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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-3-23-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2024,
 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The office shall administer the following:
 4 (1) The energy development fund under ~~IC 4-23-5.5-10~~ **section**
 5 **10 of this chapter**.
 6 (2) A low interest revolving loan program for certain energy
 7 efficiency or recycling projects under section 9 of this chapter.
 8 (3) The green industries fund under IC 5-28-34, in consultation
 9 with the Indiana economic development corporation.
 10 SECTION 2. IC 4-3-23-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 11 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. (a) The energy development fund is established as**
 13 **a dedicated fund to be administered by the office. Money in the**
 14 **fund shall be expended by the office exclusively to effect the**
 15 **provisions of this chapter and may include administrative costs.**
 16 **(b) All money received by the office for deposit in the energy**
 17 **development fund shall be deposited in the fund.**

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1 (c) No portion of the fund shall revert to the state general fund
2 at the end of a state fiscal year. However, if the fund is abolished its
3 contents shall revert to the state general fund.

4 (d) All money accruing to the fund is continuously
5 appropriated for the purposes specified in this chapter.

6 SECTION 3. IC 4-3-23-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The Indiana energy efficiency loan fund is
9 established for the purpose of assisting Indiana industries and
10 governing bodies (as defined in IC 36-1-12.5-1.5) in undertaking
11 energy efficiency projects. The fund shall be administered by the
12 board.

13 (b) Sources of money for the fund consist of the following:

14 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.

15 (2) Repayment proceeds, including interest, of loans made
16 from the fund.

17 (3) Donations, gifts, and money received from any other
18 source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.

19 (c) Money remaining in the fund at the end of a state fiscal
20 year does not revert to the state general fund.

21 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund
22 not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
23 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
24 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

25 (e) The board shall establish:

26 (1) amounts, terms, and interest rates for loans under this
27 section; and

28 (2) criteria for awarding loans under this section.

29 (f) A person, business, governing body, or manufacturer that
30 wants a loan from the fund must file an application in the manner
31 prescribed by the board.

32 SECTION 4. IC 4-22-2-28.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2023,
33 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 28.1. (a) The following definitions apply
35 throughout this section:

36 (1) "Coordinator" refers to the small business regulatory
37 coordinator assigned to a rule by an agency under subsection (b).

38 (2) "Director" refers to the director or other administrative head
39 of an agency.

40 (3) "Small business" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-28-2-6.

41 (b) For each rulemaking action and rule finally adopted as a result
42 of a rulemaking action by an agency, the agency shall assign one (1)

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1 staff person to serve as the agency's small business regulatory
 2 coordinator with respect to the proposed or adopted rule. The agency
 3 shall assign a staff person to a rule under this subsection based on the
 4 person's knowledge of, or experience with, the subject matter of the
 5 rule. A staff person may serve as the coordinator for more than one (1)
 6 rule proposed or adopted by the agency if the person is qualified by
 7 knowledge or experience with respect to each rule. The first public
 8 comment period notice published under section 23 of this chapter must
 9 include the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail
 10 address of the small business coordinator for the proposed rule, the
 11 name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the
 12 small business ombudsman designated under IC 5-28-17-6, and a
 13 statement of the resources available to regulated entities through the
 14 small business ombudsman designated under IC 5-28-17-6. In the case
 15 of a rule finally adopted, the final rule, as published in the Indiana
 16 Register, must include the name, address, telephone number, and
 17 electronic mail address of the coordinator.

18 (c) This subsection applies to a rule adopted by the department of
 19 environmental management or the board listed in IC 13-14-9-1. In
 20 addition to the information required by subsection (b), the department
 21 and a board shall include in the notice provided under section 23 of this
 22 chapter and in the publication of the final rule in the Indiana Register:

23 (1) a statement of the resources available to regulated entities
 24 through the technical and compliance assistance program
 25 established under IC 13-28-3;

26 (2) the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail
 27 address of the ombudsman designated under IC 13-28-3-2; and

28 (3) if applicable, a statement of

29 (A) the resources available to small businesses through the
 30 small business stationary source technical assistance
 31 program established under ~~IC 13-28-5~~; and **IC 13-28-3-7**.

32 (B) ~~the name, address, telephone number, and electronic~~
 33 ~~mail address of the ombudsman for small business~~
 34 ~~designated under IC 13-28-5-2(3).~~

35 The coordinator assigned to the rule shall work with the ombudsman
 36 described in subdivision (2) ~~and the office of voluntary compliance~~
 37 ~~established by IC 13-28-1-1~~ to coordinate the provision of services
 38 required under subsection (d) and IC 13-28-3. If applicable, the
 39 coordinator assigned to the rule shall work with the ombudsman
 40 referred to in subdivision ~~(3)(B)~~ **(3)**. ~~to coordinate the provision of~~
 41 ~~services required under this section and IC 13-28-5.~~

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1 (d) The coordinator assigned to a rule shall serve as a liaison
 2 between the agency and any small business subject to regulation under
 3 the rule. The coordinator shall provide guidance to small businesses
 4 affected by the rule on the following:

5 (1) Any requirements imposed by the rule, including any
 6 reporting, record keeping, or accounting requirements.

7 (2) How the agency determines or measures compliance with the
 8 rule, including any deadlines for action by regulated entities.

9 (3) Any penalties, sanctions, or fines imposed for noncompliance
 10 with the rule.

11 (4) Any other concerns of small businesses with respect to the
 12 rule, including the agency's application or enforcement of the
 13 rule in particular situations. However, in the case of a rule
 14 adopted by the department of environmental management or a
 15 board listed in IC 13-14-9-1, the coordinator assigned to the rule
 16 may refer a small business with concerns about the application
 17 or enforcement of the rule in a particular situation to the
 18 ombudsman designated under IC 13-28-3-2. ~~or, if applicable,~~
 19 ~~under IC 13-28-5-2(3).~~

20 (e) The coordinator assigned to a rule shall provide guidance
 21 under this section in response to questions and concerns expressed by
 22 small businesses affected by the rule. The coordinator may also issue
 23 general guidelines or informational pamphlets to assist small
 24 businesses in complying with the rule. Any guidelines or informational
 25 pamphlets issued under this subsection shall be made available:

26 (1) for public inspection and copying at the offices of the agency
 27 under IC 5-14-3; and

28 (2) electronically through electronic gateway access.

29 (f) The coordinator assigned to a rule shall keep a record of all
 30 comments, questions, and complaints received from small businesses
 31 with respect to the rule. The coordinator shall deliver the record, along
 32 with any accompanying documents submitted by small businesses, to
 33 the director:

34 (1) not later than ten (10) days after the date on which the rule is
 35 submitted to the publisher under section 35 of this chapter; and

36 (2) before July 15 of each year during which the rule remains in
 37 effect.

38 The coordinator and the director shall keep confidential any
 39 information concerning a small business to the extent that the
 40 information is exempt from public disclosure under IC 5-14-3-4.

41 (g) Not later than November 1 of each year, the director shall:

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- 1 (1) compile the records received from all of the agency's
- 2 coordinators under subsection (f);
- 3 (2) prepare a report that sets forth:
- 4 (A) the number of comments, complaints, and questions
- 5 received by the agency from small businesses during the
- 6 most recent state fiscal year, categorized by the subject
- 7 matter of the rules involved;
- 8 (B) the number of complaints or questions reported under
- 9 clause (A) that were resolved to the satisfaction of the
- 10 agency and the small businesses involved;
- 11 (C) the total number of staff serving as coordinators under
- 12 this section during the most recent state fiscal year;
- 13 (D) the agency's costs in complying with this section during
- 14 the most recent state fiscal year; and
- 15 (E) the projected budget required by the agency to comply
- 16 with this section during the current state fiscal year; and
- 17 (3) deliver the report to the legislative council in an electronic
- 18 format under IC 5-14-6 and to the small business ombudsman
- 19 designated under IC 5-28-17-6.

20 SECTION 5. IC 4-23-5.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.34-2013,
 21 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

- 23 (1) "board" refers to the Indiana recycling market development
- 24 board created by this chapter; **and**
- 25 ~~(2) "division" refers to the division of pollution prevention~~
- 26 ~~established by IC 13-27-2-1; and~~
- 27 ~~(3) (2) "office" refers to the Indiana office of energy~~
- 28 ~~development established by IC 4-3-23-3.~~

29 SECTION 6. IC 4-23-5.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
 30 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana recycling market development
 32 board is created and constitutes a public instrumentality of the state.
 33 The exercise by the board of the powers conferred by this chapter is an
 34 essential governmental function.

- 35 (b) The board consists of nine (9) members, one (1) of whom shall
- 36 be the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee and
- 37 eight (8) of whom shall be appointed by the governor for four (4) year
- 38 terms. The governor's appointees shall be chosen from among
- 39 representatives of:
- 40 (1) the waste management industry;
- 41 (2) the recycling industry;

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- 1 (3) Indiana universities and colleges with expertise in recycling
- 2 research and development;
- 3 (4) industrial and commercial consumers of recycled feedstock;
- 4 (5) environmental groups; and
- 5 (6) private citizens with a special interest in recycling.

6 No more than four (4) appointed members shall be of the same political
7 party.

8 (c) A vacancy in the office of an appointed member, other than by
9 expiration, shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment for
10 the remainder of the term of that retiring member. Appointed members
11 may be removed by the governor for cause.

12 (d) The board shall have seven (7) ex officio advisory members as
13 follows:

- 14 (1) The governor.
- 15 (2) The director of the department of natural resources.
- 16 (3) The commissioner of the department of environmental
17 management.
- 18 (4) Two (2) members from the house of representatives of
19 opposite political parties appointed by the speaker of the house
20 of representatives for two (2) year terms that expire June 30 of
21 each odd-numbered year.
- 22 (5) Two (2) members from the senate of opposite political
23 parties appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate for
24 two (2) year terms that expire June 30 of each odd-numbered
25 year.

26 (e) The ~~division~~ **Indiana department of environmental**
27 **management** shall serve as the staff of the board.

28 (f) An ex officio advisory member identified in subsection (d)
29 may, in writing, designate a representative to serve in an advisory
30 capacity when the ex officio member is unable to attend a board
31 meeting.

32 (g) The terms of the members of the board appointed by the
33 governor under subsection (b) expire as follows:

- 34 (1) For four (4) of the members, as determined by the governor,
35 December 31, 2025, and every fourth year thereafter.
- 36 (2) For four (4) of the members, as determined by the governor,
37 December 31, 2027, and every fourth year thereafter.

38 SECTION 7. IC 4-23-5.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.204-2007,
39 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A representative appointed by the ~~division~~,
41 **director of the Indiana department of environmental management**

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1 in consultation with the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's
 2 designee, shall be the chief administrative officer for the board and
 3 shall direct and supervise the administrative affairs and technical
 4 activities of the board in accordance with rules, regulations, and
 5 policies established by the board. The ~~division~~ **director of the Indiana**
 6 **department of environmental management** may appoint the
 7 employees as the board may require and the agents or consultants as
 8 may be necessary for implementing this chapter. The ~~division~~ **director**
 9 **of the Indiana department of environmental management** shall
 10 prepare an annual administrative budget for review by the budget
 11 agency and the budget committee.

12 SECTION 8. IC 4-23-5.5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
 13 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The board shall do the following:

15 (1) Adopt procedures for the regulation of its affairs and the
 16 conduct of its business.

17 (2) Meet at the offices of the ~~division~~ **Indiana department of**
 18 **environmental management** on call of the chairperson at least
 19 once each calendar quarter. The meetings shall be upon ten (10)
 20 days written notification, shall be open to the public, and shall
 21 have official minutes recorded for public scrutiny.

22 (3) Report annually in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to
 23 the legislative council concerning:

24 (A) the projects in which it has participated and is currently
 25 participating with a complete list of expenditures for those
 26 projects; and

27 (B) the information obtained through the recycling activity
 28 reports submitted to the commissioner of the department of
 29 environmental management under IC 13-20-25 concerning
 30 the calendar year most recently ended.

31 (4) Annually prepare an administrative budget for review by the
 32 budget agency and the budget committee.

33 (5) Keep proper records of accounts and make an annual report
 34 of its condition to the state board of accounts.

35 (6) Receive petitions and make determinations under
 36 IC 13-20.5-2-2.

