



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-121

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***EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION***

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**WHEREAS**, the ability to protect the citizens of the state of Louisiana depends, in part, upon the adequacy of local community emergency response plans;

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C.A. §11001, *et seq.*, requires states to establish and maintain an emergency response commission, which has technical expertise in the field of emergency response, to notify and protect the public in the event of a release of an extremely hazardous substance into the environment.

**WHEREAS**, through the enactment of R.S. 30:2364, the Louisiana Legislature created the Emergency Response Commission within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to create a comprehensive information system containing specific data regarding the presence and location of hazardous materials in Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 30:2364 provides that the Emergency Response Commission is appointed by the Governor;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 30:2364 provides that the Emergency Response Commission functions under the supervision and authority of the deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, office of the state police;

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has mandated and supports a cooperative effort of all involved agencies to work through an interagency advisory commission, and a single state supervisory agency to create a comprehensive information system, implement comprehensive state and local planning, and as soon as practical and feasible, make this crucial information

available to the public through designated local repositories at a minimum of additional cost to owners or operators, the state, or local government; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.S. 30:2364 the Emergency Response Commission is responsible for establishing emergency planning districts; appointing local emergency planning committees; supervising and coordinating the activities of local emergency planning committees; providing the Environmental Protection Agency with information concerning notification received on certain releases of hazardous materials and substances; designating, as necessary, facilities subject to hazardous material reporting procedures; recommending a standardized inventory form for gathering required information and developing reporting procedures which reduce duplication of reporting; recommending as necessary, additional substances which should be defined as hazardous materials; act as the central advisory body for coordinating state and federal activities concerning community “Right-to-Know” legislation with regard to hazardous materials and substances; establishing procedures for recalling and processing public requests for information; and reviewing local emergency planning committee emergency response plans and recommending revisions as necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is reestablished and continued. The commission shall be composed of sixteen (16) members who serve at the pleasure of the Governor, as follows:

- A. The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or the deputy secretary’s designee;
- B. The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, or the secretary’s designee;
- C. The secretary of the Department of Health, or the secretary’s designee;
- D. The director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or the director’s designee;
- E. A representative of the Right-To-Know Unit, Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police;
- F. A representative of the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association;
- G. A member of the Carrol L. Herring Fire & Emergency Training Institute at Louisiana State University;
- H. A representative of environmental interests;

- I. A representative of the chemical industry nominated by the Louisiana Chemical Association
- J. A representative from the Louisiana Motor Transportation Commission
- K. A representative member from the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association
- L. One representative from each public service commission district actively engaged in emergency management.

Section 2: The chair of the Commission shall be the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or his designee. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by members of the Commission from its membership.

Section 3: The Commission shall have authority to receive grants, donations, or gifts of money, equipment, supplies, or services from any public or private source to enable it to fulfill the duties and responsibilities specified in Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Section 4: The Commission shall meet quarterly and at the call of the chair.

Section 5: Commission members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Commission.

Commission members who are employees or elected public officials of the State of Louisiana, or a political subdivision thereof, may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

Commission members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

Section 6: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 7: Executive Order Number JBE 2016-47 is hereby terminated.

Section 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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JEFF LANDRY  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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NANCY LANDRY  
SECRETARY OF STATE