

may exceed federal requirements where the secretary determines necessary.

Present law provides for reasonable disbursements from the account to tank owners for reimbursement of payment to approved response action contractors, only after amounts required by law have been paid by the owner.

Proposed law provides that for remediation work contracted on or after August 1, 1995, the department shall pay the response action contractor directly upon presentation of invoices.

Present law provides that no disbursement from the account may be made until an eligibility verification is made and that initial assessments shall be made within two years of receipt of a request.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that an initial assessment be made within two years of request.

Present law provides for financial responsibility for noncompliance, for annual review of requirements and recommendation of adjustments thereto, and requires that adjustments be no less than amounts currently established by law.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that adjustments be no less than amounts in current law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 30:2194(B)(4) and (11), (C)(2), and (4)(a) and (b), 2194.1, 2195(D) and (F)(3), 2195.2(A)(1)(c)(ii), 2195.4(A)(1) and (3)(c), and 2195.10(D); repeals R.S. 30:2195.4(A)(3)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Provides that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the account and be available for expenditure in future fiscal years.
2. Clarifies that the secretary may declare a tank abandoned where a release is not eligible for the account or where action by the department is the most efficient way to address conditions at the site.
3. Provides for technical corrections.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical corrections.