37 (b) The board shall consider projects involving the creation of the
 38 following:

39 (1) Markets for products made from recycled materials.

40 (2) New products made from recycled materials.

41 (c) The board may promote, fund, and encourage programs

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1 facilitating the development and implementation of waste reduction,
2 reuse, and recycling in Indiana.

3 SECTION 9. IC 5-28-17-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2023,
4 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The corporation shall act as the small business
6 ombudsman. The small business ombudsman shall carry out the
7 following duties:

8 (1) Work with state agencies to permit increased enforcement
9 flexibility and the ability to grant common sense exemptions for
10 first time offenders of state rules and policies, including,
11 notwithstanding any other law, policies for the compromise of
12 interest and penalties related to a listed tax (as defined in
13 IC 6-8.1-1-1) and other taxes and fees collected or administered
14 by a state agency.

15 (2) Work with state agencies to seek ways to consolidate forms
16 and eliminate the duplication of paperwork, harmonize data, and
17 coordinate due dates.

18 (3) Coordinate with OMB (as defined in IC 4-3-22-3) to perform
19 cost benefit analyses.

20 (4) Work with state agencies to monitor any outdated,
21 ineffective, or overly burdensome information requests from
22 state agencies to small businesses.

23 (5) Carry out the duties specified under IC 4-22-2-28 and
24 IC 4-22-2.1 to review proposed rules and participate in
25 rulemaking actions that affect small businesses.

26 (6) Coordinate with the ombudsman designated under
27 IC 13-28-3-2 and the office of voluntary compliance established
28 by IC 13-28-1-1 to coordinate the provision of services required
29 under IC 4-22-2-28.1 and IC 13-28-3.

30 (7) Prepare written and electronic information for periodic
31 distribution to small businesses describing the small business
32 services provided by coordinators (as defined in
33 IC 4-22-2-28.1(a)) and work with the office of technology
34 established by IC 4-13.1-2-1 to place information concerning the
35 availability of these services on state websites that the small
36 business ombudsman or a state agency determines are most
37 likely to be visited by small business owners and managers.

38 (8) Assist in training agency coordinators who will be assigned
39 to rules under IC 4-22-2-28.1(b).

40 (9) Investigate and attempt to resolve any matter regarding
41 compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy

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1 administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding
2 or as a mediator.

3 State agencies shall cooperate with the small business ombudsman to
4 carry out the purpose of this section. The department of state revenue
5 and the department of workforce development shall establish a program
6 to distribute the information described in subdivision (7) to small
7 businesses that are required to file returns or information with these
8 state agencies.

9 SECTION 10. IC 13-11-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. "Air pollution
11 control laws" refers to IC 13-17, except for the following:

- 12 (1) IC 13-17-3-15.
13 ~~(2) IC 13-17-7.~~
14 ~~(3) (2) IC 13-17-8-10.~~
15 ~~(4) (3) IC 13-17-9.~~
16 ~~(5) (4) IC 13-17-10.~~
17 ~~(6) (5) IC 13-17-11.~~
18 ~~(7) (6) IC 13-17-13.~~

19 SECTION 11. IC 13-11-2-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
20 1, 2026]. Sec. 7. "Alternative PCB technology", for purposes of
21 ~~IC 13-17-10, means a technology for the treatment and disposal of PCB~~
22 ~~that presents:~~

- 23 ~~(1) an actual; or~~
24 ~~(2) a potential;~~
25 ~~alternative to incineration.~~

26 SECTION 12. IC 13-11-2-7.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.3. "Anaerobic digestion
29 facility", for purposes of this chapter and IC 13-20-10.5:

- 30 (1) means a facility that incorporates equipment that
31 promotes the decomposition of biomass, appropriate
32 feedstock, or both to simple organics and biogas products in
33 the oxygen free environment of a closed, sealed chamber;
34 and
35 (2) includes a methane recovery system.

36 SECTION 13. IC 13-11-2-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9.5. "Appropriate feedstock", for
39 purposes of this chapter, means a specific solid waste stream that
40 has been segregated from other solid wastes and that can be
41 successfully processed with other solid waste or products for
42 recovery of materials or energy through an anaerobic digestion

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1 **facility or a gasification facility.**

2 SECTION 14. IC 13-11-2-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]. Sec. 15. "Assistant commissioner", for purposes of IC 13-27,
4 refers to the individual appointed by the commissioner under
5 IC 13-27-2-2 to the highest position in the division of pollution
6 prevention:

7 SECTION 15. IC 13-11-2-16.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2011,
8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16.6. "Biomass", for purposes of sections ~~16.7~~ and
10 ~~16.8~~ **7.3, 88.7, 205, and 212** of this chapter and IC 13-20-10.5, means
11 biological material that is available on a renewable recurring basis and
12 is used as a source of renewable energy, including the following:

- 13 (1) Agricultural crops.
- 14 (2) Agricultural wastes and residues.
- 15 (3) Wood and wood byproducts, including the following:
 - 16 (A) Wood residue.
 - 17 (B) Forest thinning.
 - 18 (C) Mill residue wood.
- 19 (4) Animal wastes and byproducts, including manure.
- 20 (5) Aquatic plants.
- 21 (6) Algae.
- 22 (7) Byproducts of processing agricultural crops.

23 SECTION 16. IC 13-11-2-16.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. ~~16.7~~. "Biomass anaerobic digestion facility", for
25 purposes of IC ~~13-20-10.5~~:

- 26 ~~(1) means a facility that incorporates equipment that promotes~~
27 ~~the decomposition of biomass to simple organics and biogas~~
28 ~~products in the oxygen free environment of a closed, sealed~~
29 ~~chamber; and~~
- 30 ~~(2) includes a methane recovery system.~~

31 SECTION 17. IC 13-11-2-16.8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. ~~16.8~~. "Biomass gasification facility", for purposes
33 of IC ~~13-20-10.5~~; means a facility that incorporates equipment to carry
34 out a thermochemical process that, with little or no oxygen present,
35 converts biomass into a synthesis gas:

36 SECTION 18. IC 13-11-2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
37 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) "Board", except as provided in subsections
39 (b) through ~~(d)~~; **(e)**, refers to the environmental rules board established
40 by IC 13-13-8-3.

41 **(b) "Board", for purposes of IC 13-20-27, refers to the Indiana**

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recycling market development board.

~~(b)~~ (c) "Board", for purposes of IC 13-21, refers to the board of directors of a solid waste management district.

~~(c)~~ (d) "Board", for purposes of IC 13-23-11, refers to the petroleum storage tank financial assurance board established by IC 13-23-11-1.

~~(d)~~ (e) "Board", for purposes of IC 13-26, refers to the board of trustees of a regional water, sewage, or solid waste district.

SECTION 19. IC 13-11-2-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 17.5. "Beneficial use facility", for purposes of section 212 of this chapter, means an operation in which sludge, waste products, or wastewater generated by industrial, municipal, or semipublic facilities are blended, composted, or processed for the purpose of land application.**

SECTION 20. IC 13-11-2-22 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 22: "Byproduct material", for purposes of IC 13-22-10; has the meaning set forth in section 11c. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(c)(2)); as in effect on January 1, 1987.~~

SECTION 21. IC 13-11-2-25.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 25.2: "Chemical toilet", for purposes of IC 13-18-12-2.2, has the meaning set forth in IC 13-18-12-2.2(a)(1).~~

SECTION 22. IC 13-11-2-29, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2018, SECTION 107, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 29. "Clean Water Act", for purposes of this chapter, IC 13-18-22, and IC 13-18-23, refers to:

- (1) 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.; and
- (2) **as applicable**, regulations adopted under 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

SECTION 23. IC 13-11-2-40, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2014, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40. "Confined feeding operation" means:

- (1) any confined feeding of:
 - (A) at least three hundred (300) cattle;
 - (B) at least six hundred (600) swine or sheep;
 - (C) at least thirty thousand (30,000) fowl; or
 - (D) at least five hundred (500) horses.
- (2) any animal feeding operation electing to be subject to IC 13-18-10; or
- (3) any animal feeding operation that is causing a violation of:
 - (A) water pollution control laws;

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1 (B) any rules of the board; or
 2 (C) IC 13-18-10.
 3 ~~A determination by the department under this subdivision is appealable~~
 4 ~~under IC 4-21-5.~~
 5 SECTION 24. IC 13-11-2-60 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 60: "Division", for purposes of IC 13-27, refers to the~~
 7 ~~division of pollution prevention.~~
 8 SECTION 25. IC 13-11-2-77, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
 9 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 77. (a) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-15-1-3,
 11 means a structure or an area of land used for the disposal, treatment,
 12 storage, recovery, processing, or transferring of solid waste **or**
 13 ~~hazardous waste. or atomic radiation.~~ The term includes the following:
 14 (1) A hazardous waste facility.
 15 (2) An incinerator.
 16 (3) A solid waste landfill.
 17 (4) A transfer station.
 18 ~~(b) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-17-7, means a single structure,~~
 19 ~~piece of equipment, installation, or operation that:~~
 20 ~~(1) emits; or~~
 21 ~~(2) has the potential to emit;~~
 22 ~~a regulated air pollutant.~~
 23 ~~(c) (b) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-18-5, means a building, a~~
 24 ~~structure, equipment, or other stationary item that is located on:~~
 25 ~~(1) a single site; or~~
 26 ~~(2) contiguous or adjacent sites that are owned by, operated by,~~
 27 ~~or under common control of the same person.~~
 28 ~~(d) (c) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-21, means a facility, a~~
 29 ~~plant, a works, a system, a building, a structure, an improvement,~~
 30 ~~machinery, equipment, a fixture, or other real or personal property of~~
 31 ~~any nature that is to be used, occupied, or employed for the collection,~~
 32 ~~storage, separation, processing, recovery, treatment, marketing,~~
 33 ~~transfer, or disposal of solid waste.~~
 34 ~~(e) (d) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-23, means a parcel of land~~
 35 ~~or site, together with the structures, equipment, and improvements on~~
 36 ~~or appurtenant to the land or site, which is used or is being developed~~
 37 ~~for the storage or distribution of petroleum.~~
 38 ~~(f) (e) "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-25-2, means all buildings,~~
 39 ~~equipment, structures, and other stationary items that are:~~
 40 ~~(1) located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites;~~
 41 ~~and~~

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- 1 (2) owned or operated by:
- 2 (A) the same person; or
- 3 (B) any person that controls, is controlled by, or is under
- 4 common control with the same person.

5 For purposes of IC 13-25-2-6, the term includes motor vehicles, rolling
6 stock, and aircraft.

7 ~~(g)~~ **(f)** "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-25-4, has the meaning set
8 forth in 42 U.S.C. 9601(9).

9 ~~(h)~~ **(g)** "Facility", for purposes of IC 13-29-1, means a parcel of
10 land or site, together with the structures, equipment, and improvements
11 on or appurtenant to the land or site, which is used or is being
12 developed for the treatment, storage, or disposal of low-level
13 radioactive waste.

14 SECTION 26. IC 13-11-2-80 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 80. "FESOP", for purposes of IC 13-17-7, means a~~
16 ~~federally enforceable state operating permit issued to a source that~~
17 ~~would require a Title V operating permit but due to a federally~~
18 ~~enforceable operating restriction has potential emissions less than the~~
19 ~~amount that would require a Title V operating permit.~~

20 SECTION 27. IC 13-11-2-88.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
21 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 88.7. "Gasification facility", for**
23 **purposes of IC 13-20-10.5, means a facility that incorporates**
24 **equipment to carry out a thermochemical process that, with little**
25 **or no oxygen present, converts biomass into a synthesis gas.**

26 SECTION 28. IC 13-11-2-93 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 93. (a) "Guarantor", for
28 purposes of IC 13-22-8, means a person, other than the owner or
29 operator of a hazardous waste facility, who provides evidence of
30 financial responsibility for the owner or operator under IC 13-22-8.

