



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

Office of Public Health

August 6, 2013

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act 292 directing the Department of Health and Hospitals to create the Louisiana Standards for Water Works Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Committee that would develop a set of standards for the design, construction and maintenance of our state's water systems.

We are delighted and eager to begin this process to build a stronger, more protective framework for safe drinking water together, which includes stakeholders, engineering experts, public health experts, consumer advocates and water system owners and operators.

Act 292 laid out specific membership of the committee, based on respective nominating organizations. As an individual nominated by one of the organizations specified in Act 292, I am pleased we will benefit from your knowledge and expertise. Here is a current list of individuals who have been named:

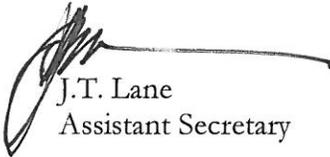
- Dick Barrios, for Louisiana Public Water Suppliers, Southwest Section, American Water Works Association
- Mayor Vern Breland, for the Louisiana Municipal Association
- Ben Bridges, for Louisiana Public Water Suppliers, Southwest Section, American Water Works Association
- Robert Brou, for the Louisiana Rural Water Association
- Jeffery Duplantis, P.E., for the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- Jimmy Guidry, M.D., for the Office of Public Health
- Jimmy Hagan, P.E., for the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- P.R. "Randy" Hollis, P.E., for the Louisiana Municipal Association
- Patrick Kerr, for the Louisiana Public Water Suppliers, National Association of Water Companies
- J.T. Lane, for the Office of Public Health
- Rick Nowlin, for the Louisiana Policy Jury Association
- William "Rusty" Reeves, for the Louisiana Rural Water Association
- Chris Richard, P.E., for the Louisiana Engineering Society
- Keith Shackelford, P.E., for the Louisiana Engineering Society
- Cheryl Slavant, for the Louisiana Environmental Action Network
- Delos Williams, for the Louisiana Public Water Suppliers, National Association of Water Companies

Our first meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2013, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in conference room 118 in the Bienville Building. Monthly meetings will follow until September 2014. At the first meeting, we plan to discuss future meeting dates and preferences, information needs, role of the committee and other topics. We will send out a preliminary agenda this week for your feedback, additions and changes.

All meetings will follow Louisiana open meetings requirements and procedures. In addition, all meetings will be held in Baton Rouge at DHH Headquarters, as directed by Act 292. The address of the Bienville Building is 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me or Sheree Taillon at sheree.taillon@la.gov or 225/342-6188.

I look forward to working with you all and setting the path for a healthier Louisiana.

Sincerely,



J.T. Lane
Assistant Secretary