

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Date Rule Takes Effect: Estimated December 2025

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units due to the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes amend the Damage Prevention section of the Pipeline Safety Code by adding logging operations to the types of excavators or demolishers exempt from required training and education provided by the regional notification center and adding the regional notification center to the entities who are required to be notified of damages to underground facilities or utilities by persons responsible for excavation or demolition activities. The proposed rule change also requires facility operators to provide a “positive response” to the regional notification center before the expiration of the time allowed for marking.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to have any effect on revenue collections of state and local government units. The proposed rule changes do not impose any new fees or change existing fees.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. Operators and excavators are already required to comply with the Damage Prevention requirements of these regulations under LA RS 40:40:1749,11-27. Increased compliance may result in long term benefits to owners/operators in the form of reduced damages.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to have any effect on competition and employment.



Signature of Agency Head or Designee

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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule changes amend the Damage Prevention section of the Pipeline Safety Code to align administrative code with statutory changes made in accordance with Act 161 and Act 902 of the 2026 Regular Session. The proposed rule changes add excavators or demolishers engaged in logging operations to the entities exempt from annual training through the regional notification center. The proposed rule changes also add the regional notification center to the entities who are required to be notified of damages to underground facilities or utilities by persons responsible for excavation or demolition activities.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The proposed rule seeks to implement Act 161 and Act 902 of the 2026 Regular Session. Act 161 requires notification of a damages to an underground pipeline to be reported to the regional notification center in addition to the owner or operator of the pipeline. Act 902 requires facility operators to provide a "positive response" to the regional notification center before the expiration of the time allowed for marking and adds excavators or demolishers engaged in logging operations to the entities exempt from annual training through the regional notification center.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No. The proposed rule changes will not result in any increase in the expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

Not applicable.

- D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

i. _____ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

ii. X NO.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)?

(a) _____ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) _____ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) _____ NO.

Not applicable.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Personal Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Professional Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Charges	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Major Repairs & Constr.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

Not applicable. There are no costs or savings to State Agencies resulting from the proposed rule changes.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agency Self-Generated	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dedicated	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (Specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, costs associated with the publication of the proposed rule changes can be absorbed within the agency's existing budget. There are no other costs associated with the proposed rule changes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in costs or savings to local government units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

Not applicable.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agency Self-Generated	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dedicated Funds*	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state and local government units as a result of the proposed rule changes.

**III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-
GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS**

A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. Operators and excavators are already required to comply with the Damage Prevention requirements of these regulations under LA RS 40:40:1749,11-27. Increased compliance may result in long term benefits to owners/operators in the form of reduced damages.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There are no anticipated impacts on receipts and/or income resulting from the proposed rule changes to these groups.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There are no anticipated effects on competition and employment resulting from the proposed rule changes.