31 (b) "Guarantor", for purposes of IC 13-23-4-6, means any person,
32 other than the owner or operator of an underground storage tank, who
33 provides evidence of financial responsibility for an owner or operator
34 under:

- 35 (1) IC 13-23-4-1 or IC 13-23-4-2; and
- 36 (2) the rules adopted under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(c)(6).~~
- 37 **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6).**

38 SECTION 29. IC 13-11-2-109 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 109. "Industrial
40 pretreatment permit", for purposes of IC 13-18-20, refers to a permit
41 issued by the state to an industry discharging to a publicly owned

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1 treatment works that:

2 (1) meets the criteria ~~in 327 IAC 5-13-2(f)~~; **set forth in the**

3 **applicable rules or regulations**; and

4 (2) has been approved by the commissioner in accordance with

5 ~~327 IAC 5-13-4~~. **the applicable rules or regulations.**

6 SECTION 30. IC 13-11-2-114, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2016,

7 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 114. "Land application", for purposes of **section**

9 **205 of this chapter and IC 13-18-12**, means the disposal of:

10 (1) septage;

11 (2) solid waste, as defined in section 205(a) of this chapter; or

12 (3) industrial waste products, as allowed under IC 13-18-12-2.5;

13 ~~by burial injection below the land surface or incorporation into the~~

14 ~~soil~~: **spraying or spreading onto the land surface.**

15 SECTION 31. IC 13-11-2-114.2, AS AMENDED BY

16 P.L.112-2016, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 114.2. "Land application

18 operation", for purposes of IC 13-18-12 and IC 13-19-3, means an

19 operation in which sludge, waste products, or wastewater generated by

20 industrial, municipal, or semipublic facilities are disposed of by

21 application upon or incorporation into the soil **or injection below the**

22 **land surface**. The term does not include the operation of a landfill or

23 an open dump.

24 SECTION 32. IC 13-11-2-138 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 138. "Navigable

26 waters" ~~for purposes of IC 13-24-2~~, means waters of the United States

27 (as defined in the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1362(7))).

28 SECTION 33. IC 13-11-2-143 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE

29 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 143~~: (a) "Office", for purposes of ~~IC 13-22-11~~;

30 ~~refers to the division of pollution prevention and technical assistance~~

31 ~~established by IC 13-27-2-1.~~

32 (b) "Office", for purposes of ~~IC 13-28~~; refers to the office of

33 ~~voluntary compliance.~~

34 SECTION 34. IC 13-11-2-156 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE

35 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 156~~: "Pending", for purposes of ~~IC 13-17-7~~, means

36 ~~not completed as of January 1, 1994.~~

37 SECTION 35. IC 13-11-2-165, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2018,

38 SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 165. "Pollution control laws" refers

40 to the following:

41 (1) IC 13-12-4 and IC 13-12-5.

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- 1 (2) IC 13-17, except for the following:
- 2 (A) IC 13-17-3-15.
- 3 ~~(B) IC 13-17-7.~~
- 4 ~~(C) (B) IC 13-17-8-10.~~
- 5 ~~(D) (C) IC 13-17-10.~~
- 6 ~~(E) (D) IC 13-17-11.~~
- 7 ~~(F) (E) IC 13-17-13.~~
- 8 (3) IC 13-18, except for the following:
- 9 (A) IC 13-18-12 and IC 5-1.2-10.
- 10 (B) IC 13-18-15 through IC 13-18-20.
- 11 (4) IC 13-19-3.
- 12 (5) IC 13-20-16 and IC 13-20-17.

13 SECTION 36. IC 13-11-2-168 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. ~~168~~: "Potential emissions"; for purposes of
 15 IC ~~13-17-7~~, means emissions calculated:

- 16 ~~(1) before:~~
- 17 ~~(A) the installation of air pollution control equipment; and~~
- 18 ~~(B) the application of any applicable state or federal:~~
- 19 ~~(i) rule;~~
- 20 ~~(ii) regulation; or~~
- 21 ~~(iii) statute;~~
- 22 ~~that establishes emission limitations or standards; and~~
- 23 ~~(2) after consideration of any physical or operational limitation~~
 24 ~~on the capacity of a facility or source.~~

25 SECTION 37. IC 13-11-2-177.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 177.5. (a) "Publicly
 27 owned treatment works", for purposes of IC 13-18-3, ~~has the meaning~~
 28 ~~set forth in 327 IAC 5-1.5-48~~: means a treatment works (as defined
 29 in Section 212(2) of the Clean Water Act) owned by the state or a
 30 municipality (as defined in Section 502(4) of the Clean Water Act).

- 31 (b) The term includes:
- 32 (1) devices and systems used in the storage, treatment,
 33 recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or
 34 compatible industrial wastes; and
- 35 (2) a municipality (as defined in Section 502(4) of the Clean
 36 Water Act) that has jurisdiction over the indirect discharges
 37 to and the discharges from a treatment works.

- 38 (c) The term does not include:
- 39 (1) pipes;
- 40 (2) sewers; or
- 41 (3) other conveyances;
- 42 not connected to a facility providing treatment.

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1 SECTION 38. IC 13-11-2-199.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 199.4. "Septage management vehicle", for~~
3 ~~purposes of IC 13-18-12-2.2; has the meaning set forth in~~
4 ~~IC 13-18-12-2.2(b).~~

5 SECTION 39. IC 13-11-2-201, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2016,
6 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 201. ~~(a)~~ "Sewage disposal system", for purposes
8 of this chapter, IC 13-18-12 ~~(except as provided in subsection (b))~~; and
9 IC 13-20-17.5, means septic tanks, septic tank soil absorption systems,
10 septage holding tanks, seepage pits, cesspools, privies, composting
11 toilets, interceptors or grease traps, portable sanitary units, and other
12 equipment, facilities, or devices used to:

- 13 (1) store;
- 14 (2) treat;
- 15 (3) make inoffensive; or
- 16 (4) dispose of;

17 human excrement or liquid carrying wastes of a domestic nature.

18 ~~(b) "Sewage disposal system", for purposes of IC 13-18-12-2.2;~~
19 ~~has the meaning set forth in IC 13-18-12-2.2(a)(2).~~

20 SECTION 40. IC 13-11-2-203.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010,
21 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 203.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
23 "small business", for purposes of section 47.7 of this chapter, means a
24 business that satisfies all the following:

- 25 (1) The business is independently owned and operated.
- 26 (2) The principal office of the business is located in Indiana.
- 27 (3) The business satisfies either of the following:
 - 28 (A) The business has not more than:
 - 29 (i) one hundred (100) employees; and
 - 30 (ii) average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars
 - 31 (\$10,000,000).
 - 32 (B) If the business is a manufacturing business, the business
 - 33 does not have more than one hundred (100) employees.

34 (b) "Small business" does not include a business subject to
35 electronic waste regulation under ~~329 IAC 16. IC 13-20.5.~~

36 SECTION 41. IC 13-11-2-205, AS AMENDED BY P.L.54-2023,
37 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 205. (a) "Solid waste", for purposes of
39 IC 13-18-12, IC 13-19, IC 13-21, IC 13-20-22, and environmental
40 management laws, except as provided in subsection (b), and subject to
41 subsection (d), means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste

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1 treatment plant, sludge from a water supply treatment plant, sludge
 2 from an air pollution control facility, or other discarded material,
 3 including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material
 4 resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural
 5 operations or from community activities. The term does not include:

6 (1) solid or dissolved material in:

7 (A) domestic sewage; or

8 (B) irrigation return flows or industrial discharges;

9 that are point sources subject to permits under Section 402 of the
 10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments (33 U.S.C.
 11 1342);

12 (2) source, special nuclear, or byproduct material (as defined by
 13 the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.));

14 (3) manures or crop residues returned to the soil as fertilizers or
 15 soil conditioners as part of a total farm operation;

16 (4) vegetative matter at composting facilities registered under
 17 IC 13-20-10; or

18 (5) material that is discarded if:

19 (A) the material is not:

20 (i) spent lead acid batteries regulated under
 21 IC 13-20-16; ~~and 329 IAC 3-1-11.1;~~

22 (ii) salvaged from mobile homes regulated under 329
 23 IAC 11.6;

24 (iii) alternative fuels regulated under 329 IAC 11.7;

25 (iv) used oil regulated under 329 IAC 13;

26 (v) waste tires regulated under IC 13-20-14; ~~and 329~~
 27 ~~IAC 15;~~

28 (vi) electronic waste regulated under 329 IAC 16;

29 (vii) legitimate use of iron and steelmaking slags, as
 30 described in 329 IAC 11-3-1(11);

31 (viii) legitimate use of foundry sand, as described in
 32 329 IAC 11-3-1(12); ~~or~~

33 (ix) engineered wood waste burned as a fuel, as
 34 described in 329 IAC 11-3-1(20);

35 **(x) treated in order to be appropriate for land**
 36 **application; or**

37 **(xi) biomass or appropriate feedstock regulated**
 38 **under IC 13-20-10.5;**

39 (B) the material is otherwise:

40 (i) determined under 40 CFR 262.11 to be
 41 nonhazardous; or

42 (ii) exempted or excluded from regulation as a

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- 1 hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261; and
- 2 (C) the material is used:
 - 3 (i) by a manufacturer as an ingredient in or a
 - 4 component of a product; or
 - 5 (ii) as a commodity in a process that results in a
 - 6 product; and
- 7 **(D) the material is not:**
 - 8 **(i) discarded and sent to final disposal at a rate**
 - 9 **greater than ten percent (10%) by volume of the**
 - 10 **total material processed;**
 - 11 **(ii) stored for a period exceeding six (6) months;**
 - 12 **and**
 - 13 **(iii) allowed to escape or be released from the**
 - 14 **property where processing occurs.**
- 15 (b) "Solid waste", for purposes of IC 13-20-5, IC 13-20-22, and
- 16 IC 13-21, and subject to subsection (d), does not include the following:
 - 17 (1) A waste that is regulated under the following:
 - 18 (A) IC 13-22-1 through IC 13-22-8.
 - 19 (B) IC 13-22-13 through IC 13-22-14.
 - 20 (2) An infectious waste (as defined in IC 16-41-16-4) that is
 - 21 disposed of at an incinerator permitted under rules adopted by
 - 22 the board to dispose of infectious waste.
- 23 (c) "Solid waste", for purposes of IC 13-26, and subject to
- 24 subsection (d), means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and
- 25 semisolid wastes, except human excreta. The term includes garbage,
- 26 rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, offal, and solid
- 27 commercial, industrial, and institutional wastes.
- 28 (d) The term "solid waste" does not include post-use polymers and
- 29 recovered feedstocks that are:
 - 30 (1) converted at an advanced recycling facility; or
 - 31 (2) held at an advanced recycling facility before conversion.
- 32 SECTION 42. IC 13-11-2-212, AS AMENDED BY P.L.54-2023,
- 33 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 212. (a) "Solid waste processing facility", for
- 35 purposes of IC 13-19-3-8.2, IC 13-19-4, IC 13-20-1, IC 13-20-4, and
- 36 IC 13-20-6, and subject to subsection (b), means a facility at which at
- 37 least one (1) of the following is located:
 - 38 (1) A solid waste incinerator.
 - 39 (2) A transfer station.
 - 40 (3) A solid waste baler.
 - 41 (4) A solid waste shredder.
 - 42 (5) A resource recovery system.

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- 1 (6) A composting facility.
- 2 (7) A garbage grinding system.
- 3 (8) A medical or an infectious waste treatment facility.
- 4 (9) A solid waste solidification facility that is not located on an
- 5 operating, permitted landfill.
- 6 (10) A facility that uses plasma arc or another source of heat to
- 7 treat solid waste.
- 8 (b) The term "solid waste processing facility" does not include the
- 9 following:
- 10 (1) A facility or operation that generates solid waste.
- 11 (2) An advanced recycling facility.
- 12 (3) A facility that:
- 13 (A) processes solely:
- 14 (i) biomass, appropriate feedstock, or recyclable
- 15 material; or
- 16 (ii) a mixture of the materials described in item (i);
- 17 and
- 18 (B) is located at a permitted beneficial use facility or an
- 19 anaerobic digestion facility or gasification facility.
- 20 SECTION 43. IC 13-11-2-213 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 213. "Source", for
- 22 purposes of IC 13-17-3, and ~~IC 13-17-7~~, means an aggregation of one
- 23 (1) or more facilities that are:
- 24 (1) located on:
- 25 (A) one (1) piece of property; or
- 26 (B) contiguous or adjacent properties; and
- 27 (2) owned, operated, or controlled by the same person.
- 28 SECTION 44. IC 13-11-2-214 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 214. "Source
- 30 reduction", for purposes of ~~IC 13-17-7~~ and IC 13-21, means a reduction
- 31 in the amount of solid waste generated that is achieved through actions
- 32 affecting the source of the solid waste.
- 33 SECTION 45. IC 13-11-2-224 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 34 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 224. "Stormwater permit"; for purposes of~~
- 35 ~~IC 13-18-20, refers to a permit issued to a facility regulated under 327~~
- 36 ~~IAC 15-5 or 327 IAC 15-6.~~
- 37 SECTION 46. IC 13-11-2-232 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 38 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 232. "Title V operating permit"; for purposes of~~
- 39 ~~IC 13-17-7, means a permit required by 42 U.S.C. 7661a.~~
- 40 SECTION 47. IC 13-11-2-245, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016,
- 41 SECTION 636, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 245. (a) "Vehicle", for purposes of

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1 IC 13-17-5, refers to a vehicle required to be registered with the bureau
2 of motor vehicles and required to have brakes. The term does not
3 include the following:

- 4 (1) Mobile homes. ~~(house trailers)~~.
- 5 (2) Trailers weighing not more than three thousand (3,000)
- 6 pounds.
- 7 (3) A vehicle that is at least twenty-five (25) years old.
- 8 (4) Special machinery (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170.3).

