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Existing law provides for written applications to the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for permits, licenses, registrations, and variances.

New law authorizes application submission by electronic means.

Existing law requires DEQ to maintain a list of notices of violations, compliance orders, and penalty assessments, to be updated monthly. Requires the list be mailed to persons who request to be on a mailing list.

New law allows the list to be mailed electronically.

Existing law requires DEQ to notify respondents in writing of a violation and penalty. Allows written comments to be filed with the assistant secretary.

New law allows electronic transmission of comments.

Existing law requires DEQ to notify parish governing authorities and other interested parties in writing of any application for a commercial facility seeking to treat, store, or dispose of naturally occurring radioactive material.

New law allows interested parties within an affected parish to request notice electronically and to provide an email address for receipt of notice.

Existing law requires the original permittee of a sewage treatment facility that is to be acquired by an HOA to submit to DEQ contact information for an environmental contact person.

New law adds email to the list of required contact information.

Existing law provides that a DEQ-filed lien to substitute for the financial responsibility requirements for motor fuel underground storage tank (UST) owners. Further, limits the amount of UST trust account funds used on sites subject to such liens to 20% of amounts collected the previous year.

Existing law allows the secretary of DEQ to exceed lien limits upon recommendation of the trust fund advisory board, and requires the secretary to provide written notice to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

New law provides that written notice pursuant to existing law has the same force and effect as mail or certified mail.

Existing law requires DEQ to evaluate the volume and types of solid waste in the state, to determine the permitted capacity to manage the waste, and to make the determination available through public notice and the DEQ mailing list.

New law provides that the mail list may include email addresses.

Existing law requires the DEQ to provide a list of hazardous waste applications and permits to the district offices of each member of the legislative oversight committees and to each legislator in whose district a facility that applied for or been granted a permit is located.

New law provides that the list may be transmitted electronically.

Existing law requires the DEQ to determine the tax imposed on each disposer or generator of hazardous waste and to mail written notice of the tax to each disposer or generator and to the Dept. of Revenue.

New law provides that the DEQ may transmit notice electronically.

Existing law requires DEQ either to approve remedial action plans or provide written notices of deficiencies within 90 days of receipt of the plan.

New law provides that electronic transmission of notice of deficiencies pursuant to existing law shall have the same force and effect as that provided by mail or certified mail.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 30:2022(A)(1), 2050.1(B)(2)(a), 2050.3(B)(3), 2075.2(B), 2116, 2162(A)(2), 2181, 2195(A)(6), 2250, and 2286.1(A)(2))