

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for the following distribution of funds collected by the office of mineral resources from any contractual agreements for the storage of carbon dioxide on state-owned lands or water bottoms:

- (1) 30% to the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund.
- (2) 30% to parishes included in the agreement. If one or more parishes is included in the agreement, the 30% will be divided based on the amount of land in each parish included in the agreement.
- (3) The remaining funds are deposited into the state general fund.

Prior law excluded from the distribution of revenue all existing constitutional and statutory dedications of funds collected by the office of mineral resources on behalf of a state agency.

New law retains the distribution established by prior law but limits its application to activity on public lands as defined in existing law (R.S. 41:1701) and formerly navigable dried lake beds that remain owned by the state. New law also removes the exception for constitutional and statutorily dedicated funds and states expressly that this distribution does not apply to property owned by state agencies or local governmental entities.

New law creates a separate dedication of revenue for carbon dioxide storage on state property owned by state agencies. New law dedicates 30% of injection-based revenue received by state agencies for carbon dioxide storage on their property to the parishes within the area of review for the storage facility.

New law further provides that the remaining injection-based revenue shall be deposited into the state general fund, unless it is revenue collected by or on behalf of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission which must be deposited into the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund instead.

New law defines "injection-based revenue."

Existing law provides that the requirements of certain existing law do not authorize the breach of any term or condition of property donations accepted by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

New law adds the dedication of revenue collected by state agencies under new law to the list of requirements that do not authorize such a breach. New law further restricts this provision to donations accepted by the department prior to Aug. 1, 2025.

New law adds that if a tax on carbon dioxide injection is enacted and dedicates funds to parishes, the obligation of a state agency to pay local authorities under new law must be reduced by any tax revenue received by the local authority.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 30:149(B)(intro. para.) and (C) and 209.2(B)(intro. para.) and (C) and R.S. 56:765; Adds R.S. 30:149.1 and 209.3)