9 (b) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-4, refers to a municipal
10 waste collection and transportation vehicle.

11 (c) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-13-7, means a motor
12 vehicle, a farm tractor (as defined in IC 9-13-2-56), an implement of
13 agriculture (as defined in IC 9-13-2-77), a semitrailer (as defined in
14 IC 9-13-2-164(a) or IC 9-13-2-164(b)), and types of equipment,
15 machinery, implements, or other devices used in transportation,
16 manufacturing, agriculture, construction, or mining. The term does not
17 include a lawn and garden tractor that is propelled by a motor of not
18 more than twenty-five (25) horsepower.

19 (d) "Vehicle", for purposes of IC 13-20-14, has the meaning set
20 forth in IC 9-13-2-196.

21 SECTION 48. IC 13-12-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The general
23 assembly recognizes the following:

24 (1) The profound impact of human activity on the interrelations
25 of all components of the natural environment, particularly the
26 profound influences of the following:

- 27 ~~(A)~~ ~~Population growth~~.
- 28 ~~(B)~~ ~~(A)~~ High-density urbanization.
- 29 ~~(C)~~ ~~(B)~~ Industrial expansion.
- 30 ~~(D)~~ ~~(C)~~ Resource exploitation.
- 31 ~~(E)~~ ~~(D)~~ New and expanding technological advances.

32 (2) The critical importance of restoring and maintaining
33 environmental quality to the overall welfare and development of
34 humans.

35 (3) That each person should enjoy a healthful environment.

36 (4) That each person has a responsibility to contribute to the
37 preservation and enhancement of the environment.

38 SECTION 49. IC 13-12-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. To carry out the
40 policy set forth in this chapter, it is the continuing responsibility of the
41 state to use all practicable means, consistent with other essential

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1 considerations of state policy, to improve and coordinate state plans,
2 functions, programs, and resources to the end that the state may do the
3 following:

- 4 (1) Fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the
5 environment for succeeding generations.
- 6 (2) Assure for all citizens of Indiana safe, healthful, productive,
7 and esthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings.
- 8 (3) Attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment
9 without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable
10 and unintended consequences.
- 11 (4) Preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of
12 our national heritage and maintain, wherever possible, an
13 environment that supports diversity and variety of individual
14 choice.
- 15 (5) ~~Achieve a balance between population and resource use that~~
16 ~~will permit~~ **Maintain** high standards of living and a wise sharing
17 of life's amenities.
- 18 (6) Enhance the quality of renewable resources and approach the
19 maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.

20 SECTION 50. IC 13-12-5-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
21 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1: The general assembly recognizes that there are two (2)~~
22 ~~approaches to environmental protection:~~

- 23 ~~(1) clean manufacturing; or~~
- 24 ~~(2) waste management, which is also known as pollution control.~~

25 SECTION 51. IC 13-12-5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
26 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2: Clean manufacturing consists of economically feasible~~
27 ~~practices that reduce, avoid, or eliminate the unnecessary use of~~
28 ~~harmful industrial materials and the generation of industrial wastes;~~
29 ~~pollutants, emissions, and discharges at the point of production. Clean~~
30 ~~manufacturing practices are limited to the following:~~

- 31 ~~(1) Product reformulation.~~
- 32 ~~(2) Input substitution.~~
- 33 ~~(3) Equipment redesign.~~
- 34 ~~(4) Improved operations and procedures.~~

35 SECTION 52. IC 13-12-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
36 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: Waste management or pollution control consists of~~
37 ~~environmental protection practices employed after industrial wastes;~~
38 ~~pollutants, discharges, and emissions have been generated. Waste~~
39 ~~management or pollution control practices include the following:~~

- 40 ~~(1) Waste storage and waste transportation.~~
- 41 ~~(2) Waste treatment, including the following:~~

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- 1 (A) Detoxification.
 2 (B) Incineration.
 3 (C) Biological treatment.
 4 (3) Land disposal of wastes.
 5 (4) Recycling.
 6 (5) Burning waste as fuels.
 7 (6) Dispersal of waste into air or water.
 8 (7) Dewatering of waste.

9 SECTION 53. IC 13-13-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The commissioner
 11 ~~shall~~ **may** appoint individuals to the other positions in the department.

12 SECTION 54. IC 13-13-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The commissioner
 14 may establish an ad hoc group to study and make recommendations
 15 regarding critical environmental issues. The ad hoc group may include
 16 the following:

- 17 (1) University representatives.
 18 (2) Scientific research organizations.
 19 (3) Public policy and research advisory organizations.
 20 (4) Individuals from the private sector with experience in related
 21 disciplines.
 22 **(5) Small business and agriculture representatives.**

23 SECTION 55. IC 13-13-3-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1. The department must include the following offices:~~

- 25 ~~(1) An office dealing with environmental emergencies.
 26 (2) An office for communications with the public.
 27 (3) A hearings office, including the department's hearing
 28 officers.
 29 (4) An office to conduct investigations.~~

30 SECTION 56. IC 13-13-3-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.5. The department shall include**
 33 **the following:**

- 34 **(1) An agricultural liaison.**
 35 **(2) A small business liaison to carry out or assist in carrying**
 36 **out responsibilities under 42 U.S.C. 7661f, IC 13-13-7.1, and**
 37 **IC 13-28-3-7.**

38 SECTION 57. IC 13-13-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The commissioner
 40 may create other offices and divisions, **including regional offices to**
 41 **execute the department's mission across the state.**

42 SECTION 58. IC 13-13-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. Except as provided
2 in IC 14-37, the department is designated as the following:

3 (1) The water pollution agency for Indiana for all purposes of the
4 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) in
5 effect January 1, 1988, and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 300f through 300j) in effect January 1, 1988.

7 (2) The solid waste agency for Indiana for all purposes of the
8 federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C.
9 6901 et seq.) in effect January 1, 1988.

10 (3) The air pollution control agency for Indiana for all purposes
11 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as
12 amended. ~~by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990~~
13 ~~(P.L.101-549).~~

14 (4) The state agency with responsibility concerning the Midwest
15 Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste under
16 IC 13-29-1.

17 (5) The state agency with responsibility concerning the federal
18 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
19 Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the federal Superfund
20 Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601
21 through 9675) as in effect on January 1, 1993, and concerning 40
22 CFR 300.505, Subpart F of the National Oil and Hazardous
23 Substances Pollution Contingency Plan.

24 (6) The state agency with responsibility concerning the federal
25 Defense Environmental Restoration Program (10 U.S.C. 2701
26 through 2708) as in effect on January 1, 1993.

27 SECTION 59. IC 13-13-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The department
29 may take any action necessary to secure for Indiana the benefits of the
30 statutes described in section 1 of this chapter.

31 (b) **To achieve the goals of cooperative federalism, the**
32 **department shall actively engage with its federal counterparts**
33 **through comments, petitions, letters, advisory committees,**
34 **rulemaking activities, and other means, to ensure federal**
35 **environmental laws and their implementation serve the state of**
36 **Indiana under this title. The department shall prioritize**
37 **opportunities to address federal actions that are unnecessary,**
38 **create barriers to environmentally beneficial projects, or are**
39 **inconsistent with the law or best available science.**

40 SECTION 60. IC 13-13-7.1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.53-2014,
41 SECTION 119, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The compliance advisory panel

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1 is established to carry out the duties required by 42 U.S.C. 7661f.

2 SECTION 61. IC 13-13-7.1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
3 SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The panel consists of the following members:

5 (1) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro tempore of
6 the senate who are members of the senate and who are owners
7 of, or who have an interest in, a small business stationary source.
8 Not more than one (1) of the members appointed under this
9 subdivision may be members of the same political party. A
10 member, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
11 senate, who is an owner of, or who has an interest in, a small
12 business stationary source.

13 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives who are members of the house of representatives
15 and who are owners of, or who have an interest in, a small
16 business stationary source. Not more than one (1) of the
17 members appointed under this subdivision may be affiliated with
18 the same political party. A member, appointed by the minority
19 leader of the senate, who is an owner of, or who has an
20 interest in, a small business stationary source.

21 (3) Two (2) members appointed by the governor to represent the
22 public who are not members of the general assembly; owners of
23 a small business stationary source; or representatives of owners
24 of small business stationary sources. Not more than one (1)
25 member appointed under this subdivision may be a solid waste
26 management district director and not more than one (1) member
27 appointed under this subdivision may be affiliated with the same
28 political party. A member, appointed by the speaker of the
29 house of representatives, who is an owner of, or who has an
30 interest in, a small business stationary source.

31 (4) A member, appointed by the minority leader of the house
32 of representatives, who is an owner of, or who has an interest
33 in, a small business stationary source.

34 (5) Two (2) members, appointed by the governor, who:
35 (A) are not owners of, or representatives of owners of, a
36 small business stationary source; and
37 (B) will represent the general public.

38 Not more than one (1) member appointed under this
39 subdivision may be a solid waste management district
40 director.

41 (4) (6) The commissioner of the department of environmental
42 management or the commissioner's designee.

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1 **In appointing a members under subdivision (5), the governor may**
 2 **consider geographic location, political affiliation, and other factors**
 3 **to ensure viewpoints are fairly balanced.**

4 SECTION 62. IC 13-13-7.1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
 5 SECTION 98, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) ~~The term of a member appointed to the~~
 7 ~~panel under section 2(1) or 2(2) of this chapter is two (2) years and~~
 8 ~~expires June 30 of each odd-numbered year.~~

9 (b) ~~(a) The term of a member appointed to the panel under section~~
 10 ~~2(3) section 2(1) through 2(5) of this chapter is four (4) years. The~~
 11 ~~term expires June 30, 2025, and each fourth year thereafter.~~

12 (c) ~~(b) Members of the panel may be reappointed to successive~~
 13 ~~terms. However, a member may not serve more than two (2)~~
 14 ~~consecutive terms. An appointing authority may replace a member at~~
 15 ~~any time during the member's term.~~

16 (c) **Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter or this section, a**
 17 **member:**

18 **(1) who is a member of the general assembly; and**

19 **(2) whose term has not expired on or before July 1, 2026;**
 20 **may finish the remainder of the term. The person appointed to fill**
 21 **that position serves for a four (4) year term as described in**
 22 **subsection (a).**

23 SECTION 63. IC 13-13-7.1-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.53-2014,
 24 SECTION 119, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The individual serving on the
 26 panel under ~~section 2(4) section 2(6)~~ of this chapter is a nonvoting
 27 member.

28 SECTION 64. IC 13-13-7.1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,
 29 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The ~~chairperson of the legislative~~
 31 ~~council~~ **governor** shall appoint the chair of the panel from the
 32 members appointed under ~~section 2(1) or 2(2) section 2~~ of this chapter.
 33 The chair of the panel serves at the pleasure of the ~~chairperson of the~~
 34 ~~legislative council.~~ **governor**. The panel shall meet at the call of the
 35 chair of the panel.

36 SECTION 65. IC 13-13-7.1-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. ~~H. The panel shall carry out the duties required~~
 38 ~~of a compliance advisory panel under Section 507 of the federal Clean~~
 39 ~~Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7661f).~~

40 SECTION 66. IC 13-13-7.1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
 41 SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. The department of
 2 ~~environmental management shall~~ **may** provide administrative and
 3 technical support to the panel, as ~~provided in IC 13-28-3-2~~; including
 4 duties related to the development and dissemination of reports and
 5 advisory opinions.

