

2025

Air & Waste Management
Association Conference

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Secretary Courtney J. Burdette



TOPICS

- Department Makeup: *Who We Are*
- Department Makeup: *What We Do*
- Goals and Initiatives
- Ongoing Issues
- Regulatory Updates
- Programmatic Updates



MISSION

The Department's mission is to provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare while considering sound policies that are consistent with statutory mandates and to be a respected steward of the State's environment.



AGENCY ORGANIZATION

Office of the Secretary (Secretary – Courtney J. Burdette)

- *Executive, Legal Affairs (includes Criminal Investigations), Communications, Business & Community Outreach*

Office of Management and Finance (Undersecretary – Theresa Delafosse)

- *Financial Services and Support Services Groups 1 and 2*

Office of Environmental Compliance (Assistant Secretary – Jerry Lang)

- *Surveillance, Enforcement and Emergency Response and Radiological Services*

Office of Environmental Services (Assistant Secretary – Amanda Vincent)

- *Air Permits, Waste Permits, Water Permits and Public Participation Support Group*

Office of Environmental Assessment (Assistant Secretary – Scott Guilliams)

- *Remediation, Underground Storage Tanks, Air Planning and Assessment, Water Planning and Assessment*

Regional Offices

- *Capital Region (Baton Rouge), Acadiana Region (Lafayette) which includes Kisatchie Central Office, Southwest Region (Lake Charles), Southeast Region (New Orleans) which includes Bayou LaFourche Office, Northwest Region (Shreveport) and Northeast Region (Monroe)*



AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Air quality
- Water quality
- Laboratory accreditation
- Hazardous wastes
- Asbestos, mercury, lead programs
- Radiation protection
- Remediation of contaminated sites
- Regulations development
- Permitting
- Groundwater protection
- Surveillance
- Criminal investigations
- Underground storage tanks
- Environmental impact assessment
- Planning and performance tracking
- Complaints
- Legislative support
- Compliance assistance
- Solid waste
- Economic development
- Beneficial Environmental Projects
- Environmental monitoring
- Environmental education
- Emergency response
- Accident prevention
- State revolving loan fund
- Brownfields projects
- Enforcement
- Economic development assistance
- Emissions inventories
- Contractor certifications
- Environmental research
- Training programs



GOALS & INITIATIVES

- Our goal is to protect human health and the environment by:
 - ✓ Being accessible, transparent, and proactive
 - ✓ Informing & empowering the public
 - LDEQ will use social media, traditional media, web applications, meetings, hearings, news releases, e-news and other means to impart information to the citizens of Louisiana
 - ✓ Listening to & engaging with the public
 - ✓ Adhering to environmental laws and regulations while using our authority in a fair and equitable way
 - ✓ Making decisions rooted in science



OPPORTUNITIES

Air

- Criteria air pollutants progress
 - Two small areas in Louisiana remain out of attainment for SO₂.
 - The state is in attainment for all of EPA's other criteria air pollutants.
 - LDEQ has submitted attainment plans for those two areas. One of the plans has been accepted by EPA, while the other is under review.
 - If, as expected, the attainment submissions are accepted and status is granted, Louisiana will be one of **19** states in attainment for all six of EPA's criteria air pollutants.



OPPORTUNITIES

Water

Unpermitted discharges into state waters remain one of top environmental problems in Louisiana. Home waste treatment systems are one of the biggest challenges.



REGULATORY UPDATES

- **AQ400 – Part 70 General Conditions (LAC 33:III.535)**
 - **Summary:** Amends Part 70 to require use of LDEQ’s Title V Semiannual Monitoring Report and Annual Compliance Certification forms. Includes updates to reporting processes.
 - **Timeline:**
 - Published: Dec. 20, 2024
 - Public Hearing: Jan. 28, 2025
 - Comment Period Ended: Feb. 4, 2025
- **OS104 – Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Regulations (LAC 33:I.Ch. 70)**
 - **Summary:** Updates to enhance implementation of the Voluntary Environmental Self-Audit Program, following original rule adoption in Dec. 2023.
 - **Timeline:**
 - Published: Aug. 20, 2025
 - Public Hearing: Sept. 25, 2025
 - Comment Deadline: Oct. 2, 2025
- **OS105 – Expedited Penalty Maximums (LAC 33:I.805.A)**
 - **Summary:** Updates to reflect Act 492 (2025 Regular Session) increasing penalty maximums:
 - Single violation: \$3,000 → \$5,000
 - Multiple violations: \$5,000 → \$10,000
 - **Timeline:**
 - Published: Sept. 20, 2025
 - Public Hearing: Oct. 30, 2025
 - Comment Deadline: Nov. 6, 2025
- **NOC-1 – Notification of Change (NOC) Form (LAC 33:I.Ch. 19)**
 - **Summary:** Proposed regulation changes to clarify LAC 33:I.Ch.19) — Notification and Permit Transfer Procedures for Changes to Company/Facility Name and Ownership/Operator
 - **Timeline:**
 - Published: Sept. 20, 2025
 - Public Hearing: Oct. 30, 2025
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Regulatory Services Portal

