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Louisiana "Dig Law" to Change October 1, 2011

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 22, 2011 - Governor Jindal has signed into law significant changes in the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Act R.S.40:1749, otherwise known as the state's "dig law." These changes become effective October 1, and they will affect everyone involved in excavation in Louisiana, including homeowners, contractors and utility operators.

The revised law now defines emergencies more strictly. The intent is to reduce the number of excavations declared to be "emergencies" merely to get the site marked more quickly when no imminent threat or danger to life, health, or property exists. The new definition requires that excavators who declare an emergency must have a crew on site when an emergency is declared, and provides for penalties up to \$5,000 for repeated violations of this requirement.

Under the revised statute, utilities, pipelines and other operators will have a little more time to mark their underground facilities. The 48-hour waiting period will begin at 7 a.m. on the next working day after the excavator files their request to have the site marked.

Once the site is marked, the markings will be considered valid so long as they are visible for up to 20 calendar days on non-agricultural sites, doubling the time allowed before such sites must be re-marked again. Farms and other agricultural operations not in

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additional 10 days and therefore need not request re-marking for 30 days so long as the marks remain visible.

Excavators working on large projects will be able to request utility location up to 20 days in advance rather than the 10-day maximum imposed under old law. This change will allow contractors and others additional flexibility if weather or deliveries of critical supplies force changes in excavating schedules.

Finally, the new law will allow utility operators excavating near their own underground systems to elect not to receive notifications involving their own work.

LA One Call is a nonprofit association of more than 1,000 Louisiana underground facility operators. The association notifies its members so that they can mark buried or submerged utilities before you dig. LA One Call operates as a regional notification center as provided for by the Louisiana Damage Prevention Law, which was passed in 1988. Anyone planning an excavation should request that the site be marked by dialing 811 or by visiting their web site at www.laonecall.com. The service is free to excavators.



Engineering Analysis, Design & Surveying for Natural Gas Pipelines

AGA Releases Inaugural Natural Gas Playbook

Washington, DC - The American Gas Association (AGA) today released its inaugural natural gas policy "playbook," officially the 2011 AGA Policy Handbook, which outlines a common set of facts on natural gas and the natural gas industry, including pipeline safety, resource development, energy efficiency and regulation. The playbook also covers the history of natural gas, the challenges and opportunities of the natural gas industry, and the priority issues and strategies with respect to the production, transmission, distribution and use of America's clean-burning and domestically abundant natural gas.

"This playbook details the public policy issues that AGA and our industry believe are critical to realize the goals of energy security, a cleaner environment and economic prosperity," said Dave McCurdy, president and CEO of AGA.

The playbook also contains information about innovation, direct economic benefits, including industry-related jobs, and more.

McCurdy continued: "Thanks to an unprecedented abundance of natural gas supply, both domestically and globally, our industry is poised to reshape not only U.S. energy policy, but also the international natural gas market, as interest in, and demand for this invaluable energy resource continues to grow. Natural gas is America's domestic, clean foundation fuel for now and our long-term future, and when abundant supplies of natural gas are combined with the entire energy portfolio of wind, solar and nuclear, natural gas creates an entirely new playing field for the U.S. economy."

The playbook can be accessed [online](#), and if you are interested in hard copies, please contact Sherri Hamm at shamm@aga.org or 202-824-7201.



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DNR Secretary Angelle Statement on Release of Oil from Strategic Petroleum Reserve

BATON ROUGE - Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle said Thursday that the federal government's release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is confirmation of the critical role energy plays in the economy, but warned that any positive impact for consumer energy prices will be short-lived without a strong and realistic energy policy for the nation.

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2011 Scholarship Raffle

LGA is raffling the following prizes: Sony Bravia, 46" 1080p LCD HDTV donated by Gulf South Pipeline, Apple iPod 2 WiFi 32G donated by

"I certainly share the hope that release of those reserves, in conjunction with the release of reserves by our global partners in the International Energy Agency, does provide consumers some relief and helps in economic stabilization in the near term," Angelle said. "I am proud to say that Louisiana is host to nearly half that strategic reserve - but I believe that the oil and natural gas found naturally beneath our surface and off our shores is what could offer us real hope and help during this generation."

