

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 516**

**2024 Regular Session**

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ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Provides relative to carbon dioxide sequestration

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Prohibits Class VI injection wellheads within 500 feet of a school.
2. Prohibits Class VI injection wellheads within 500 feet of an "inhabited dwelling", rather than "residential property", that is not owned by the operator or by an owner in interest who has entered into a contract with the operator that allows for locating of the wellhead within 500 feet.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law provides definitions for "area of review" and "geologic sequestration project".

Present law provides for the recordation of a notice of geologic storage agreement and includes specific requirements for recording such notices. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law further requires owners and operators of permitted storage facilities to record with the clerk of court for any parish included in the area of review for the facility:

- (1) Notice of Class VI permit.
- (2) Maps of the area of review identifying certain features, including wells, faults, bodies of water, aquifers, structures for human occupancy, roads, and state boundaries, but only to the extent such information is already required by administrative rules.

Proposed law further provides that any party recording maps must notify appropriate local governing authorities within 30 days of recordation.

Proposed law prohibits the commissioner of conservation from permitting a Class VI injection wellhead within 500 feet of any school, health care facility, or inhabited dwelling not owned by the operator or an owner in interest under a contract that allows for location of the wellhead within 500 feet.

Proposed law requires storage facilities to have emergency and remedial response plans in place prior to injection as required by administrative rule and requires storage facility owners and operators to provide parish governing authorities with a copy of the plan.

Proposed law further requires that emergency and remedial response plans include continuing training programs for operating and maintenance personnel regarding potential hazards, risk scenarios, and response actions.

Proposed law requires that storage facility owners and operators conduct periodic testing and monitoring of ground water quality above the confining zone and report semi-annually to the office of conservation regarding such testing and monitoring.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 30:1112; Adds R.S. 30:1103(14) and (15), 1107.2, 1113, and 1114)