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State Legislation: Louisiana State Legislature – Environmental Bills

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The Louisiana State Legislature ("Legislature") conveyed on March 14th for the 2016 Regular Session.

The organization Louisiana Environmental Action Network ("LEAN") recently identified a number of bills which either directly or indirectly involve environmental and/or natural resource issues.

Examples include:

- House Bill ("HB") 371 is described as prohibiting:
- ... the governing authority of any public school or school in a special school district from approving, authorizing or implementing the plan for the construction of a new school for grades pre-K through 12 on land formerly used in commercial disposal, the commercial storage or the commercial disposition of sewage sludge, solid waste, hazardous waste or oilfield waste.
- HB 469 would require that:
- ... certain facilities to implement a fenced-line air monitoring system. On or before July 1, 2017, the
 owner or operator of each facility must install and continuously operate a fenced-line air monitoring
 system at both the property boundary and the facility closest to the nearest residential community
 and the downwind property boundary of the facility.
- HB 192 prohibits local ordinances regulating certain containers and bags.
- HB 526 requires permits for certain groundwater users.
- HB 527 prohibits certain uses of surface water from a scenic river.
- HB 632 addresses financial security required by applicants for drilling permits.
- HB 819 provides for the Oil Field Site Restoration Fund.
- HB 823 provides for heightened drinking water quality water standards and increased enforcement of water system safety regulations in certain parishes.
- Senate Bill ("SB") provides for landowner notification when an operator transfers an oil or gas well
- SB 257 addresses underground storage tanks and the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund

A link to the Louisiana Environmental Action Network publication can be found here <u>https://leanweb.org/legal/5780/?utm_source=E-Alert+List&utm_campaign=ab8ade7c2b-</u> E Alerts11 18 2014&utm medium=email&utm term=0 fc47f1c350-ab8ade7c2b-257204789.



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