
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a hearing to receive public comments in every parish in which a Class V or VI injection well permit is proposed.

Present law for public hearings to be conducted pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 30:6) and notice to be provided to the governing authority of any affected parish in which a carbon sequestration project is proposed.

Present law further provides that the commissioner hold hearings when requested in writing and to give substantial consideration to comments received from the local government when taking action in any matter requiring a public comment period or public hearing.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for a hearing to be held to receive public comments in parishes in which Class V or Class VI permit applications have been filed prior to issuance of a permit.

Proposed law further provides that the hearing must be held within the first 15 days of the public comment period and cannot be held between Dec. 20th and Jan. 1st.

(Adds R.S. 30:1105(E))