

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION
AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS
(DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

**Meeting Summary
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
12:00 P.M.**

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

Advisory Committee members in attendance:

Commissioner of Conservation, designee – John Adams
Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron
Driller, Louisiana Ground Water Association – Herschel Bourque
Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, designee – Patrick Courreges
Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Gary P. Hill
Driller, Louisiana Ground Water Association – Harold Leleux
United States Geological Survey representative – John K. Lovelace
Driller, Louisiana Ground Water Association – Terry Suire

Call to Order

John Lovelace, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 Marcos Rodrigues of Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc. was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The application for William Hammack of Chandler Water Well Drilling was reviewed by the committee. Harold Leleux made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Herschel Bourque. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The application for David Toney of Precision Drilling was reviewed by the committee. Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the application; seconded by Terry Suire. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The application for Ronald Seanor of the USGS was reviewed by the committee. The motion to accept the application was made by Harold Leleux; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The application for Michael C. Neal of Ruen Drilling, Inc. was reviewed by the committee. The motion to accept the application was made by Herschel Bourque; seconded by Scott Bergeron. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the May 14, 2014 Meeting Summary

Herschel Bourque made the motion to accept the meeting summary; seconded by John Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Events Update

Matthew Reonas gave an overview of the most recent water well prior notification submittal audit noting that 87% compliance with regulations. Reported on the creation of a phone line for anonymous reporting of unlicensed water well drilling activity, failure to provide prior notification, and failure to register wells was presented to the members. Also, the members were informed that the Commissioner of Conservation, James Welsh, had amended the temporary groundwater emergency order for south Caddo Parish to relax water use restrictions while keeping the order in place and continuing evaluation. Matt reiterated that the education was an important goal for the agency. Patrick Courreges reported that the seismic activity in the Bayou Corne area had slowed down.

Public Comments

Joel Walton suggested listing the non-compliant water well contractors in the Louisiana Ground Water Association's publication, "Making CONNECTIONS", in order to boost compliance. He also informed the committee that the state of Texas publishes ads in the newspaper listing the violations, civil penalties, and the location of the water well without naming the water well contractor.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12, 2014**, at 12:00 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Adjourn

There being no other business before the Advisory Committee, Herschel Bourque made the motion to adjourn; seconded by John Adams. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.