. The proposed amendment modifies the specific provisions at LAC 43:VI.103 and 307 which set forth definitions, the procedures for registering new water wells, the procedures for seeking and declaring areas of ground water concern. The amendments to the above existing Rules are intended to revise the regulations to correspond with recent amendments to the Ground Water Resources Management Law (R.S. 38:3097.1 et seq.).

Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety (LAC 33:V.Chapters 301-313) 1990

This proposed Rule amends the minimum pipeline safety requirements for hazardous liquids pipelines.

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety (LAC 43:XIII. Chapters 1-65) 2000

These proposed Rules amend the minimum pipeline safety requirements for natural gas pipelines.

August:

Pit Closure and Onsite Disposal of E and P Waste (LAC 43:XIX.311 and 313) 1800

The recent development of the Haynesville Shale in North Louisiana is made possible through the use of multi-stage hydraulic fracture stimulation technology. This technology requires the use of large quantities of fluids which are primarily composed of freshwater taken from either surface water reservoirs or groundwater aquifers. The intense development of the Haynesville Shale has placed additional strain on the already limited freshwater aquifer resources of the region.

The intent of the amendment is to conserve these freshwater aquifer resources by allowing the limited use of Exploration and Production Waste as a substitute for the

fluids required to perform fracture stimulation operations on the Haynesville Shale. The proposed amendment uses sound waste minimization principles along with conservative waste management requirements to promote groundwater resource management and conservation while protecting public health and the environment.

July:

Office of the Secretary_Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (LAC 43:I.700 and 723) 1348
 Re: In conjunction w/ Coastal Use Permits: Coastal Restoration

Coastal Use Permit Extensions (LAC 43:I.723) 1352

June:

None

May:

Office of Conservation, Environmental Division- Advanced Notice of Rulemaking and Solicitation of Comments on Exploration and Production ("E and P") Waste Manifest System Requirements for Commercial Facilities (LAC 43:XIX.545) 1049

The provisions of this draft Rule are applicable to the manifest system for monitoring the movement and disposal of E and P Waste. The draft Rule would allow commercial facilities to accept E and P Waste when Part II of the "E and P Waste Shipping Control Ticket" is incomplete or improperly completed, so long as the remainder of the manifest is properly completed. Furthermore, the draft Rule change requires a commercial facility to forward to the Office of Conservation, within 24 hours of receipt, any manifests regarding accepted E and P Waste shipments which did not have a completed Part II. The office also requests comments on the estimated cost of this proposed Rule to the public and other interested parties who could be affected by this Rule, for the purpose of preparing a Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement as required by law.

April:

None

March:

None

February:

Office of Conservation- Ground Water Management (LAC 43:VI.Chapters 1-7) 249
 set forth definitions, enforcement

provisions, the procedures for registering new water wells, the procedures for seeking and declaring ground water emergencies, and areas of ground water concern. The amendments to the above existing rules are intended to revise the regulations to correspond with recent amendments to the Ground Water Resources Management Law (R.S. 38:3097.1 et seq.) and to provide greater clarity to the regulated community and the public concerning the Office of Conservation's administration of that law.

January:

None