



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

October 9, 2025

The Honorable J. Cameron Henry, Jr., Senate President
The Honorable Bob Hensgens, Senate Natural Resource Committee Chair
The Honorable Phillip R. DeVillier, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Brett F. Geymann, House Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chair

Via Statutorily Prescribed E-mail

Re: Summary Report of Proposed Amendment to
Department of Energy and Natural Resources
Office of Conservation Rules and Regulations
Unconventional Reservoir Development (LAC 43:XIX Chapter 43)

Dear Oversight Authorities:

The Acting Director of the Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX Chapter 43 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. The proposed rule changes include provisions for uniform development of the Haynesville Shale. Benefits of these amendments include maximizing production by sanctioning longer laterals and allowing more efficient surface and subsurface well placement while ensuring protection of correlative rights. The amendment also simplifies the application process for surface commingling required by cross-unit and unit line well development.

In accordance with La R.S. 49:966 (B) and (C), the Acting Director forwarded a Notice of Intent on July 24, 2025 for the proposed amendments to the appropriate legislative committees, presiding officers of the House and Senate, and other state offices.

A public comment period was held open until September 30, 2025 and a public hearing was held on September 30, 2025 to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule amendments. Pursuant to La R.S. 49:966 (D)(1)(b), the Acting Director submits the following summary report.

I. La R.S. 49:966 (D)(1)(b)(i) – A summary of public hearing testimony:

There were no comments shared at the public hearing held on September 30, 2025.

II. La R.S. 49:966 (D)(1)(b)(ii) – A summary of all comments received, a copy of the agency's responses, and a statement of the agency's action resulting from comments received:

The agency received no written comments regarding the proposed amendments.

III. La R.S. 49:966 (D)(1)(b)(iii) – A revision of the proposed rule since submitting the report of La R.S. 49:966.B, or a statement that no changes were made:

No changes were made since submitting the previous report.

IV. La R.S. 49:966 (D)(1)(b)(iv) – A concise statement of the principal reasons for and against adoption of any amendments or changes suggested:

No changes or amendments are intended to be implemented.

The Office of Conservation expects to publish the final rule in the Louisiana Register on November 20, 2025 or as soon as permissible under the Administrative Procedures Act. Please inform us of your decision on whether or not you intend to hold a hearing as permitted by La R.S. 49:966 D.(2)(a).

Please contact me at 225-342-4505 if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ch. Sandoz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Sandoz
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