



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

August 18, 2026

Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr., Senate President
Senator Bob Hensgens, Natural Resources Committee Chairman
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier, Speaker of the House
Representative Brett F. Geymann, 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:XI:Chapters 61-65
For Compliance with Act 634 of 2016

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Commissioner of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XI:Chapters 61-65 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.

I. Copy of the rule as it is proposed for amendment per La R.S. 49:966.C(1):

See the attached Notice of Intent.

II. Statement of the proposed action per La R.S. 49:966.C(2):

The Louisiana Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XI:Chapters 63-65 in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq. Subpart 6 changes address multiple changes to the State's "Dig Law" and bring the current regulation into alignment with the current law.

III. The specific citation of the enabling legislation purporting to authorize amendment of the rule per La R.S. 49:966.C(3):

Act 161 and Act 902 of the 2026 regular legislative session in addition to the Secretary's authority under La R.S. 30:4 et seq., R.S. 40:1749.27, and R.S. 30:546.

A notice of intent to initiate rule-making will be published in the Louisiana Register on September 20, 2026, with a public comment period on the proposal scheduled to remain open until October 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Please contact me at 225-219-3799 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

Michael Peikert
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Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy

Attachments