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DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE NO. B-2025-01 (REV. 1)

FROM: Tyler Gray, Secretary 
DATE: September 1, 2025
SUBJECT: Department Guidance Class VI Permit Application Reviews
DG-B-2025-01 (Rev. 1)ⁱ

I. Authority

This guidance document is issued with consideration for authority granted in Act 458 of 2025 Regular Session, effective October 1, 2025. Although presently serving as guidance, this document may be converted into a directive order upon initiation by the Deputy Secretary, certification by Undersecretary, and issued pursuant to authority granted to the Secretary by La. R.S. 36:354(A)(14) (Act 458 of 2025, Regular Session), empowering the Secretary to establish immediate agency policy effective upon issuance.

II. Purpose

This is to revise Section VII of the Department Guidance No. B-2025-01, providing guidance as to how to allocate staff resources.

III. Current Permit Statusⁱⁱ

The Class VI review team will concentrate on the following permit applications following the issuance of the permit for Hackberry Sequestration in Cameron Parish (listed in alphabetical order):

- (1) Capio Sherburne CCS Well #1 (Pointe Coupee Parish)
- (2) CCS 2 – Wilcox2ⁱⁱⁱ (Vernon Parish)
- (3) Goose Lake^{iv} and Minerva South^v (Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes)
- (4) LGF Columbia^{vi} (Caldwell Parish)
- (5) River Parish Sequestration – RPN 1^{vii} (Ascension Parish)

Continued evaluations of engineering challenges, geological concerns, and public or stakeholder comments related to these applications will be actively managed during this period to ensure timely progress. Again, all communications or inquiries regarding Class VI permit application status or related information must be directed exclusively through the following email: DNRInfo@la.gov

Direct communication with departmental personnel for application updates or status inquiries is strictly prohibited. Anyone contacting departmental personnel for application updates or status inquiries is to be directed to communicate through the above e-mail address.

ⁱ These orders remain effective until superseded by a subsequent directive or formal rulemaking through the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (APA), including emergency rulemaking or potpourri notices if necessary. These directives, which aren't 'adjudications' under federal or state law, become official departmental policy. Pursuant to Act 458 of the 2025 Regular Session, the Secretary can issue such directives on behalf of the agency for implementation or other official actions, establishing them as official policy. La. R.S. 36:354(A)(14), as amended by Act No. 458, 2025 La. Acts (authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy to issue directives for the department's administration, control, and operation, including programs related to carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)).

^{vi} Louisiana Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Permits and Applications: Class VI Well Applications (updated June 20, 2025), <https://dnr.louisiana.gov/page/permits-and-applications> (last visited July 28, 2025).

ⁱⁱⁱ La. Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Project CCS 2 – Wilcox 2, UIC Draft Permit Application No. 15211642, Operator Code C9346, Vernon Parish (Parish Code 58), SONRIS Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System, https://sonlite.dnr.state.la.us/ords/r/sonris/ucmsearch/findalldocumentsresults?p22_query=1%3D1%20and%20UPPER%28xOperatorCode%29%20%3D%20%27C9346%27%20and%20UPPER%28xParishCode%29%20%3D%20%2758%27&p22_doctype=UIC%20CLASS%20VI%20APPLICATIONS&p22_showcol=&cs=17WH1ct0jufIDU1L5e7090acC58Cy1Pf6PiColbMH-9hFhifqQ7Ih9pdNwK7ijXLqu_jIfyMyrAiPj7YcX6loA (last visited September 1, 2025).

^{iv} La. Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Project Goose Lake, Document No. 15211650, UIC Class VI Permit Application No. 45040, Operator G1037, Calcasieu Parish (Parish Code 10), SONRIS Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System, <https://sonlite.dnr.state.la.us/dnrservices/redirectUrl.jsp?dDocname=15211650&showInline=True> (last visited Aug. 1, 2025).

^v La. Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Project Minerva South, Document No. 15211612, UIC Class VI Permit Application No. 45031, Operator Code G1037, Cameron Parish (Parish Code 12), SONRIS Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System, <https://sonlite.dnr.state.la.us/dnrservices/redirectUrl.jsp?dDocname=15211612&showInline=True> (last visited Aug. 1, 2025).

^{vi} La. Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Project Louisiana Green Fuels, Document Nos. 15208044, 15208100, 15208119, Operator Code L1104, UIC Class VI Permit Application, SONRIS Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System, <https://sonlite.dnr.state.la.us/dnrservices/redirectUrl.jsp?dDocname=15208044&showInline=True> (last visited Aug. 1, 2025).

^{vii} La. Dep't of Energy & Nat. Res., Project Name River Parish Sequestration, RPN-1-INJ, Document No. 15208049, UIC Class VI Permit Application No. 45407, Operator Code R1017, Ascension Parish (Parish Code 03), SONRIS Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System, <https://sonlite.dnr.state.la.us/dnrservices/redirectUrl.jsp?dDocname=15208049&showInline=True> (last visited Aug. 1, 2025).