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Present law provides for DEQ responsibility for environmental protection and regulation, having jurisdiction over air quality within the state. Authorizes DEQ to adopt rules and regulations for protection of the environment.

Proposed law requires certain facilities that emit toxic air pollutants to install and operate air monitoring systems along the facility perimeter. Defines "facility" as a NAICS Code System petroleum refinery or chemical manufacturing facility with over 50 lbs. of emissions for any of the 17 enumerated pollutants. Further defines "toxic air pollutant", and "acute exposure thresholds" for certain airborne chemicals.

Proposed law requires that facilities monitor for certain airborne pollutants, and provide alerts to interested parties when a pollutant's concentration exceeds a certain exposure threshold.

Proposed law defines "air monitoring system" and provides for certain planning, design, equipment, installation, data collection, public notification, and reporting requirements. Requires that the facility owner be responsible for costs of the system.

Proposed law defines "air monitoring system plan" that the facility must submit to DEQ prior to installation of an air monitoring system, to provide an inventory and location of all equipment, quality control protocols, modes of data presentation and public notification, maintenance schedules, and system installation and maintenance schedules.

Proposed law requires the facility to install and operate an on-site weather station to monitor meteorological data.

Proposed law requires that a facility collect and maintain real-time and historical monitoring data for toxic air pollutants. Further requires that the facility allow interested persons to register for electronic notification of system alerts.

Proposed law requires facility owners to electronically submit to DEQ quarterly reports of pollutant measurements.

Proposed law authorizes DEQ to adopt rules to implement proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 30:2382)