Angelle said that the reaction of U.S. consumers and the economy to the increased price of oil in the past year have once again shown the importance of placing appropriate emphasis on the part played by traditional energy sources in bolstering our national economy.

"Since 1972, there have been six recognized recessions in this country, all preceded by a sustained increase in the price of oil over the previous year - including the 2008 spike in energy costs that led to instability in energy prices and swept up our entire national economy," he said. "We have seen it begin to happen again this year, as the federal government has openly recognized that energy price increases are a major reason our nation's economic recovery has slowed through the first half of 2011."

Angelle noted that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke recently stated that increased consumer spending on a single commodity - gasoline - accounted for half or more of the increase in consumer price inflation in the early part of the year.

"Now we are seeing that the federal government is turning to an increase in the supply of oil to provide an economic boost," Angelle said. "If we recognize that a short-term act to increase available domestic oil can have an impact, we must also recognize the value of a sustained increase in domestic supply through responsible and robust exploration for the resources we can produce right here in America."

Angelle said that while the stated intent of the release of reserves was to offset the loss of production from Libya due to the ongoing civil war there, the price of oil had already risen nearly 30 percent over what it was prior to the imposition of drilling restrictions in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico by the end of 2010, well before reports of unrest in the Middle East.

He noted that oil production from the Gulf federal waters is down an estimated 200,000 barrels a day from what it was prior to the moratorium and the ongoing slowdown in permitting that has followed - and down about 375,000 barrels a day from pre-moratorium analyst projections for 2011.

"The reserves will provide 1 million barrels a day more than we produce right now for 30 days - when the Gulf of Mexico alone could have provided an additional 70 million to 130 million barrels this year and more for years to come," Angelle said. "When you think about the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and its capacity of 727 million barrels of oil, compare that to ExxonMobil's recent announcement of an oil and natural gas discovery in the Gulf estimated to be capable of producing the equivalent of 700 million barrels of oil. Discoveries are still being made onshore and in the federal waters off our coast even in a time when permits for drilling in federal territory are moving slowly."

Angelle said that the current economic concerns also make the opportunities offered by another traditional fuel - natural gas - harder to ignore, opportunities for cleaner-burning energy that is domestically produced, plentiful and affordable.

"As a nation, we have long recognized the need for alternatives to the oil that provides 40 percent of all U.S. energy and 90 percent of our transportation fuel, but forces us to rely on foreign sources for half our supply," he said. "If we are serious about an alternative that works for our national economy, and the millions of family economies around this country, then we need to be serious about encouraging the wider use of natural gas."

Angelle said that the goal of using more renewable energy is one worth supporting, but the fact is that renewable energy sources provide only about 10 percent of current U.S. supply and are more expensive for consumers - and the federal government's own projections show that, even with new regulations and minimum renewable fuel standards, renewables are projected to provide only about 16 percent of that supply by 2035.

"Renewables are simply not likely to be ready to take on a significant portion of the load of supplying our nation's energy within the next 20 years, but we have identified natural gas supplies amounting to more than 100 years worth of our current consumption within our own borders," Angelle said.

The most recent U.S. Energy Department survey of prices showed the price of

LNGS, and Yeti Cooler Tundra Series 45 Quart Ice Chest donated by Crosstex!

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compressed natural gas (CNG) for a passenger car or truck averages from \$2 to \$1.50 less per gallon equivalent than a gallon of gasoline.

"If we truly want to build a stronger economy, one less vulnerable to threats from energy stability, we already have the resources, we just need to execute a realistic plan," Angelle said.

LGA 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference

Did you miss the Pipeline Safety Conference?

