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Dear Mr. Driesse:

At the April 15 Louisiana Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Council meeting, the Senate Bill 411 was brought to our attention. The council believes that two amendments are needed on the bill.

First, the council would like the bill to specifically state that topographic features consist of the following features:

- Annotation
- Structures
- Boundaries
- Transportation
- Hydrography (stream network)
- Hypsography (elevation contours)
- Vegetative (Land) Cover
- Land Use

This list conforms to list of layers currently contained in the United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute topographic maps.

Member Agencies: Louisiana Senate; Louisiana House of Representatives; Division of Administration; Military Department; Departments of Justice; Agriculture and Forestry; Culture, Recreation and Tourism; Education; Economic Development; Environmental Quality; Health and Hospitals; Labor; Natural Resources; Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness; Public Safety and Corrections; Social Services; Transportation and Development; Wildlife and Fisheries; the Louisiana Assessors Association; the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts; the Louisiana Municipal Association; the Louisiana Police Jury Association; the Louisiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors; the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and the U.S. Geological Survey.

We would also like the bill to state which agency is responsible for updating and maintaining each dataset. Specifically, the bill should state the following:

- State Land Office is responsible for maintaining Cadastral data from the United States Geological Survey.
- Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for updating and maintaining the Hydrography dataset.
- Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for updating and maintaining the Transportation dataset.
- Division of Administration is responsible for updating and maintaining the Governmental Units dataset.
- Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office is responsible for updating and maintaining the Orthoimagery dataset as well as Elevation and Bathometry datasets.
- Assignment of the Geodetic Control dataset will be determined.

Regards,



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