



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

March 23, 2023

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

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Summary Report of Proposed Amendment to
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
Use of Reclaimed Oilfield Waste (ROW) for Downhole Well Operations
LAC 43:XIX.301, 303, 311, 313, 501, 519 & 565

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.301, 303, 311, 313, 501, 519 & 565 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the power delegated under the laws of the state of Louisiana. The proposed rule changes expand the use of produced water for all downhole well operations and allow operator-to-operator transfers. Benefits of these amendments include conservation of fresh water resources; reduced costs associated with disposal, transportation and water sourcing; reduced truck traffic and strain on disposal infrastructure..

In accordance with La R.S. 49:968.B and C. the Commissioner forwarded a Notice of Intent on January 19, 2023 for the proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices.

A public comment period held open until March 10, 2023, which afforded interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule amendments. Pursuant to La R.S. 49:968.D(1)(b), the Commissioner of Conservation submits the following summary report.

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

No hearing was requested so no hearing was held.

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:

No comments were received during the comment period.

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.

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 me at 225-342-4505 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,



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Office of Conservation

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