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Proposed law requires the commissioner of conservation to require the operator identify to the best of his knowledge, on a form approved by the commissioner, the surface owner of lands on which the well site is located, no later than 30 days after the issuance of an amended permit to transfer a well to another operator.

Present law requires the commissioner to seek to notify the last operator of record, at his last known address contained in the department records, of the site that is to be declared orphaned and shall publish a notice in the Louisiana Register that the oilfield site is to be declared orphaned, prior to declaring a site to be an orphaned oilfield site.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the commissioner to seek to notify the surface owner of the site that is to be declared orphaned when the department has been provided such information pursuant to proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 30:91(B)(1); adds R.S. 30:28(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Changes the notification requirements.