



# Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS

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APRIL—JUNE 2009

## PERMITS ISSUED

4/1/09—6/30/09

Individual Minors	67
Individual Majors	17
Sewage Sludge & Bio-solids Use or Disposal	3

## GENERAL PERMITS

Class I Sanitary	93
Class II Sanitary	20
Class III Sanitary	0
Class IV Sanitary	117
Large Construction	135
Sand & Gravel	4
Petroleum UST	1
Oil & Gas Exploration	16
Autodealer	7
Hydrostatic Test	11
Exterior Vehicle Wash	17
Potable Water	3
Cement, Concrete & Asphalt	30
C&D Landfill	1
Groundwater	0
Dewater PST	0
Multi-Sector	40

## % CURRENT

MAJORS	88.3
MINORS	93.2

## Water Permits Division to Issue Newsletter

LDEQ Water Permits Division (WPD) publishes a Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting issues. To make the newsletter an effective means of communication, we need your comments, recommendations, and input. Please contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## Water Permits Division Staff Update

Recent staff changes: Jenniffer Sheppard has been promoted as an Environmental Scientist Supervisor assigned to the Industrial Permits Section. Jamie Phillippe with Water Quality Certifications has moved from Waste Permits Division to the Water Permits Division. Scott Guilliams left the WPD in July to pursue new endeavors.

## Sewage Sludge Haulers

In July 2009, the Water Permits Division sent approval, conditional approval or denial letters to all sewage sludge haulers that submitted the registration form by June 30, 2009. Currently the WPD has approved or conditionally approved 147 haulers. Unregistered haulers may submit registration forms after July 1 and their submittals will be evaluated, but they cannot pump or haul sewage sludge until they have received an Approval Letter or Conditional Approval Letter from DEQ. LDEQ is evaluating the disposal sites indicated on the registration forms to ensure they are properly permitted. LDEQ will publish a list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a list of all approved sewage sludge haulers on the LDEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site. Both lists will be updated as needed. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Sewage Sludge Seminar

LDEQ is sponsoring a **FREE** program to inform the sewage sludge haulers of the new rules and regulations that may apply to their operation on September 24, 2009 beginning at 8:30 AM at the Louisiana Technical College, Building E, Auditorium, 2010 North Market Street, Shreveport, LA. Facility owners, operators, drivers, consultants and anyone else that is involved with sewage sludge generation, hauling and disposal operations should attend the seminar. For more information contact LDEQ's Shreveport regional office

318-676-7476.

## Antidegradation

LDEQ is working with EPA Region 6 on the state antidegradation implementation policy. Comments on the second draft of the antidegradation implementation procedures were submitted to LDEQ by April 6, 2009. LDEQ is currently broadening our outreach for stakeholder involvement. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Emergency Rule for Sewage Sludge Haulers

LDEQ issued an Emergency Rule effective July 1, 2009, that allows transporters to continue to haul to facilities that were indicated as a "Receiving Facility" in their Hauler Registration Form, even though the "Receiving Facility" is not properly permitted by LDEQ. The Rule gives the "Receiving Facility" a four-month period to submit the proper forms to LDEQ to be legally permitted to handle sewage sludge from haulers. The Rule can be accessed at: [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/portals/0/planning/regs/pdf/WO078E.pdf](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/portals/0/planning/regs/pdf/WO078E.pdf). For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012.

## Wetland Assimilation Webpage

Information regarding Wetland Assimilation Projects has been established on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2960/Default.aspx>. This includes a brief introduction and benefits of a wetland assimilation project, requirements for the feasibility study and baseline study, a list of the current wetland assimilation project within the state, and other information as well. Interested parties are encouraged to check out the website and/or call Todd Franklin, Water Permits Division at (225) 219-3102.

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## Pesticides Regulation Update— No Changes at this Time

In May 2009, the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's motion to stay issuance of the Court's mandate for two years. LDEQ will continue following the progress of this case and its impact on permitting requirements. Watch for more information in future e-Newsletters. For more information contact Gary Aydele at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## Online Applications

LDEQ is working a program which will allow applicants to submit applications electronically to the Department. The Online application submittal will begin in phases starting with Notice of Intents for General Oil and Gas Permits. LDEQ expects the program to begin in October 2009. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-

## MOA Between LDEQ and LDHH

A Memorandum of Agreement between LDEQ and LDHH was finalized on July 17, 2009. This MOA defines a partnership to ensure the successful and effective administration of the LPDES Program, the Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Program, and the Sanitary Code. It also addresses the source water program information sharing between the LDEQ - Office of Environmental Assessment - Aquifer Evaluation and Protection Section and the LDHH - Office of Public Health - Center for Environmental Health. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## Renewal Applications

Applications for renewal of individual permits must be submitted at least 180 days before the expiration date of the permit, in order for your existing permit to be administratively continued beyond the expiration date. Failure to comply with this or any other State law or regulation may subject you to enforcement action, which may include, but is not limited to, a civil penalty for each day of noncompliance. A written request for an extension must be submitted if you are unable to submit the renewal application timely. Should you fail to submit your application or an extension request by the due date, your existing permit may not be administratively continued and your permit may expire. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## General Permit for Sewage Sludge

LDEQ is currently drafting a general permit for facilities that dispose sewage sludge in a permitted landfill. Watch for more updates. If you have any questions, contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012.

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## LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division, at the request of EPA Region 6, is in the process of updating the current Minimum Quantification Levels (MQLs) in Louisiana's WQMP Guidance Document for the implementation of the State's water quality standards. The public comment period ended April 16, 2009. Comments received are currently being evaluated. For more information contact Gary Aydele at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

## General Permits Updates

LAG260000—The public comment period ended 4/3/09 for the reissuance of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities In Territorial Seas Master General Permit. Comments received during the public comment period are currently being evaluated. If you have any questions, contact Valerie Powe at (225) 219-3135

LAG560000— The final permit for the reissuance of the Class III Sanitary Master General Permit is currently under review. If you have any questions, please contact Eura Dehart at (225) 219-3102.

LAG570000— The final permit for the reissuance of the Class IV Sanitary Master General Permit is currently under review. If you have any questions, please contact Eura Dehart at (225) 219-3102.

LAG750000—The Exterior Vehicle Wash Master General Permit was reissued March 14, 2009. Reauthorizations for facilities covered under the prior permit were completed in June 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Wascom at (225) 219-3091.

LAG110000— The Cement, Concrete, and Asphalt Master General Permit was reissued March 14, 2009. Reauthorizations for facilities covered under the prior permit were completed in June 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Wascom at (225) 219-3091.

## Sewage Sludge Disposal Facilities

In July 2009, the Water Permits Division mailed letters to sewage sludge disposal facilities which had not obtained the proper Biosolids permit and/or LPDES permit language informing the owners/operators that a completed Sewage Sludge Disposal Permit Application and/or LPDES permit application or notification must be submitted to LDEQ within 30 days. LDEQ will publish a list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a list of all approved sewage sludge haulers on the LDEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

## Fee Regulations Update

The Louisiana Water Pollution Control Fee System Regulation update provides for minor updates to the calculation worksheets and updates to the fee tables to reflect OSHA SIC code updates. The rule was published in the Louisiana Register on May 20, 2009 and the comment period ended on July 2, 2009. The rule will be final on August 20, 2009. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006.

## Bayou Manchac Scenic

House Bill 451-Bayou Manchac from the Amite River to the Mississippi River located on the boundaries of the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville to be included in the state historic and scenic rivers system. For more information contact Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013