
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires certain facilities to implement a fence-line air monitoring system after receiving three compliance orders for air permit violations.

Proposed law requires on or before Jan. 1, 2020, the owner or operator of each facility operate a fence-line air monitoring system at the property boundary of the facility closest to the nearest residential community. Proposed law provides for the criteria pollutants the system must monitor.

Proposed law requires a fence-line air monitoring system be installed, and any monitoring costs incurred by the department be, at the facility's cost.

Proposed law defines "facility" as any stationary source or any group of stationary sources that are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, which are under common control of the same person or persons and are defined as a major source under the federal Clean Air Act, present law, or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to either law. Also defines "facility" as any stationary minor source or permitted solid waste landfill that has been designated as a "facility" for the purposes of proposed law by the local governing authority of the parish in which the facility is located.

Proposed law defines a "fence-line air monitoring system" as equipment that measures and records air pollutant concentrations along the property boundary of a facility used for detecting an exceedance of air quality standards or the existence of a public health threat. Requires that the system include a meteorological station, chemical-specific detection, measurement, notice, and reporting of any and all exceedances, real-time data collection, real-time data public alerts, and back-up power systems.

Proposed law requires facility owners or operators required to install and operate a fence-line air monitoring system to maintain the records of all data from such system for five years.

Proposed law further requires compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's monitoring requirements.

(Adds R.S. 30:2067)