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My Background





Permitting in Louisiana

- Working with Louisiana Economic Development
 - Pre-site Selection Meetings
 - Pre-permit Meetings
 - Material we can offer

- Expedited Permitting
 - Allows Permit Writers to Work Overtime
 - Available for Air, Water, and Waste Permits

- Application Submittal Planning Meetings
 - Discuss timelines of projects and application submittals
 - Allows management time to put together a team or shift workloads as necessary



Permitting in Louisiana

Doing More With Less – It is possible!

- Cross Training Staff
- Teamwork/Building a Good Team
- Tracking Applications through Queries and Work Plans
- Developing General and Regulatory Permits
- Good Communication
 - Pre-permit meetings enable applicants and staff to discuss possible issues before an application is submitted.
 - Meetings regarding upcoming projects and expected application submittals is especially helpful for facilities with multiple permits.
- Expedited Permits



Air Permits

Air Actions Issued in FY11-12

➤ Title V Initials	-	14
➤ TV Modifications	-	176
➤ TV Renewal	-	129
➤ PSD	-	23
➤ Minor Source	-	1604
➤ Regulatory	-	132

GHG PSD Permits

➤ Issued	-	8
➤ Pending	-	10
➤ On Public Notice	-	3

Pending TV Applications

➤ Initial TV	-	34
➤ TV Renewals	-	87



Water Permits

- During the FY 2012 grant year, the division issued 32 major permits, 203 minor permits, and 42 priority permits exceeding grant commitments for FY 2012.
- LDEQ achieved 100% attainment of EPA's annual goal for processing major, minor, and general permits combined, which is higher than any other state in the region, higher than the national commitment, and higher than the overall regional average (0% backlog).
- The Water Permits Division issued a total of 295 Individual permits and 1,625 General permits.



Waste Permits

- We currently have 19 Pending Solid Waste Applications
- Initial and Renewal Solid Waste Permits are now issued through the Department's TEMPO system.
 - 8 TEMPO permits are currently being drafted in TEMPO
 - Applications and guidance documents are available on the website
- Solid waste regulatory permits have been drafted for Air Curtain Incinerators and for Emergency Debris sites.
- During the 2011-12 fiscal year, 35 permit decisions for Solid Waste Initials, Renewals, Major modifications were issued.



Projects and Workgroups

Air Permits

- Operating Permits Workgroup
 - Meets quarterly to discuss upcoming rulemaking and other air issues.
 - Contact Bryan Johnston of LDEQ's A-team at Bryan.Johnston@la.gov to attend.

- Ozone Advance Program
 - Ozone Advance is a collaborative effort by EPA, states, tribes and local governments to encourage emission reductions in ozone attainment areas, to help them continue to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
 - Lake Charles, Shreveport, Houma/Terrebonne, Baton Rouge and New Orleans have signed up for this program.
 - LDEQ will continue to work with these groups.



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Waste Permits

- Phase I of the SW Regulations were promulgated on 11/20/11

- Phase II of the SW Regulations
 - Workgroup meeting are in progress.
 - Please contact Evita Legard for dates. (225-219-3388)



Projects and Workgroups

Water Permits

- **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Pace Reduction** – Identifying and verifying appropriate standards for waterbodies across the state, leading to development of TMDLs for truly impaired waterbodies.
- **Antidegradation** – Updating Louisiana Antidegradation Regulations to ensure they are supportive of the emerging implementation procedures.
- **Off Shore Oil and Gas Permits** - Initiating sediment studies and issuing 1st individual permit to address legal issues associated with June 10, 2011, Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit decision which remanded LA2600000 for the discharge produced water in the Territorial Seas of Louisiana.
- **Nutrient Gradient Project** – Conducting a comprehensive water quality characterization study to evaluate potential relationships between nutrients and their effects on aquatic life. Funded by grant from EPA.



Questions?

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