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## DIGEST

Present law requires persons seeking a permit, license, registration, variance, or LPDES variance to file a written application for such with DEQ. Further provides for procedures for the processing and reviewing of such applications.

Proposed law retains present law and requires DEQ to provide the permit applicant a written summary of specific changes, if requested by such applicant, to the existing permit whenever DEQ prepares a draft database permit for the renewal, extension, or substantial permit modification of an existing hazardous waste permit, solid waste permit, LPDES permit, or air quality permit.

Proposed law provides the following definitions:

"Database" means DEQ's Tools for Environmental Protection and Management Organizations (TEMPO) database system or any similar database system used by DEQ's to generate permits.

"Substantial permit modification" means a substantial permit modification as defined in LAC 33:I.503.

Proposed law requires DEQ to provide the permit applicant a reasonable opportunity to review a draft hazardous waste permit, solid waste permit, LPDES permit, or air quality permit before such draft permit is publicly noticed, if requested by such applicant.

Proposed law requires the draft permit to clearly identify each change made by DEQ to the existing permit if such draft permit includes one or more revisions to an existing permit.

Proposed law requires DEQ to provide the permit applicant a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed language of the permit modification or revision prior to issuance of the final permit modification or revision for minor permit modifications or revisions that do not require preparation of a draft permit and public notice, if requested by the permit applicant.

Proposed law requires DEQ to provide the permit applicant a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed language of the permit modification or revision prior to issuance of the final permit modification or revision or reopen the permit in accordance with applicable law if DEQ proposes minor permit modifications or revisions not requested by such applicant.

Proposed law requires DEQ to adopt rules in accordance with the APA.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 30:2022(D), (E), (F), and (G))