6 SECTION 67. IC 13-13-7.1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
 7 SECTION 103, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. Except as provided in section
 9 9 of this chapter, the expenses of the panel shall be paid from
 10 appropriations to the department. ~~of environmental management.~~

11 SECTION 68. IC 13-13-7.1-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 14: The panel shall submit an annual report to the~~
 13 ~~legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.~~

14 SECTION 69. IC 13-13-8-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 15 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The following entities are abolished on
 17 January 1, 2013:

18 (1) The air pollution control board (established by IC 13-17-2
 19 before its repeal).

20 (2) The water pollution control board (established by IC 13-18-1
 21 before its repeal).

22 (3) The solid waste management board (established by
 23 IC 13-19-2 before its repeal).

24 (b) All powers, duties, and liabilities are transferred from the
 25 entities abolished under subsection (a) to the environmental rules board
 26 established by section 3 of this chapter effective January 1, 2013.

27 (c) ~~On and after January 1, 2013, a reference to an entity abolished~~
 28 ~~under subsection (a) in a statute or rule shall be treated as a reference~~
 29 ~~to the environmental rules board.~~

30 (d) ~~The rules adopted by the entities abolished under subsection~~
 31 ~~(a) shall be treated, administered, and implemented as follows:~~

32 (1) ~~The rules adopted before January 1, 2013, by the air pollution~~
 33 ~~control board abolished under subsection (a)(1):~~

34 (A) ~~shall be treated as though the rules were adopted by the~~
 35 ~~environmental rules board; and~~

36 (B) ~~shall be administered and implemented by the air~~
 37 ~~pollution control division of the department described in~~
 38 ~~IC 13-13-3-2(1).~~

39 (2) ~~The rules adopted before January 1, 2013, by the water~~
 40 ~~pollution control board abolished under subsection (a)(2):~~

41 (A) ~~shall be treated as though the rules were adopted by the~~

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- 1 environmental rules board; and
 2 (B) shall be administered and implemented by the water
 3 pollution control division of the department described in
 4 IC 13-13-3-2(2).
- 5 (3) The rules adopted before January 1, 2013, by the solid waste
 6 management board abolished under subsection (a)(3):
 7 (A) shall be treated as though the rules were adopted by the
 8 environmental rules board; and
 9 (B) shall be administered and implemented by the solid
 10 waste management division of the department described in
 11 IC 13-13-3-2(3).
- 12 (e) A member of an entity abolished under subsection (a) may
 13 serve until December 31, 2012. The initial members of the
 14 environmental rules board shall be appointed under section 4 of this
 15 chapter not later than December 31, 2012.
- 16 SECTION 70. IC 13-13-8-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2019,
 17 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board consists of the following ~~sixteen~~
 19 **(16) nineteen (19)** members:
- 20 (1) The following ex officio members:
 21 (A) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee,
 22 who serves as a nonvoting member of the board.
 23 (B) The director of the department of natural resources or
 24 **the director's designee.**
 25 (C) ~~The lieutenant governor.~~ **director of the state**
 26 **department of agriculture or the director's designee.**
 27 (D) The secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.
 28 (E) **The chairperson appointed under IC 13-13-7.1-6,**
 29 **who serves as a nonvoting member of the board.**
 30 (F) **The chairperson appointed under IC 13-20-27-1,**
 31 **who serves as a nonvoting member of the board.**
 32 (G) **The chairperson selected under IC 13-23-11-5, who**
 33 **serves as a nonvoting member of the board.**
- 34 (2) The following twelve (12) members, who shall be appointed
 35 by the governor based on recommendations from representative
 36 constituencies:
 37 (A) One (1) representative of agriculture.
 38 (B) One (1) representative of manufacturing.
 39 (C) One (1) representative of environmental interests.
 40 (D) One (1) representative of labor.
 41 (E) One (1) representative of local government.
 42 (F) One (1) representative of small business.

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- 1 (G) One (1) health professional. ~~who holds a license to~~
- 2 ~~practice in Indiana.~~
- 3 (H) One (1) representative of the solid waste management
- 4 industry.
- 5 (I) One (1) representative of a public utility. ~~that engages in~~
- 6 ~~the production and transmission of electricity.~~
- 7 (J) One (1) representative of the ~~residential or commercial~~
- 8 construction industry.
- 9 (K) Two (2) representatives of the general public. ~~who~~
- 10 ~~cannot qualify for membership on the board under clauses~~
- 11 ~~(A) through (J).~~

12 (b) An individual appointed under subsection (a)(2) must possess
 13 knowledge, experience, or education qualifying the individual to
 14 represent the constituency the individual is being recommended to
 15 represent.

16 **(c) In appointing members under subsection (a)(2), the**
 17 **governor may consider geographic location, political affiliation,**
 18 **and other factors to ensure viewpoints are fairly balanced.**

19 SECTION 71. IC 13-13-8-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 20 1, 2026]. Sec. 5. Except as provided in section 4(a)(1)(A) of this
 21 chapter, an ex officio member of the board may designate in writing a
 22 technical representative to serve as a voting member of the board when
 23 the ex-officio member is unable to attend a board meeting.

24 SECTION 72. IC 13-13-8-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 25 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. The governor ~~shall annually select:~~ **may**
 27 **designate:**

- 28 (1) one (1) of the appointed members of the board to serve as
- 29 chairperson; and
- 30 (2) another of the appointed members to serve as vice
- 31 chairperson.

32 SECTION 73. IC 13-13-8-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 33 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. Each member of the board shall fully disclose
 35 any potential conflicts of interest ~~relating to permits or enforcement~~
 36 ~~orders and recuse themselves as appropriate for particular matters~~
 37 **before the board** under the:

- 38 (1) federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as amended;
- 39 ~~by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990;~~
- 40 (2) federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C.
- 41 6901 et seq.);

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1 (3) federal Comprehensive Environmental Response,
2 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the
3 federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of
4 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601 through 9675);

5 (4) federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);
6 and

7 (5) federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f through
8 300j).

9 SECTION 74. IC 13-13-8-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
10 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. ~~(a) The board shall select, from a list of three~~
12 ~~(3) qualified individuals recommended by the governor, an~~
13 ~~independent third party who is not an employee of the state to serve as~~
14 ~~technical secretary of the board.~~

15 ~~(b) (a) Between meetings of the board, the department shall do the~~
16 ~~following:~~

17 (1) Handle correspondence.

18 (2) Make or arrange for investigations and surveys.

19 (3) Obtain, assemble, or prepare reports and data as directed by
20 the board.

21 **(4) Staff assigned advisory committees.**

22 **(5) Provide all other administrative support to the board.**

23 ~~(c) The technical secretary shall review all materials prepared for~~
24 ~~the board by the department to make any necessary revisions.~~
25 ~~Provisions of this chapter concerning terms of appointment, vacancies,~~
26 ~~and compensation of appointed board members apply to the technical~~
27 ~~secretary. The technical secretary is not a voting member of the board.~~

28 **(b) In conjunction with the duties under this section, the**
29 **department may administer activities for the boards established**
30 **by:**

31 **(1) IC 13-13-7.1-1;**

32 **(2) IC 13-20-27-1; and**

33 **(3) IC 13-23-11-1.**

34 SECTION 75. IC 13-13-8-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
35 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The board may select, from a list of three
37 (3) qualified individuals recommended by the governor, an
38 independent third party who is not an employee of the state to serve as
39 legal counsel.

40 ~~(b) The legal counsel shall do the following:~~

41 ~~(1) Advise the board on legal matters or proceedings arising~~
42 ~~from the exercise of the board's duties.~~

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1 (2) Review all materials prepared for the board by the
 2 department for legal accuracy and sufficiency and direct the
 3 department to make any necessary revisions.
 4 (c) (b) Provisions of this chapter concerning terms of appointment,
 5 vacancies, and compensation of appointed board members apply to the
 6 legal counsel. The legal counsel is not a voting member of the board.
 7 SECTION 76. IC 13-13-8-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 8 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. The board may establish advisory committees
 10 for the purpose of giving advice on any matters pertaining to the
 11 business of the board. **Board members may also be members of an**
 12 **advisory committee.** A member appointed to an advisory committee,
 13 **who is not a member of the board,** shall serve at the pleasure of the
 14 board and is not entitled to a salary, per diem, or reimbursement of
 15 expenses.
 16 SECTION 77. IC 13-14-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The department shall
 18 develop and implement a program of public awareness and
 19 participation to assure maximum programs to maximize public
 20 **awareness, participation, and** citizen involvement in the evolution
 21 and continuation of the environmental programs of the state.
 22 SECTION 78. IC 13-14-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 23 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The commissioner shall prepare the proposed
 25 budget of the department and, **if necessary,** the board.
 26 SECTION 79. IC 13-14-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 27 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ **may** issue permits,
 29 licenses, orders, and variances as authorized by:
 30 (1) this title;
 31 (2) other statutes; and
 32 (3) rules of the board.
 33 (b) If the commissioner is notified by the department of state
 34 revenue that a person is on the most recent tax warrant list, the
 35 commissioner may not issue a permit or license to the applicant until:
 36 (1) the applicant provides a statement to the commissioner from
 37 the department of state revenue indicating that the applicant's tax
 38 warrant has been satisfied; or
 39 (2) the commissioner receives a notice from the commissioner
 40 of the department of state revenue under IC 6-8-1-8-2(k).
 41 SECTION 80. IC 13-14-1-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY

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1 1, 2026]. Sec. 10: The department shall encourage and assist units of
2 local government in developing programs and facilities for the
3 following:

- 4 (1) Air, water, radiation, odor, and noise pollution control;
- 5 (2) Wastewater treatment;
- 6 (3) Water resource development;
- 7 (4) Solid waste management.

8 SECTION 81. IC 13-14-1-11.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
9 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.5. (a) If the department proposes to utilize a
12 policy or statement that:

- 13 (1) interprets, supplements, or implements a statute or rule;
- 14 (2) has not been adopted in compliance with IC 4-22-2;
- 15 (3) is not intended by the department to have the effect of law;
- 16 and
- 17 (4) is not related solely to internal department organization;

18 the proposed policy or statement may not be put into effect until the
19 requirements of subsection (b) have been met.

20 (b) The department shall present the proposed policy or statement
21 under subsection (a) to the appropriate board. At least forty-five (45)
22 days before the presentation, the department shall make available to the
23 public, including posting on the department's ~~web site:~~ **website:**

- 24 (1) the proposed policy or statement;
- 25 (2) information on the availability for public inspection of all
- 26 materials relied upon by the department in the development of
- 27 the proposed policy or statement, including, if applicable:
 - 28 (A) health criteria;
 - 29 (B) analytical methods;
 - 30 (C) treatment technology;
 - 31 (D) economic impact data;
 - 32 (E) environmental assessment data; and
 - 33 (F) other background data;
- 34 (3) the date, time, and location of the presentation under this
- 35 subsection to the appropriate board; and
- 36 (4) information regarding the opportunity for a person to
- 37 comment to the department and the appropriate board on the
- 38 proposed policy or statement before or at the time of the
- 39 presentation under this subsection.

40 The department shall provide to the appropriate board at the time of the
41 presentation under this subsection a copy of all comments made by a

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1 person under subdivision (4). The proposed policy or statement may
 2 not be put into effect until thirty (30) days after the policy or statement
 3 is presented to the appropriate board.

4 (c) If the department utilizes a policy or statement described in
 5 subsection (a), the department shall distribute:

- 6 (1) two (2) copies of the policy or statement to the publisher of
- 7 the Indiana Register for publication in the Indiana Register; and
- 8 (2) the copies required under IC 4-23-7.1-26 to the Indiana
- 9 library and historical department.

10 (d) The department shall:

- 11 (1) maintain a current list of all department policies and
- 12 statements described in subsection (a) that the department may
- 13 use in the department's external affairs; and
- 14 (2) update the list at least one (1) time each month.

