**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION**

**AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS**

**(DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

 **Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

**12:00 P.M.**

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

**Advisory Committee members in attendance:**

Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron

Louisiana Ground Water Association, Domestic Driller – Herschel L. Bourque

Representative of the United States Geological Survey – John Lovelace

Secretary of the Department of Health & Hospitals, designee – Jake Causey

Ground Water Association, Industrial Driller – Larry W. La Borde

Commissioner of Conservation, designee - John W. Adams

**Call to Order**

Past Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Larry LaBorde, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. with welcoming remarks. The Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller’s License**

1. The application for Sergio Aviles of APS Design and Testing was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of the November 9, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the meeting summary as presented and was seconded by John Lovelace. The motion passed unanimously.

**Statewide Groundwater Management Plan Recommendation Update**

Environmental Division staff gave a brief summary of the Recommendationsfor aStatewide Groundwater Management Plan document provided to the agency by E & E, Inc., the Ground Water Resources Commission, the Ground Water Management Advisory Task Force and the public.

**The Drilling of Seismic Holes**

A presentation was given on Seismic Holes by Joe Maryman and Jason Froeba of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

**Public Comments**

There was discussion on frac wells in the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale and whether groundwater was to be used. Staff indicated that at this time no requests had been made to use groundwater from the Southern Hills aquifer system, only the Upland Terrace aquifer. There was also discussion regarding the separate licensing of water well pump installers, grandfathering current licensed water well contractors, and adding a test on pump installation and repair to the testing requirements for driller’s licensing. There was also discussion regarding the exemption of low volume wells, such as non-community public supply wells, from the water well notification process; and discussion about requiring drillers to verify that the notification/evaluation process had been completed before installing a new well.

**Date for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Griffon Room of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge.

**Adjourn**

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Herschel Bourque moved to adjourn; seconded by John Adams which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.