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Senator Patrick Page Cortez, President  
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Representative Clay Schexnayder, Speaker  
Representative Jean-Paul Coussan, Natural Resources and Environment Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Summary Report Proposed Rule Amendments  
Class II Community Saltwater Injection Wells and Systems  
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations  
LAC 43:XIX Chapter 3 (Statewide Order 29-B)

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend existing rule LAC 43:XIX Chapter 3 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, La. R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana.

The proposed action is a rule amendment for Class II Community Saltwater Injection Wells and Systems. The proposed rule change will allow operators to re-use produced water or brine on a noncommercial basis for enhanced recovery projects via Class II injection wells.

Oversight for the Class II injection well program is held by the Underground Injection Control Program (UIC Program), located within the Louisiana Office of Conservation. Class II wells are a federally-designated well class used to inject fluids associated with oil and natural gas production. The UIC Program already holds Primary Enforcement Authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for Class II wells.

The Commissioner forwarded notice of the proposed rule to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices on October 10, 2022.

A comment period was held open from October 20, 2022, to December 1, 2022, which afforded interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. Pursuant to La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b), the Commissioner of Conservation submits the following summary report of the public hearing.

I. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(i) – A summary of public hearing testimony:

No public hearing was requested, so a public hearing was not held.

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II. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(ii) – A summary of all comments received, a copy of the agency’s responses, and a statement of the agency’s action resulting from comments received:

The Office of Conservation did not receive any public comments.

III. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iii) – A revision of the proposed rule since submitting the report of La R.S. 49:968.B, or a statement that no changes were made:

No changes were made since submitting the previous report.

IV. La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b)(iv) – A concise statement of the principal reasons for and against adoption of any amendments or changes suggested:

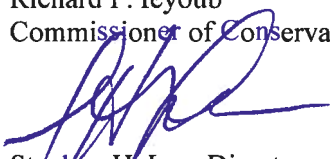
No changes or amendments are intended to be implemented at this time.

The Office of Conservation expects to publish the final rule in the Louisiana Register as soon as permissible under the Administrative Procedures Act. Please inform us of your decision on whether or not you intend to hold a hearing as permitted by La R.S. 49:968.D(2)(a).

Please contact Stephen Lee at 225-342-5569 if there are any questions or if any clarification of the above is needed.

Yours very truly,

Richard P. Ieyoub  
Commissioner of Conservation



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