

Temporary Wells Associated with LDEQ or EPA Remediation Projects

APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption Request is for LDEQ/EPA-approved remediation projects that propose one-time injection events into shallow wells where casing is not installed. The instructions below outline the required application contents for these projects. Any injection into the subsurface without first receiving a permit or approval of a permit waiver/exemption is a violation of Statewide Order No. 29-N-1 (LAC 43:XVII, Subpart 1) and may subject the well operator to enforcement action including fines as provided by R.S. 30 et seq.

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Any organization or entity seeking a Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption is not required to submit the OR1 Form.

FILING FEE

One Class V variance request fee is required for the Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption. When each request is received, the Engineering Division will create an invoice and email it to the email address provided on the application. Invoices can be paid online following the instructions provided on the invoice. Checks are also acceptable and can be made payable to “Office of Permitting and Compliance.” Please refer to LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 7 for the current fee schedule.

The Engineering Division can be reached for assistance by telephone at (225) 342-5515 or email Injection-Mining@la.gov.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

CLASS V – Request for Waiver or Exemption

The Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption Request must be prepared and submitted for each LDEQ/EPA-approved remediation project. All requested attachments must be provided for the request to be considered. Submit the completed request with all required attachments to the Engineering Division address below.

Mailing Address:

Office of Permitting and Compliance
Engineering Division
617 North Third Street, 8th Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

An invoice will be created and sent to the applicant via email for the fee associated with applying for a variance request to the Class V permitting requirements.

Cover Letter with Variance Request

The applicant must request a variance to LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 1, Statewide Order No. 29-N-1 to allow for the processing of the Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption Request. The variance shall be as follows:

(Applicant) requests a variance to LAC 43:XVII.Chapter 1, Statewide Order No. 29-N-1, for the waiver/exemption of Class V injection wells for remediation projects that are under the authority of the LDEQ or USEPA. (Applicant) acknowledges and that the proposed project will be accomplished by one time injection into shallow wells where casing is not installed. In the event that additional wells are required or additional injection events deemed necessary, (Applicant) will request another Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption.

Attachment 1 – Site Plan

The Site Plan should be a certified, original plat, which includes the property or facility boundaries, waterways, roadways, water wells, and all of the proposed injection points. An elevation of a permanent or semi-permanent site feature within or immediately adjacent to the project area must be included on the site plan. Information presented on the Site Plan must be prepared by a Professional Land Surveyor registered with the state of Louisiana.

Attachment 2 – Project Description

A summary of the project that includes the location of the project, number of wells, proposed procedures relating to method of injection, equipment used, and plugging of wells. Include the composition, quantity, and MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) for each injectate proposed.

Attachment 3 – LDEQ/EPA Approval Letter

A copy of the approval letter issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granting authorization for the project must be included with the application.

Approval of the permit waiver/exemption serves as the permit to utilize all proposed injection points illustrated on the Site Plan, Attachment 2. Open boreholes associated with any Class V Permit Waiver/Exemption are required to be plugged within 30 days of the proposed injection event.