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

Meeting Summary
August 5, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Prepared by:

The Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Environmental Division Staff

Advisory Committee members in attendance:
Appointed by Governor, Irrigation Driller, Nom of LGWA – Herschel Bourque
Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron
Appointed by U.S.G.S. – Angela Robinson
LGWA, Domestic Driller – Terry Suire
Appointed by Commissioner of Conservation, Driller At-Large – Gary Hill
President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, designee – David Kozan
LGWA, Municipal & Industrial Driller – John Shuman

Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at **11:02 a.m**. by **Herschel Bourque**. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

The Committee recognized the passing of Larry Dutruch with Action Pump & Well Service, WWC: 575 & his distinguished service through his years as a driller in Louisiana.

Committee reviewed & spoke with Driller James Meins concerning his delinquent license renewal. The company only had renewed 1 of the 2 licensed drillers. Recommendation of paying the renewal & fine was accepted; no retesting was required.

Review of New Applicants for Louisiana Driller's License

1. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Charles Coffindaffer**. **Scott Bergeron** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Gary Hill.** The motion passed unanimously.
2. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Allen Mazzanti**. **David Kozan** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Angela Robinson**. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Michael Stewart**. **Gary Hill** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Terry Suire**. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Donald Williams**. **Terry Suire** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Scott Bergeron**. The motion passed unanimously.

5. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Shawn Fisher**. **Scott Bergeron** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Gary Hill**. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Jason Shubert**. **John Shuman** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Scott Bergeron**. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The committee reviewed the water well driller application for **Chase Dutruch**. **John Shuman** made the motion to accept the application and allow the applicant to take the test; seconded by **Scott Bergeron**. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the May 2025 Meeting Summary

Scott Bergeron made a motion to accept the meeting summary. **Angela Robinson** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Well Driller Compliance Review

Nicholas Kien and **Zachary Burch** provided an update and explanation with a Quarterly update on frequent issues the Department is having with registrations, compliance issues, & violations of regulations. Rejected forms were up, but due mainly to one driller's errors.

The Committee reviewed issues with Southeast Water Well Drilling Inc. (WWC: 055). Issues with Civil Penalties as well as current issues with grouting of wells. The Committee recommended & advised that Agency proceed according regulations & procedure. Southeast Water Well Drilling acknowledge & will work with LDENR & on a year probation period with license.

New Business

Nicholas Kien gave a brief update on the LDENR Reorganization to come in October.

Date for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, at 11 a.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by **Scott Bergeron**, seconded by **John Shuman**. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:22 p.m.