- Multiple permits/actions are currently in test, examples listed below
 - Title V Monitoring and Deviation Reports
 - Construction Stormwater General Permit Notice of Extension (NOE)
 - Construction Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Exterior Vehicle and Equipment Wash Wastewater Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Multi-Sector General Permit Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Discharge of Sanitary Wastewater Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Discharge of Wastewater from Light Commercial Facilities Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Water Permit Coverage Notice of Termination (NOT)
 - Lead Accreditation Application
 - Lead Contractor Letter of Approval Application
 - Lead Course Notification
 - Lead Project Notification
- Additional Services are in the design phase, such as
 - Air – Initial Title V and Minor Source
 - UST – Certified Worker, Notice of Intent to Closure, Install/Reno Notification



PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Recycling Council**
 - The Department is working to establish a Recycling Council that will bring together local governments, industry, non-profits and academic partners to strengthen recycling efforts across Louisiana.
 - The goal is to create a collaborative forum where stakeholders can help the Department identify the recycling needs in Louisiana.
 - This is an opportunity to align recycling programs, collection systems and market development — connecting the dots between generators, processors and end-use manufacturers.
 - Once established, the Council will serve in an advisory capacity for the Department, providing recommendations on policies, incentives and long-term recycling goals.



PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Closure/Post-Closure Cost Estimate Workbook and Guidance**
 - The closure and post-closure cost estimate spreadsheet and guidance documents were created to provide a common tool for the Department and facilities to look at when developing cost estimates.
 - Working with industry, the Department developed a spreadsheet that can be used to quickly produce closure and post-closure cost estimates for surface impoundments and Type 1, 2 and 3 landfills.
 - The main goals were to provide clarity on how the Department reviews cost estimates, reduce notice of deficiency letters and create common discussion points between the Department and facilities.
 - The spreadsheet and guidance are evolving documents that will continue to be useful even as costs and technologies change. Available at:
<https://deq.louisiana.gov/resources/category/solid-waste-permit-applications>.



WASTE TIRE PILOT PROGRAM

In Summer 2025, LDEQ accepted applications from municipalities and parishes for its Waste Tire Pilot Program, which offers up to \$20,000 per recipient in funding for tire-related cleanup, enforcement and prevention initiatives to address widespread problem across the state.

Examples of eligible funding uses include:

- Equipment purchases to support cleanup or prevention of illegal dumping.
- Overtime or labor costs for parish or municipal staff handling collection or enforcement.
- Site-specific cleanup of newly discovered illegal tire dump locations.
- Installation of barriers, signage, or fencing to prevent future dumping.

The program's first recipients were announced in September 2025:

- City of Gretna
- City of West Monroe
- Iberville Parish
- Lafourche Parish
- Ouachita Parish
- Terrebonne Parish



WASTE TIRE GENERATOR PORTAL

Beginning in September 2025, LDEQ has implemented a new, streamlined way for waste tire generators to report and pay waste tire fees.

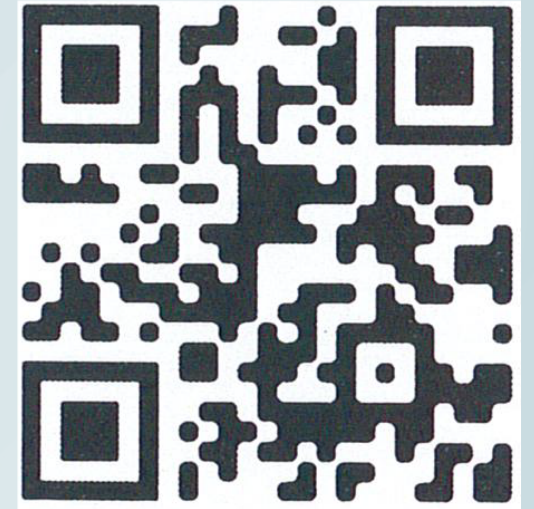
Key Features

- Auto-calculated totals and built-in validation for accuracy
- Save progress and return later with a free account
- Secure, instant payments (credit card, debit or eCheck)
- Automatic email confirmation with PDF receipt
- Fully mobile-accessible on any device

Program Highlights

- Developed in partnership with Tyler Technologies, Inc.
- **23% participation** in the first month (483 of 2,060 users)
- Designed to modernize compliance and simplify reporting

Access: la.accessgov.com/deq/Forms/Page/deq/deq-waste-tires/1



PERMITS ISSUED YTD

LDEQ has issued a total of **2,578** permits, permit renewals, permit modifications and authorizations in 2025. Included in that number are **186** Title V permit issuances, renewals and modifications.

	Permits	Modifications	Authorizations	Renewals	Other
Air	200	203	199	96	326
Hazardous Waste	3	26			
Solid Waste	23	22			
Waste Tire	3				
Water	168	19	704	583	6
TYPE TOTALS	394	270	903	679	332
				TOTAL	2,578





Q&A

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