15 (e) The department shall include the following information on the
 16 list described in subsection (d) for each policy or statement:

- 17 (1) The title of the policy or statement.
- 18 (2) The identification number of the policy or statement.
- 19 (3) The date the policy or statement was originally adopted.
- 20 (4) The date the policy or statement was last revised.
- 21 (5) A reference to all other policies or statements described in
- 22 subsection (a) that are repealed or amended by the policy or
- 23 statement.
- 24 (6) A brief description of the subject matter of the policy or
- 25 statement.

26 (f) At least one (1) time every three (3) months, the department
 27 shall distribute two (2) copies of the list maintained and updated under
 28 subsection (d) to the following:

- 29 (1) The publisher of the Indiana Register.
- 30 (2) The Indiana library and historical department.

31 **(g) A policy or statement put into effect by this section after**
 32 **July 1, 2026, expires ten (10) years from the effective date of the**
 33 **policy or statement unless reauthorized under this section.**

34 SECTION 82. IC 13-14-1-11.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.218-2016,
 35 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.7. (a) ~~Before July 1 of each year,~~ The
 37 department shall ~~report~~ **make available in an electronic format:**

- 38 (1) any administrative rule that has been:
 - 39 (A) proposed by the department; or
 - 40 (B) adopted by the board; **and**
- 41 ~~(2) any operating policy or procedure that has been instituted or~~

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1 altered by the department; and
 2 ~~(3)~~ (2) any nonrule policy or statement that has been proposed or
 3 put into effect under section 11.5 of this chapter;
 4 since the preceding July † that constitutes a change in the policy
 5 previously followed by the department under this title and the rules
 6 adopted by the board.

7 (b) The report required under information described in
 8 subsection (a) shall be submitted in an electronic format under
 9 IC 5-14-6 to the executive director of the legislative services agency;
 10 who shall present it to the legislative council established by
 11 IC 2-5-1.1-1 before the following September †. **made available to the**
 12 **legislative services agency or the legislative council upon request.**

13 SECTION 83. IC 13-14-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The
 15 commissioner shall establish and administer monitoring and reporting
 16 requirements as necessary to carry out the duties and to exercise the
 17 powers provided in the following:

- 18 (1) Air pollution control laws.
- 19 (2) Water pollution control laws.
- 20 (3) Environmental management laws.

21 **(b) The department may require an affidavit of the responsible**
 22 **officer or person in charge of the operation to accompany any**
 23 **report required under this section.**

24 SECTION 84. IC 13-14-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. The department
 26 shall ~~may~~ do the following:

- 27 (1) Develop and maintain an information clearinghouse on the
 28 following subjects:
 - 29 (A) Source separation.
 - 30 (B) Recycling.
 - 31 (C) Composting.
 - 32 (D) Solid waste minimization.
 - 33 (E) Solid waste reduction.
 - 34 (F) Hazardous waste minimization.
 - 35 (G) Hazardous waste reduction.
- 36 (2) Assist in the development and implementation of public
 37 education programs on:
 - 38 (A) source separation;
 - 39 (B) recycling;
 - 40 (C) composting;
 - 41 (D) solid waste reduction;

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- 1 (E) solid waste minimization;
- 2 (F) hazardous waste minimization;
- 3 (G) hazardous waste reduction; and
- 4 (H) other alternatives to final disposal in landfills.
- 5 (3) Take action in any other matter involving:
- 6 (A) solid waste minimization;
- 7 (B) solid waste reduction;
- 8 (C) hazardous waste minimization; or
- 9 (D) hazardous waste reduction;

10 as directed by the commissioner.

11 SECTION 85. IC 13-14-1-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2026]. Sec. 17. (a) Before November 1 of each year, the department
 13 shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the legislative
 14 council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

15 (b) The report under subsection (a) must include the following:

16 (1) A summary of the:

- 17 (A) reviews conducted; and
- 18 (B) agreements approved;

19 in the preceding state fiscal year under IC 13-17-13.

20 (2) Information on the following:

- 21 (A) Waste tire management as required by IC 13-20-13.
- 22 (B) The status of the waste tire management fund and the
- 23 programs funded by the fund.
- 24 (C) Recommendations for revisions to waste tire
- 25 management programs.

26 (3) An evaluation of the actions taken by the department to
 27 improve the department's process of issuing permits that must
 28 include the following information:

- 29 (A) A description of the reduction or increase in the backlog
- 30 of permit applications in each department permit program
- 31 during the preceding twelve (12) month period.

32 (B) The amount of:

- 33 (i) permit fees collected; and
 - 34 (ii) expenditures made from fee revenue;
- 35 during the preceding twelve (12) month period.

36 (C) A discussion of possible increases or decreases in the
 37 operating costs of each department permit and inspection
 38 program.

39 (D) A discussion of the measures that have been taken by
 40 the department to improve the operating efficiency of the
 41 permit and inspection programs.

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- 1 (E) The number of notices issued by the department under
 2 IC 13-15-4-10.
- 3 (F) A discussion of the department's operational goals for
 4 the next twelve (12) months.
- 5 (G) A permit status report that includes the following
 6 information:
- 7 (i) The facility name and type of each permit
 8 application pending on January 1 of the previous year
 9 and the date each application was filed with the
 10 department.
- 11 (ii) The action taken on each application by December
 12 31 of the previous year.
- 13 (iii) The facility name and type of each permit
 14 application pending on December 31 of the previous
 15 year and the date each was filed with the department.
- 16 (4) Information concerning permits that have been
 17 administratively extended that includes for each permit:
- 18 (A) the number of months that the permit has been
 19 administratively extended;
- 20 (B) the number of months that the department has extended
 21 a period under IC 13-15-4-8 or suspended processing of a
 22 permit application under IC 13-15-4-10;
- 23 (C) the type of permit according to the types identified in
 24 IC 13-18-20-2 through IC 13-18-20-11; and
- 25 (D) the dates when public notice of a draft permit was
 26 given.
- 27 (5) Information concerning the progress of remedial actions
 28 commenced under IC 13-25-4.
- 29 (6) Information concerning the pollution prevention information
 30 gathered under IC 13-27-6; including the following:
- 31 (A) A description of the operations and activities of the
 32 programs under IC 13-27-6.
- 33 (B) Recommendations the commissioner has for legislative
 34 action.
- 35 (C) A quantitative assessment of statewide pollution
 36 prevention progress among all types of industries.
- 37 (D) An identification of regulations and government
 38 policies that are inhibiting pollution prevention and
 39 opportunities in existing regulatory programs to promote
 40 and assist in pollution prevention, including reductions in
 41 the use of toxins in production and commerce.

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- 1 (E) An assessment of how programs under IC 13-27-6 have
 2 promoted and assisted pollution prevention and the costs
 3 and benefits to government and industry of those programs.
 4 (F) A statement concerning the identification of
 5 opportunities and development of priorities for research and
 6 development in pollution prevention techniques; economic
 7 analyses; and management techniques useful in supporting
 8 pollution—prevention. The report may not include
 9 information considered by a business to be a trade secret of
 10 that business.
 11 (G) Recommendations concerning incentives and policies
 12 needed to:
 13 (i) encourage investment in research and development
 14 in pollution prevention; and
 15 (ii) make greater use of programs established under
 16 IC 13-27-6.
 17 (7) Information concerning activities conducted under
 18 IC 13-28-3, including the following:
 19 (A) The number and types of inquiries the program received
 20 under IC 13-28-3.
 21 (B) The services provided by the program.
 22 (8) Information concerning the designation of outstanding state
 23 resource waters and the use of the outstanding state resource
 24 water improvement fund under IC 13-18-3.
 25 (9) Information concerning mercury switches tracked under
 26 IC 13-20-17.7-2(a)(5).
 27 (10) Information concerning the implementation of IC 13-20.5,
 28 including the following:
 29 (A) The total weight of covered electronic devices recycled
 30 in the state program year and a summary of information in
 31 the reports submitted by manufacturers and recyclers under
 32 IC 13-20.5-3.
 33 (B) The various collection programs used by manufacturers
 34 to collect covered electronic devices; information regarding
 35 covered electronic devices that are being collected by
 36 persons other than registered manufacturers, collectors, and
 37 recyclers; and information about covered electronic devices;
 38 if any, being disposed of in landfills in Indiana.
 39 (C) A description of enforcement actions under IC 13-20.5
 40 during the state fiscal year.
 41 (D) Other information received by the department regarding

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- 1 the implementation of IC 13-20-5.
2 SECTION 86. IC 13-14-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.263-2013,
3 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to any:
5 (1) determination made by the commissioner;
6 (2) order issued by the commissioner; and
7 (3) notice issued by the department;
8 under this title.
9 (b) The commissioner may issue orders and make determinations.
10 (c) An order issued under this section may address multiple sites
11 for the purpose of arranging for site investigations and the
12 establishment of priority of sites.
13 (d) Notice of a determination made or an order issued by the
14 commissioner must be given under IC 4-21.5-3-1, unless a person
15 provides a written request to the department for a different method of
16 notice that is reasonably available to the department.
17 (e) The department:
18 (1) shall make a good faith effort to provide notice of an order or
19 a determination according to subsection (d); and
20 (2) bears the burden of persuasion that the notice has been
21 provided.
22 (f) Failure to receive notice does not invalidate an order or a
23 determination. ~~unless the person required to receive notice of an order~~
24 ~~or a determination is substantially prejudiced by the lack of notice. The~~
25 ~~burden of persuasion as to substantial prejudice is on the person~~
26 ~~claiming the lack of notice.~~
27 (g) **The following agency actions taken under this title are**
28 **subject to review under IC 4-21.5:**
29 (1) **Determinations made under IC 13-19-4, IC 13-11-2-40,**
30 **and otherwise specified in this title.**
31 (2) **Orders.**
32 (3) **Enforcement actions.**
33 (4) **Notices provided under IC 13-17-6-10 and IC 13-25.**
34 (5) **Decisions made under IC 13-14-8-11 and IC 13-25-5-6.**
35 (6) **Emergency orders.**
36 (7) **Approval, denial, revocations, modification, or renewal**
37 **of permits.**
38 (8) **Denial of a claim under the petroleum storage tank excess**
39 **liability trust fund established by IC 13-23-7-1.**
40 (h) **The department shall include in written communications**
41 **as appropriate information regarding the process by which an**
42 **agency action described in subsection (g) is reviewed.**

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1 SECTION 87. IC 13-14-2-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2014,
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to a restrictive covenant
4 created in connection with a remediation project conducted under:

- 5 (1) IC 13-23;
- 6 (2) IC 13-24;
- 7 (3) IC 13-25-4; or
- 8 (4) IC 13-25-5.

9 (b) If:

- 10 (1) a change of conditions or an advancement in science or
11 technology permits a modification of the conditions and
12 restrictions imposed by a restrictive covenant; and
- 13 (2) the modification of the conditions and restrictions imposed
14 by the restrictive covenant would not increase the potential
15 hazards to human health or the environment;

16 the commissioner may, under subsection (c), authorize the filing in the
17 office of the county recorder of a supplemental recording recognizing
18 the modification of the conditions and restrictions of the restrictive
19 covenant to reflect the change in conditions or advancement in science
20 or technology.

21 (c) The commissioner may authorize the filing of a supplemental
22 recording under subsection (b) if the owner of the real property that is
23 subject to the restrictive covenant submits to the department:

- 24 (1) a written request for the modification of the covenant;
- 25 (2) a copy of the proposed modification of the restrictive
26 covenant; and
- 27 (3) information indicating why the covenant should be modified.

28 The information submitted under subdivision (3) must be sufficient to
29 enable the department to determine whether the proposed modification
30 of the restrictive covenant will increase the potential hazards to human
31 health or the environment. The commissioner may request additional
32 information from the owner of the real property if necessary to the
33 making of a determination under this subsection.

34 ~~(d) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9~~
35 ~~providing for the recovery of administrative and personnel expenses~~
36 ~~incurred by the state in evaluating proposed modifications of restrictive~~
37 ~~covenants under this section.~~

38 SECTION 88. IC 13-14-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The department shall
40 ~~encourage and~~ advise local governmental units referred to in
41 IC 13-11-2-158 in developing facilities or establishing standards for the

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1 following:

- 2 (1) Air, water, odor, and noise pollution control.
- 3 (2) Water or wastewater treatment.
- 4 (3) Water resource development.
- 5 (4) Solid waste disposal.

