



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

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Hon. Francis Thompson, Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,
Aquaculture & Rural Development

Hon. John F. "Andy" Anders, Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,
Aquaculture & Rural Development

Dear Sirs:

The Structural Pest Control Commission (commission) hereby submits the following report required by La. R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b) and announces its intention to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the November 20, 2012, Notice of Intent, captioned as "*Structural Pest Control (LAC 7:XXV.Chapter 1)*". This notice of intent was duly promulgated and published on page 2950 of the Louisiana Register.

The commission held a public hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 49:953(A)(2) on January 9, 2013, in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry building located at 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. The hearing was called to order at 9:04 a.m. One person, Joe Arceneaux, spoke. He stated that he was in favor of the proposed rule changes as presented. The written comments were then read into the record (with the exception of the letter dated January 8, 2013 from J.F. Azzarello, Jr.).

The commission received 7 written comments supporting the adoption of the rules as proposed, in particular, the changes to the Wood Destroying Insect Report (WDIR) and 1 written comment in opposition to the changes to the WDIR.

There were written comments in support of language that was not a part of the particular Notice of Intent. They were read into the Record and are also attached.

The written comment in opposition to adoption did not offer, suggest or recommend alternative language. He stated the proposed changes to the WDIR "limits the ability of a PCO to earn revenue not to mention an additional exposure of liability." The proposed rule changes do not in any way limit, enhance or alter the abilities of pest control operators to earn revenue.

After the written comments were read into the record, oral comments were again offered. There were no further oral comments. The hearing was then adjourned. All written comments are attached herewith.

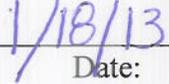
All oral and written comments were considered and no changes were made to the notice of intent.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate "Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development", the Commission intends to submit a rule to the

Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact David M. Fields, at (225) 952-8042 if the commission may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.



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Date:

Enclosures