

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 585 by Senator Mills

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, delete "and Vermilion and Iberia parishes" and insert "Iberia Parish"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 12 and 13, in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"N.(1) No permit to drill, expand, or operate a new solution-mined cavern, or expand or convert an existing solution-mined cavern in"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14, change "**parishes**" to "**Parish**" and change "**is issued,**" to "**may be issued until after**" and change "**shall be**" to "**is**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, after "**held**" insert "**no earlier than August 15, 2015,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 15, after "**permit**" change the comma "," to a period "." and insert the following:

"The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for such public hearings"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 2, add the following:

"(2) At least thirty days prior to such public hearing on a permit to expand or convert an existing solution-mined cavern or to drill and operate a new solution-mined cavern in Iberia Parish, the permit applicant shall submit a report to the commissioner of conservation, to Save Lake Peigneur Inc., and to the governing authority of Iberia Parish. The report shall provide a baseline analysis of groundwater levels and salt content in the nearby groundwater wells that can be accessed for such analysis; a plan to monitor groundwater levels and salt water content for the duration of the activity for the creation of cavern storage should a permit be granted; a geologic analysis by a qualified third party geologist that examines the integrity of the salt dome; and the results of an analysis of testing that attempts to determine the source and composition of intermittent foaming or bubbling appearing in Lake Peigneur.

(3) No permit to expand or convert an existing solution-mined cavern or to drill and operate a new solution-mined cavern in Iberia Parish shall be issued prior to January 31, 2016.

(4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any activity or operation related to safety, maintenance, inspection, testing

1 or regulatory compliance, when necessary, or when required by
2 regulators."