

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

ENVIRONMENT/AIR: Provides for environmental study of conditions present when munitions are burned for destruction

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct environmental testing on the
3 conditions present when munitions are disposed of by the process of open burning
4 and open detonation, report results, and form a dialogue committee.

5 WHEREAS, citizens of the state of Louisiana have expressed concerns over
6 environmental conditions brought about by the process of disposal of munitions by open
7 burning and open detonation; and

8 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana, in partnership with the United States
9 Environmental Protection Agency, is currently engaged in the largest disposal project in the
10 United States for expired munitions at the Camp Minden Louisiana National Guard facility;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana currently has permitted a commercial facility for
13 the open burning and open detonation of explosives; and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality is the appropriate agency to
15 conduct an investigation of environmental soil, ground water, and air conditions resulting
16 from the open burning and open detonation of munitions; and

17 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana have asked that the Department of
18 Environmental Quality conduct soil, ground water, and air sampling at the commercial open
19 burning and open detonation facility.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 direct the Department of Environmental Quality to develop and implement a sampling plan

1 for testing of the soil, ground water, and air at the commercial facility permitted to open burn
2 and open detonate, during normal operations, to determine sufficient information to make
3 informed decisions on the use of the process in normal operations.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Environmental Quality shall
5 complete the sampling plan, sampling, and analysis of the results within six months of the
6 adoption of this Resolution and report the results of that sampling to the House Committee
7 on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environmental
8 Quality.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within thirty days of the adoption of this
10 Resolution, the Department of Environmental Quality shall collaborate with Clean Harbors
11 Colfax, LLC on the formation of a dialogue committee with regard to all site activities.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality and to Clean Harbors Colfax,
14 LLC.

DIGEST

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Directs the Dept. of Environmental Quality to develop and implement a sampling plan for testing certain commercial open burn and open detonate facilities and report results to the oversight committees within six months.

Requires the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Clean Harbors Colfax, LLC to form a dialogue committee within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Specify that the sampling plan applies to "commercial" facilities.