6 SECTION 89. IC 13-14-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a) Except as**
 8 **provided in section 3 of this chapter,** The designated agent of the
 9 department conducting the inspection must provide the property owner
 10 **or representative of the property owner** with the following:

11 (1) ~~Before completing an inspection of property under~~
 12 ~~IC 13-14-2-2,~~ **If a representative of the inspected facility is**
 13 **available at the time of inspection,** an oral report of the
 14 inspection that includes any specific matters discovered during
 15 the inspection that the designated agent of the department
 16 believes may be a violation of a law or of a permit issued by the
 17 department **before completing an inspection of property**
 18 **under IC 13-14-2-2.**

19 (2) Not later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the
 20 inspection, a written summary of the oral report given under
 21 subdivision (1).

22 **(b) The designated agent shall send a written summary of the**
 23 **inspection in accordance with IC 13-14-2-1 to the property owner**
 24 **not later than forty five (45) days following the inspection.**

25 SECTION 90. IC 13-14-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2026]. Sec. 3: ~~If the designated agent of the department completes~~
 27 ~~the inspection at a time when the property owner is not available to~~
 28 ~~receive an oral report under section 2 of this chapter,~~ the designated
 29 agent shall send a written summary of the inspection in accordance
 30 with ~~IC 13-14-2-1~~ to the property owner not later than forty-five (45)
 31 calendar days following the inspection.

32 SECTION 91. IC 13-14-5-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 33 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: ~~The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and~~
 34 ~~IC 13-14-9 to administer this chapter and IC 13-30-7.~~

35 SECTION 92. IC 13-14-5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The property
 37 owner may provide information in response to any of the following:

- 38 (1) An oral report provided under section 2 of this chapter.
- 39 (2) A written summary provided under section 2 ~~or 3~~ of this
- 40 chapter.
- 41 (3) Questions raised during the inspection visit.

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1 (b) The department shall review and consider any information
2 presented by the property owner under subsection (a). The department
3 shall ~~append any written information provided under subsection (a) to~~
4 ~~the inspection report and~~ include the written information **provided**
5 **under subsection (a)** in the public file.

6 SECTION 93. IC 13-14-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
7 SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The board may:

- 9 (1) adopt;
- 10 (2) repeal;
- 11 (3) rescind; or
- 12 (4) amend;

13 rules and standards by proceeding in the manner prescribed in
14 IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9.

15 (b) If the board adopts a provisional rule under IC 4-22-2-37.1 or
16 an interim rule under IC 4-22-2-37.2 to comply with a deadline
17 required by or other date provided by federal law, the board shall

- 18 ~~(1) include the variance procedures in the rule. and~~
- 19 ~~(2) review the permits or licenses granted during the period the~~
20 ~~rule is in effect after the rule expires.~~

21 SECTION 94. IC 13-14-8-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. A rule or standard
23 adopted by a board may:

- 24 (1) make different provisions as required by varying
25 circumstances and conditions for different contaminant sources
26 and for different geographical areas;
- 27 (2) ~~be made applicable to sources outside Indiana that:~~
28 **appropriately consider:**
 - 29 (A) ~~are causing;~~ **background;**
 - 30 (B) ~~are contributing to;~~ **interstate;** or
 - 31 (C) ~~could cause or contribute to;~~ **international sources of;**
32 **environmental** pollution; ~~in Indiana;~~ and
- 33 (3) make provision for abatement standards and procedures:
 - 34 (A) concerning occurrences, emergencies, or pollution; or
 - 35 (B) on other short term conditions constituting an acute
36 danger to health or to the environment.

37 SECTION 95. IC 13-14-8-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. In adopting rules and
39 establishing standards, ~~a the board shall take into account~~ **may**
40 **consider** the following:

- 41 (1) All existing physical conditions and the character of the area

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- 1 affected.
- 2 (2) Past, present, and probable future uses of the area, including
- 3 the character of the uses of surrounding areas.
- 4 (3) Zoning classifications.
- 5 (4) The nature of the existing air quality or existing water
- 6 quality, as appropriate.
- 7 (5) Technical feasibility, including the quality conditions that
- 8 could reasonably be achieved through coordinated control of all
- 9 factors affecting the quality.
- 10 (6) Economic reasonableness of measuring or reducing any
- 11 particular type of pollution.
- 12 (7) The right of all persons to an environment sufficiently
- 13 uncontaminated as not to be injurious to:

- 14 (A) human, plant, animal, or aquatic life; or
- 15 (B) the reasonable enjoyment of life and property.

16 SECTION 96. IC 13-14-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 17 SECTION 87, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Any person may present written proposals
 19 for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule by the board. A
 20 proposal presented under this section must be:

- 21 (1) supported by a statement of reasons; ~~and~~
- 22 (2) accompanied by a petition signed by at least two hundred
- 23 (200) persons **who reside in Indiana; and**
- 24 **(3) include suggested text for the rule.**

25 (b) If **a majority of the voting members of** the board finds that
 26 the proposal

- 27 ~~(1) is not plainly devoid of merit; meritorious and authorized~~
- 28 ~~under this title, and~~
- 29 ~~(2) does not deal with a subject on which a hearing was held~~
- 30 ~~within the previous six (6) months of the submission of the~~
- 31 ~~proposal;~~

32 the board ~~shall~~ **may** give notice and hold a hearing on the proposal.

33 SECTION 97. IC 13-14-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Each hearing on
 35 a proposed rule must be open to the public, and a reasonable
 36 opportunity to be heard with respect to the subject of a hearing shall be
 37 afforded to any person. **The board may define reasonable**
 38 **procedures to conduct an orderly hearing.**

39 (b) All testimony taken at a hearing shall be recorded. The
 40 transcript of the hearing and any written submissions to the board at the
 41 hearing shall be open to public inspection, and copies of the transcript

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1 and written submissions shall be made available to any person upon
2 payment of the cost of reproducing the original.

3 (c) A person who:

4 (1) is heard or represented at a hearing; or

5 (2) requests notice;

6 shall be given written notice of the action of the board with respect to
7 the subject of the hearing.

8 SECTION 98. IC 13-14-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2019,
9 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) ~~Without limiting the generality of the~~
11 ~~regulatory authority of the board under this title;~~ The board may adopt
12 rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 prescribing the following:

13 (1) Standards or requirements for discharge or emission
14 specifying the maximum permissible short term and long term
15 concentrations of various contaminants of the air, water, or land.

16 (2) Procedures for the administration of a system of permits for:

17 (A) the discharge of any contaminants;

18 (B) the construction, installation, or modification of any:

19 (i) facility;

20 (ii) equipment; or

21 (iii) device;

22 that may be designed to control or prevent pollution; or

23 (C) the operation of any:

24 (i) facility;

25 (ii) equipment; or

26 (iii) device;

27 to control or to prevent pollution.

28 (3) Standards and conditions for the use of any fuel or vehicle
29 determined to constitute an air pollution hazard.

30 (4) Standards for the filling or sealing of abandoned:

31 (A) water wells;

32 (B) water holes; and

33 (C) drainage holes;

34 to protect ground water against contamination.

35 (5) Alert criteria and abatement standards for pollution episodes
36 or emergencies constituting an acute danger to health or to the
37 environment, including priority lists for terminating activities
38 that contribute to the hazard, whether or not the activities would
39 meet all discharge requirements of the board under normal
40 conditions.

41 (6) Requirements and procedures for the inspection of any

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1 equipment, facility, vehicle, vessel, or aircraft that may cause or
 2 contribute to pollution.
 3 (7) Requirements and standards for equipment and procedures
 4 for:
 5 (A) monitoring contaminant discharges at their sources;
 6 (B) the collection of samples; and
 7 (C) the collection, reporting, and retention, in accordance
 8 with record retention schedules adopted under IC 5-15-5.1,
 9 of data resulting from that monitoring.
 10 (8) Standards or requirements to control:
 11 (A) the discharge; or
 12 (B) the pretreatment;
 13 of contaminants introduced or discharged into publicly owned
 14 treatment works.
 15 (9) Fees, in accordance with IC 13-16-1.
 16 **(10) Any other matter authorized by this title.**
 17 (b) If the board is required to adopt new rules or amend existing
 18 rules to implement an amendment to the federal Resource Conservation
 19 and Recovery Act or an amendment to or addition of a National
 20 Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants under the federal
 21 Clean Air Act, the board shall adopt the new rules or amend the
 22 existing rules not more than nine (9) months after the date the federal
 23 law becomes effective. This subsection does not limit the board's
 24 authority to amend at any time the rules adopted under this subsection.
 25 SECTION 99. IC 13-14-8-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. ~~A~~ **The** board may
 27 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to specify the following with respect to any
 28 of the board's rules:
 29 (1) Criteria to define what constitutes an undue hardship or
 30 burden, as used in section 8 of this chapter, for the purposes of
 31 that rule.
 32 (2) Procedures for making determinations on applications for
 33 variances from that rule.
 34 SECTION 100. IC 13-14-8-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2024,
 35 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) A person affected by a decision of the
 37 commissioner under sections 8 and 9 of this chapter may, within fifteen
 38 (15) days after receipt of notice of the decision, appeal the decision to
 39 the office of administrative law proceedings. ~~All proceedings under this~~
 40 ~~section to appeal the commissioner's decision are governed by~~
 41 ~~IC 4-21-5.~~

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(b) The commissioner's decision to grant a variance does not take effect until available administrative remedies are exhausted.

SECTION 101. IC 13-14-8-11.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.5. (a) The department shall prepare and publish in the Indiana Register guidance on the application process and criteria for obtaining a site-specific limitation for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Criteria to be considered must include wet weather events, water effects ratio, and other site-specific considerations as determined by the department. Water effects ratio shall be the ratio of the aquatic toxicity of a parameter in the water of the receiving stream compared to the aquatic toxicity of the parameter in the laboratory water used to determine the standard.

(b) Beginning January 1, 1997, the department shall review any application and make a preliminary determination for a site-specific limitation not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of the application. The department may request additional information necessary to make the preliminary determination consistent with the guidance published under subsection (a). The one hundred eighty (180) day period does not include any days between the date the department requests additional information and the date the additional information is received by the department.

(c) The final determination on a site-specific limitation will be part of the NPDES permit decision under ~~327 IAC 5-~~ **IC 13-15.**

(d) If the agency does not issue a preliminary determination within the one hundred eighty (180) days provided for in subsection (b), the applicant may require that the department hire a qualified outside consultant to prepare the preliminary determination as expeditiously as possible.

(e) The department and the applicant may agree to extend the one hundred eighty (180) day period provided for in subsection (b).

SECTION 102. IC 13-14-8-11.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2014, SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.6. (a) A discharger is not required to obtain a state permit for the modification or construction of a water pollution treatment or control facility if the discharger has an effective:

- (1) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) industrial permit for direct discharges to surface water; or
- (2) industrial waste pretreatment permit not issued by the department for discharges to a publicly owned treatment works.

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1 (b) If a modification is for the treatment or control of any new
 2 influent pollutant or increased levels of any existing pollutant, within
 3 thirty (30) days after commencement of operation, the discharger shall
 4 file with the department a notice of installation for the additional
 5 pollutant control equipment and a design summary of any
 6 modifications.

7 (c) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt a general permit rule for the
 8 approval of sanitary collection system plans, lift station plans, and force
 9 main plans.

10 SECTION 103. IC 13-14-9-0.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 0.1. The amendments made to sections 3 and 4 of~~
 12 ~~this chapter by P.L.100-2006 apply only to proposed rules for which~~
 13 ~~the department of environmental management provides notice under~~
 14 ~~section 3 of this chapter; as amended by P.L.100-2006; after June 30,~~
 15 ~~2006.~~

16 SECTION 104. IC 13-14-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2023,
 17 SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. Before publication of the notice described in
 19 IC 4-22-2-23, the department may provide notice in the Indiana
 20 Register of a public comment period regarding potential rulemaking.
 21 A notice provided under this section must do the following:

22 (1) Identify the authority under which the proposed rule is to be
 23 adopted.

