

3. ability to mentor/work directly with students;
4. ensure that students meet standards for immunization, CPR, liability insurance, background, drug testing, etc. prior to beginning their rotations;
5. facilitate open communication between the college/university and each healthcare facility; and
6. ensure the student's clinical rotation aligns with college/university goals.

F. Award Amounts. LDH shall enter into mandatory written agreements with the chosen healthcare facility, university/school of higher education, and student. Students who fulfill all requirements of this Section will receive a stipend not to exceed \$6,000 and an additional \$2,000 toward living expenses for a total of \$8,000 for the entirety of the agreement. The hosting healthcare facility will receive a maximum of \$5,000 per each student participant hosted. Each university/school of higher education will receive \$5,000 for program participation. Number of students selected and stipend amounts may vary depending on funding.

G. Student Application/Selection. All applications and scores will be compiled and presented to program leadership. Program leadership will have five business days to make a final selection. Applicants who apply will be notified of acceptance or denial within five business days of final selection. In the event of a tie, equal distribution of students from universities will be made.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:1205.1 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 49:1745 (October 2023).

Steve Russo
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RULE

Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation

Inactive Well Assessments (LAC 43:XIX.137)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950, et seq.) and Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 30:4 et seq.), the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation has amended LAC 43:XIX Subpart 1 (Statewide Order No. 29-B) Chapter 1 General Provisions to expand the applicability and amount of inactive well assessments. Benefits of these amendments include incentivizing operators to either return wells to active service or permanently abandon them which reduces the number of wells which could eventually become orphaned; increasing revenue for restoring existing orphaned sites and regulating oil and gas development to ensure protection of the environment and public safety. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 43

NATURAL RESOURCES

Part XIX. Office of Conservation—General Operations

Subpart 1. Statewide Order No. 29-B

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§137. Plugging and Abandonment

A. Deadlines for Abandonment

1. Inactive, Future Utility Wells. All inactive wells classified as having future utility shall be plugged within five years of the date of the well becoming inactive. Failure to accurately report wells on the inactive well report shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 30:17.

a. For wells that have been inactive for a period of four years or more on the effective date of this rule, the well shall be plugged within one year of the effective date of this Rule.

b. If an operator chooses not to plug an inactive well in accordance with this Section for reasons of future utility, an annual assessment shall be assessed until the well is plugged in the amount specified by Table 1 hereof depending on the total depth of the well and length of inactivity according to the Office of Conservation records.

Table 1—Annual Well Assessment Amounts		
	Length of Inactivity (years)	
Total Depth (ft.)	5-10	10+
0-3,000	\$125	\$188
3,001-9,999	\$250	\$375
10,000+	\$500	\$750

c. For all inactive wells not already covered by financial security as required in §104, financial security shall be provided within one year of the promulgation of this Rule.

d. All inactive wells shall be subject to the above provisions until the well has reported production for three consecutive months.

2. Other Wells on or after Effective Date of Order

a. All such wells classified on the inactive well report by either the operator, the engineering enforcement section manager or the district manager as having no future utility shall be plugged within 90 days from the date of such classification.

b. All wells classified on the inactive well report as having no future utility shall be subject to an annual assessment specified by Table 1 hereof depending on the total depth of the well and the length of inactivity according to Office of Conservation records. Wells which have been inactive for more than 90 days but less than 10 years will be assessed using the amount for 5-10 years specified by Table 1.

c. For all inactive wells not already covered by financial security as required in §104, financial security shall be provided within one year of the promulgation of this Rule.

3. Reduction of Inactive Well Assessment Amounts Based on Plugging Activity

a. Operators that plug ten or more wells during the calendar year immediately preceding an inactive well assessment may apply for a reduction in the inactive well assessment based on Table 2 hereof for each well plugged and abandoned based on Office of Conservation records.

Table 2—Annual Well Assessment Reduction Amounts Based on Wells Plugged	
Total Depth (ft.)	Reduction Amount
0-3,000	\$375
3,001-9,999	\$750
10,000+	\$1500

4. Reporting

a. All wells wherein production operations or use as a service well have ceased on or after the effective date of this order shall continue to be reported on the Form DM-1-R or Form DT-1 with the appropriate notation that the well is off production or no longer in use as a service well along with the date of last production or date the service well ceased to be used; and, after six months, if such a well has not been restored to production or use as a service well, it shall thereafter be reported by the operator on the semiannual inactive well report, Form INACT WR-1 (1974) which report shall be filed with the Department of Conservation showing the status of such well as of May 1 and November 1 of each year (report to be filed no later than May 25 and November 25). Such wells shall continue to be reported on the Form DM1-R or Form DT-1 showing the date of last production or the date the well ceased to be used as a service well, together with a notation showing the well is carried on the Form INACT WR-1 (1974), Inactive Well Report, until the well is plugged and abandoned.

b. The inactive well report shall list the field, well name, well number and other pertinent data and provide an appropriate column to classify such well as having either future utility, or no future utility. If the well is classified as having future utility, operator shall specify such utility by completing the appropriate column on the form. Wells so classified shall be reviewed periodically by the district manager who, at his discretion, may require an operator to supply additional information to justify the classification.

c. Administrative Interpretation. For purposes of administering the heretofore mentioned paragraphs, it is understood that:

i. a wellbore which is completed in more than one common source of supply (multiple completions) shall not be considered as ceasing to produce and shall not be reported on the inactive well report as long as there is production from or operations in any completion in the wellbore;

ii. wells classified as having future utility may be off production or shut-in but are considered to have future utility for producing oil or gas, or for use as a service well.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Conservation (August 1943), amended (March 1974), amended by

the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, LR 40:2597 (December 2014), LR 41:953 (May 2015), repromulgated LR 41:1120 (June 2015), amended LR 49:1746 (October 2023).

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RULE

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Corrections Services**

Inmate Mail and Publications
(LAC 22:I.313)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950), the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services, has amended the contents of §313, Inmate Mail and Publications.

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services, has amended language prohibiting reception or possession of children’s images by sex offender inmates if the sex offender inmate’s victim was a minor, permitting a warden to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis, as well as, minor technical revisions. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 22

**CORRECTIONS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

Part I. Corrections

Chapter 3. Adult Services

Subchapter A. General

§313. Inmate Mail and Publications

A. Purpose. This department regulation governs inmate mail and publication privileges at all adult facilities.

B. Applicability: deputy secretary, undersecretary, chief of operations, regional wardens, and wardens. Each warden shall ensure appropriate unit written policies and procedures are in place to comply with this regulation and for conveying its content to all inmates and affected employees.

C. Notice. Staff at each reception and diagnostic center or unit handling initial reception and diagnostic functions shall inform each inmate in writing promptly after arrival of the department’s rules for handling of inmate mail, utilizing the notification of mail handling form. This form shall be filed in the inmate’s master record.

1. The current inmate population in DPS and C facilities is required to complete the notification of mail handling form upon the issuance of this revision to §313 of this Part.

D. Policy. Inmates may communicate with people or organizations subject to the limitations necessary to protect legitimate penological objectives (including but not limited to deterrence of crime, rehabilitation of inmates, maintenance of internal/external security of a facility or maintenance of an environment free of sexual harassment), to prevent the commission of a crime, and to protect the interests of crime victims.