

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to develop and implement a sampling plan for testing of the soil, ground water, and air at the commercial facility permitted to open burn and open detonate, during normal operations, to determine sufficient information to make informed decisions on the use of the process in normal operations.

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE