

SEP 11 1985

Honorable Edwin W. Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Governor Edwards:

I am happy to announce that, by virtue of the authority granted by the Administrator and effective today, I am delegating to the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) the full authority to implement and enforce the National Emission Standard for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources) of Benzene under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) program in the State of Louisiana.

By virtue of the October 14, 1983, authority, EPA Region 6 delegated to the State of Louisiana and the LDEQ automatic delegation to implement the administrative and technical responsibilities for future NESHAP.

With the adoption of the Louisiana Emission Standards for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources) for Volatile Hazardous Air Pollutants by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on May 20, 1985, and based on our review of these regulations, we have determined that the State's procedures and present resources are adequate for assuming full authority for the benzene NESHAP program, including enforcement activities. Therefore, the October 14, 1983, partial delegation provisions are replaced by the full delegation provisions which includes enforcement.

Since this full delegation becomes effective on the date of this letter, there is no requirement that the State notify EPA of its acceptance. Unless EPA receives a written notice of objection from the State of Louisiana within 10 days of the date of receipt of this letter, we will assume that the State of Louisiana and the LDEQ have accepted all of the terms of the delegation.

If you have any questions concerning this delegation, please feel free to have your staff contact Ms. Donna Ascenzi of my staff at (214) 767-1594.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frances E. Phillips for

Dick Whittington, P.E.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Patricia Norton, Secretary
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DELEGATION OF ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY
FOR
THE NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (NESHAP)
BENZENE EQUIPMENT LEAKS (FUGITIVE EMISSION SOURCES)
TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
(40 CFR PART 61, SUBPARTS J AND V)

EFFECTIVE DATE: *September 11, 1985*

ADDENDUM

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) delegates to the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality the authority for the implementation and enforcement of the NESHAP program. This authority is granted to assure compliance of the affected benzene sources with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 61, Subparts J and V.

/s/ Frances E. Phillips for

Dick Whittington, P.E.
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6

September 11, 1985
Date