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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All Concerned

**FROM:** James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation

**RE:** Well Status Changes on SONRIS's "Maintain Well Data" Screen

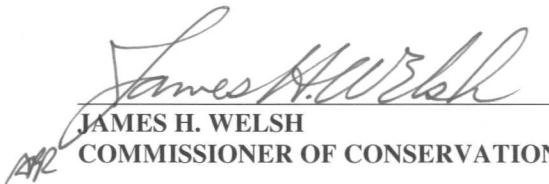
Following the 2005 hurricanes many oil and gas wells in south Louisiana were shut-in due to damage or their inability to reach the market. Because of these unusual circumstances the program used to enter DM1-R and DT-1 ("Oil Well Potential Report" and "Gas Well Deliverability Report" respectively) data into SONRIS was modified for the Lafayette District only. In the past if a test report in the Lafayette District was entered that changed the well status the update to SONRIS's "Maintain Well Data Screen" occurred immediately. Following the 2005 program change, if a report was filed on a well in the Lafayette District it did not update the status of the well on SONRIS's "Maintain Well Data Screen". The program used to enter DM1-R and DT-1 data was recently modified so that the well status is again updated on SONRIS for all districts.

These changes did not affect the well status as listed on the "Well Test Screen" or the updates for wells outside the Lafayette District Area. But in any event, the Office of Conservation repeats the disclaimer found on SONRIS:

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