

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

Orleans Parish Individual Sewage

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals has adopted the following emergency rule governing the installation of individual sewage systems in certain areas of Orleans Parish. Concurrently, a Notice of Intent to establish a permanent rule is being published in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B).

Funds in the amount of \$12,500,000 from the federal and state governments as well as the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board have been committed for the design and construction of a community sewage system for the following areas in Orleans Parish: property between Chef Pass and the Rigolets, outside the hurricane protection levee; and property on the Lake Pontchartrain side of the LandM Railroad tracks that parallel Hayne Boulevard, outside the hurricane protection levee; and property on either side of U.S. Highway 11 between Powers Junction and Interstate 10, commonly referred to as Irish Bayou.

This emergency adoption is necessary to prohibit the increase of individual sewage disposal systems in organized, subdivision type camp developments for individual camps/dwellings which shall be provided with community type sewage disposal facilities. To continue to allow the installation of individual sewage treatment and disposal systems would only jeopardize continuation of funding for this much needed public health project as many of the existing

systems are inadequate and are contributing to the pollution of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

The effective date of this rule is August 1, 1996, and shall remain in effect for 120 days or until this rule takes effect through the normal promulgation process, whichever occurs first.

Emergency Rule

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- 1) property between the Chef Pass and the Rigolets, outside the hurricane protection levee; and
- 2) property on the Lake Pontchartrain side of the LandM Railroad tracks that parallel Hayne Boulevard outside the hurricane protection levee; and
- 3) property on either side of US Highway 11 between Powers Junction and Interstate 10, commonly referred to as Irish Bayou.

Bobby P. Jindal
Secretary