The 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference was held July 25-29, 2011 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The 2011 conference included more than 500 attendees, our largest turnout yet. Thank you to all our volunteers, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors that helped make this years conference a huge success!

What did you miss at the Pipeline Safety Conference?

- **Education**
 - Up-to-date information was shared from experts in the Gas Industry
 - Opportunities for Continuing Education Units (CEU; Equals 14 PDH credits) toward your *Continuing Professional Development* (CPD) program.
 - Vendors shared information on their products during the Vendor Track for attendees to learn more about their products and services.
- **Networking**
 - Receptions were held Monday and Wednesday in the Exhibitor showroom where attendees had the opportunity to network with individuals in the industry.
 - Great door prizes were given away during "Exhibitor Bingo" including: iPods, gift cards to Bass Pro Shop and Home Depot, tailgating chairs and ice chests and many more!
- **Fun**
 - Attendees enjoyed the sites and sounds of Bourbon Street without ever stepping foot on it in. Each year LGA sponsors a hospitality suite on the Balcony of the Royal Sonesta. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, music and fun while networking with people in the gas industry.

Speaker Presentations available on the LGA website:

Miss out on a presentation? Speaker presentation are available to view on the LGA website, [Click here to download the speaker presentations from the LGA website.](#)

We have 191/192 Regulation Books available!

191/192 Regulation Books are available first come, first paid! In order to receive an additional 191/192 Regulation Book there will be a \$12.00/per book shipping charge. If you are interested in receiving an additional 191/192 Regulation Book please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office, (225) 218-6885 or LGA@tatmangroup.com.

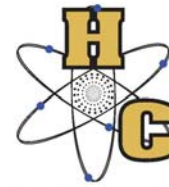
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2011 LGA Annual Operations Conference

Save the Date!

Please make plans to attend the 2011 Annual Operations Conference that will be held October 10-12, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriott and Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center in Houma, Louisiana. Additional Information is coming soon!

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Seminar Schedule:

- October 10, 2011:
 - Making \$ense of Natural Gas Vehicles/CNG Exhibition & Tradeshow
 - Golf Tournament
 - BBQ Cook-Off and BBQ Social
- October 11-12, 2011:
 - Operations Conference Sessions

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities:

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities are available. Please [download the Exhibitor & Sponsorship flyer](#) for more information and return completed forms with payment to the LGA office.

Hotel Accommodations:

The special room rate of \$129.00 will be honored at the Courtyard Marriott located at 142 Library Drive in Houma, Louisiana. Reservations can be made by phoning the hotel directly at (985) 223-8996, or online at www.marriott.com. The deadline to receive this rate is September 16, 2011. Reservation made after this date will be based on available space and rates.

Questions? Contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA Office,

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Making \$ense of Natural Gas Vehicles Exhibition & Tradeshow

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Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center
346 Civic Center Boulevard
Houma, LA 70360

General Information:

The Natural Gas Vehicle Exhibition & Tradeshow will be held in conjunction with the Louisiana Gas Association's Annual Operations Conference. This exciting seminar will be a prime opportunity to find out more about how to successfully convert fleets to Natural Gas. There will be many opportunities to meet with company dealerships and fueling station manufacturers that provide equipment to meet your needs.

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There are no fees association with CNG vehicles and fueling stations brought to the event for display. Exhibitor Booth space will be a 10-foot by 10-foot area with a 8x3 -foot table and 2 chairs. The Exhibitor registration is \$300 per booth space. **Exhibitors limited to the first 28 PAID registrations received!**

Exhibitor Booth set up: Monday, October 10, 2011 from 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Exhibitor Booth tear down: Monday, October 10, 2011 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Platinum Level: \$1,500+
 - Includes: One (1) display booth (optional) and full page advertisement in the event program
- Gold Level: \$800
 - Includes: One (1) display booth (optional) and 1/2 page advertisement in the event program
- Silver Level: \$400
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Articles may include, but are not limited to:

1. LGA Member, Company, and/or Employee Recognitions
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