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Senator John A. Alario, Jr., President
Senator Norbert Chabert, Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Representative Taylor Barras, Speaker
Representative Stuart Bishop, Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chairman

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Report of Proposed Amendment to
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
LAC 43:XIX. 405 and 423.B (Statewide Order No. 29-B)
Carbon Dioxide Enhanced Oil Recovery Application Requirements

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX. to add section 405 and 423.B 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 amendment is made to implement application requirements for carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery.

I. Copy of the rule as it is proposed for amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(1):

See the attached Notice of Intent.

II. Statement of the proposed action per La R.S. 49:968.C(2):

The Louisiana Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX. to add section 405. The proposed amendment is made to implement application requirements for carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery.

III. The specific citation of the enabling legislation purporting to authorize amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(3):

La R.S. 30:4 et seq.

IV. Statement of the circumstances requiring amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:968.C(4):

Pre-hearing Report to Oversight Authorities

The proposed amendment was initiated in an effort to implement application requirements for carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery. While there are currently application requirements for enhanced oil recovery generally, there are none specific to issues associated with the use of carbon dioxide.

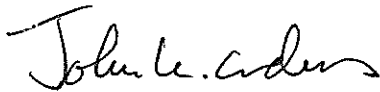
V. Statement of the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rule amendment per La R.S. 49:968.C(5):

The fiscal and economic impact statement is attached to this report.

A notice of intent to initiate rule-making will be published in the Louisiana Register on June 20 2016, with a public comment period on the proposal scheduled to remain open until July 11, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

Please contact me at 225-342-7889 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John W. Adams
Attorney, Office of Conservation

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Attachments