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Solid Waste/Wastewater Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District Enter into Settlement Agreement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District ("St. Landry") entered into a Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing alleged violations of a solid waste permit and a Clean Water Act Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("LPDES") permit.. See Settlement Tracking No. SA-MM-23-0057.

The SA provides that St. Landry is a governmental entity that owns and/or operates a landfill ("Facility") located in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

A 2018 inspection is stated to have been undertaken by LDEQ of what is described as a type II/III landfill. The Facility is also stated to operate pursuant to a LPDES Permit.

The LDEQ inspection is alleged to have identified the following violations:

- Failure to prevent the migration of leachate outside the Facility
- Failure to maintain the interim cover, as specified in Part II Attachment 32 of the approved Solid Waste Permit Application
- Caused and/or allowed the discharge of non-contact stormwater from an unpermitted outfall
- Caused and/or allowed the discharge of pollutants
- Failure to timely reapply for a permit 180 days before the expiration of the LPDES permit

St. Landry denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

The SA assesses a civil penalty of \$6,200.

A copy of the SA can be downloaded here.