24 (2) Describe the subject matter and the basic purpose of the
 25 proposed rule. The description required by this subdivision must:

26 (A) list all alternatives being considered by the department
 27 at the time of the notice;

28 (B) state whether each alternative listed under clause (A)
 29 creates:

30 (i) a restriction or requirement more stringent than a
 31 restriction or requirement imposed under federal law;
 32 or

33 (ii) a restriction or requirement in a subject area in
 34 which federal law does not impose restrictions or
 35 requirements;

36 (C) state the extent to which each alternative listed under
 37 clause (A) differs from federal law;

38 (D) include any information known to the department about
 39 the potential fiscal impact of each alternative under clause

40 (A) that creates:

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- 1 restriction or requirement imposed under federal law;
- 2 or
- 3 (ii) a restriction or requirement in a subject area in
- 4 which federal law does not impose restrictions or
- 5 requirements; and
- 6 (E) set forth the basis for each alternative listed under
- 7 clause (A).
- 8 (3) Describe the relevant statutory or regulatory requirements or
- 9 restrictions relating to the subject matter of the proposed rule
- 10 that exist before the adoption of the proposed rule.
- 11 (4) Request the submission of alternative ways to achieve the
- 12 purpose of the proposed rule.
- 13 (5) Request the submission of comments, including suggestions
- 14 of specific language for the proposed rule.
- 15 (6) Include a detailed statement of the issue to be addressed by
- 16 adoption of the proposed rule.
- 17 SECTION 105. IC 13-14-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
- 18 SECTION 116, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) In addition to the
- 20 requirements of IC 4-22-2-23 and (if applicable) IC 4-22-2-24, the
- 21 notice of public comment period submitted by the department to the
- 22 publisher must do the following:
- 23 (1) Contain a summary of the response of the department to
- 24 written comments submitted under section 3 of this chapter, if
- 25 applicable.
- 26 (2) Request the submission of comments, including suggestions
- 27 of specific amendments to the language contained in the
- 28 proposed rule.
- 29 (3) Identify each element of the proposed rule that imposes a
- 30 restriction or requirement on persons to whom the proposed rule
- 31 applies that:
- 32 (A) is more stringent than a restriction or requirement
- 33 imposed under federal law; or
- 34 (B) applies in a subject area in which federal law does not
- 35 impose a restriction or requirement.
- 36 (4) With respect to each element identified under subdivision
- 37 (3), identify:
- 38 (A) the environmental circumstance or hazard that dictates
- 39 the imposition of the proposed restriction or requirement to
- 40 protect human health and the environment;
- 41 (B) examples in which federal law is inadequate to provide

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- 1 the protection referred to in clause (A); and
 2 (C) the:
 3 (i) estimated fiscal impact; and
 4 (ii) expected benefits;
 5 based on the extent to which the proposed rule is more
 6 stringent than the restrictions or requirements of federal
 7 law, or on the creation of restrictions or requirements in a
 8 subject area in which federal law does not impose
 9 restrictions or requirements.
- 10 (5) For any element of the proposed rule that imposes a
 11 restriction or requirement that is more stringent than a restriction
 12 or requirement imposed under federal law or that applies in a
 13 subject area in which federal law does not impose restrictions or
 14 requirements, describe the availability for public inspection of
 15 all materials relied upon by the department in the development
 16 of the proposed rule, including, if applicable:
 17 (A) health criteria;
 18 (B) analytical methods;
 19 (C) treatment technology;
 20 (D) economic impact data;
 21 (E) environmental assessment data;
 22 (F) analyses of methods to effectively implement the
 23 proposed rule; and
 24 (G) other background data.
- 25 (b) If the notice provided by the department concerning a proposed
 26 rule identifies an element of the proposed rule that imposes a restriction
 27 or requirement more stringent than a restriction or requirement
 28 imposed under federal law, the proposed rule shall not become
 29 effective under this chapter until the adjournment sine die of the
 30 regular session of the general assembly that begins after the department
 31 provides the notice.
- 32 (c) Subsection (b) does not prohibit or restrict the commissioner,
 33 the department, or the board from:
 34 (1) adopting provisional rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1;
 35 (2) taking emergency action under IC 13-14-10; or
 36 (3) temporarily:
 37 (A) altering ordinary operating policies or procedures; or
 38 (B) implementing new policies or procedures;
 39 in response to an emergency situation.
- 40 SECTION 106. IC 13-14-11-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 133-2012,
 41 SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The board shall adopt rules requiring the
 2 execution of a confidentiality agreement **department may execute**
 3 **confidentiality agreements** with persons employed, contracted, or
 4 subcontracted by the department that is enforceable by:

- 5 (1) the state; and
- 6 (2) the submitter of the information.

7 SECTION 107. IC 13-14-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 8 SECTION 341, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) **Upon request by:**

- 10 **(1) the commissioner;**
- 11 **(2) the standing committees of the house of representatives**
 12 **or the senate concerned with the environment; or**
- 13 **(3) the board;**

14 the state comptroller shall issue a report on the fund not later than ten
 15 (10) working days following the last day of each four (4) month period:
 16 **after receiving the request.**

- 17 (b) The report must:
 - 18 (1) include the beginning and ending balance, disbursements,
 - 19 and receipts, including accrued interest or other investment
 - 20 earnings of the fund;
 - 21 (2) comply with accounting standards under IC 4-13-2-7(a)(1);
 - 22 and
 - 23 (3) be available to the public.

24 (c) ~~The state comptroller shall forward copies of the report to the~~
 25 ~~following:~~

- 26 ~~(1) The commissioner.~~
- 27 ~~(2) The standing committees of the house of representatives and~~
 28 ~~the senate concerned with the environment.~~
- 29 ~~(3) The board.~~

30 SECTION 108. IC 13-15-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 31 SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The board shall establish requirements for the
 33 issuance of permits to control air pollution, ~~noise, and atomic radiation;~~
 34 including the following:

- 35 (1) Permits to control or limit the emission of any contaminants
 36 into the atmosphere.
- 37 (2) Permits for the construction, installation, or modification of
 38 facilities, equipment, or devices to control or limit any discharge,
 39 emission, or disposal of contaminants into the air.
- 40 (3) Permits for the operation of facilities, equipment, or devices
 41 to control or limit the discharge, emission, or disposal of any
 42 contaminants into the environment.

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1 SECTION 109. IC 13-15-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
2 SECTION 96, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The board shall establish requirements for the
4 issuance of permits to control water pollution, ~~and atomic radiation,~~
5 including the following:

- 6 (1) Permits to control or limit the discharge of any contaminants
7 into state waters or into a publicly owned treatment works.
- 8 (2) Permits for the construction, installation, or modification of
9 facilities, equipment, or devices to control or limit any discharge,
10 emission, or disposal of contaminants into the waters of Indiana
11 or into a publicly owned treatment works.
- 12 (3) Permits for the operation of facilities, equipment, or devices
13 to control or limit the discharge, emission, or disposal of any
14 contaminants into the waters of Indiana or into a publicly owned
15 treatment works.

16 However, the board may not require a permit under subdivision (2) for
17 any facility, equipment, or device constructed, installed, or modified as
18 part of a surface coal mining operation that is operated under a permit
19 issued under IC 14-34.

20 SECTION 110. IC 13-15-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.100-2021,
21 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The board shall establish requirements for the
23 issuance of permits to control solid waste ~~and hazardous waste, and~~
24 ~~atomic radiation,~~ including the following:

- 25 (1) Permits to control or limit the disposal of any contaminants
26 onto or into the land.
- 27 (2) Permits for the construction, installation, or modification of
28 facilities, equipment, or devices:
 - 29 (A) to control or limit any discharge, emission, or disposal
30 of contaminants into the land; or
 - 31 (B) for the storage, treatment, processing, transferring, or
32 disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste.
- 33 (3) Permits for the operation of facilities, equipment, or devices:
 - 34 (A) to control or limit the discharge, emission, transfer, or
35 disposal of any contaminants into the land; or
 - 36 (B) for the storage, transportation, treatment, processing,
37 transferring, or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste.
- 38 (4) Permits for the disposal of coal combustion residuals in
39 landfills and surface impoundments.

40 SECTION 111. IC 13-15-1-3.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2022,
41 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.2. (a) A transfer station or any facility that holds
 2 a valid permit or authorization to haul, treat, store, dispose of, or ship
 3 hazardous waste may haul, transfer, consolidate, process, ship, or
 4 otherwise manage solid waste without also holding a permit to haul,
 5 transfer, process, or ship solid waste.

6 (b) A hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility that
 7 holds a valid permit to haul, treat, store, dispose of, or ship hazardous
 8 waste may haul, transfer, treat, store, dispose of, process, or ship solid
 9 waste without also holding a permit to haul, transfer, treat, store,
 10 dispose of, process, or ship solid waste.

11 (c) Solid waste that is managed:

12 (1) at a transfer station; or

13 (2) at any facility that holds a valid permit to haul, treat, store,
 14 dispose of, or ship hazardous waste;

15 shall not be stored, treated, or disposed of in direct contact with
 16 hazardous waste.

17 (d) If any portion of a quantity of solid waste that is managed:

18 (1) at a transfer station; or

19 (2) at any facility that holds a valid permit to haul, treat, store,
 20 dispose of, or ship hazardous waste;

21 comes into direct contact with a hazardous waste, the solid waste
 22 becomes subject to 40 CFR 261.3(a)(2)(iv) and shall then be managed
 23 as a hazardous waste.

24 ~~(e) The board shall amend 329 IAC 11 to conform to this section:~~

25 SECTION 112. IC 13-15-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 26 SECTION 98, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules under
 28 IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 to establish requirements and procedures for
 29 the issuance of permits.

30 (b) In rules for the issuance of permits, the board may do the
 31 following:

32 (1) Prescribe standards for the discharge, emission, or disposal
 33 of contaminants and the operation of any facility, equipment, or
 34 device.

35 (2) Impose the conditions that are considered necessary to
 36 accomplish the purposes of this title.

37 SECTION 113. IC 13-15-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 38 SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
 40 and IC 13-14-9 to allow the department to issue permits that do the
 41 following:

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- 1 (1) Provide incentives to owners and operators of facilities to
 2 assess the pollution emitted by the facilities into all
 3 environmental media.
- 4 (2) Provide incentives to owners and operators of facilities to
 5 implement the most innovative and effective pollution control or
 6 pollution prevention strategies while maintaining enforceable
 7 performance goals.
- 8 (3) Provide incentives to owners and operators of facilities to
 9 reduce pollution levels at the facilities below the levels required
 10 by law.
- 11 (4) Consolidate environmental requirements into one (1) permit
 12 that would otherwise be included in more than one (1) permit.
- 13 (5) Reduce the time and money spent by owners and operators
 14 of facilities and the department on administrative tasks that do
 15 not benefit the environment.
- 16 (6) Provide owners and operators of facilities with as much
 17 operational flexibility as can reasonably be provided while being
 18 consistent with enforcement of permit requirements.
- 19 (b) The rules adopted under this section may provide for permits
 20 that contain the following:
- 21 (1) Authorization of emission trading.
- 22 (2) Consolidated reporting mechanisms.
- 23 (3) Third party certifications.
- 24 (4) Multimedia regulation.
- 25 (5) Other conditions consistent with subsection (a).
- 26 (c) The rules adopted under this section must provide that a permit
 27 issued under the rules adopted under this section meets the following
 28 criteria:
- 29 (1) Activities conducted under the permit must result in greater
 30 overall environmental protection than would otherwise be
 31 achieved under applicable law.
- 32 (2) Upon issuance of a permit, all limits, conditions, and
 33 standards contained in the permit are enforceable under
 34 IC 13-30-3.
- 35 (3) The permit applicant must give notice in accordance with
 36 IC 13-15-8, and the commissioner ~~shall~~ **may** give notice to the
 37 public and provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed
 38 permit in accordance with IC 13-15-5.
- 39 (d) ~~The rules adopted under this section must allow~~ The
 40 department **shall strive** to give priority to applications involving
 41 permits that are issued as described in this section based on:

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- 1 (1) the degree of environmental benefit that may be obtained
 2 under the permit;
 3 (2) the potential application of any innovative control
 4 technologies or regulatory procedures that may be made
 5 available to other permit applicants and permit holders; and
 6 (3) other criteria that the board may establish.
 7 (e) The rules adopted under this section must be consistent with
 8 federal law for federally authorized or delegated permit programs.
 9 SECTION 114. IC 13-15-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A permit issued
 11 under:
 12 (1) this article; ~~(except IC 13-15-9)~~;
 13 (2) IC 13-17-11;
 14 (3) IC 13-18-18; or
 15 (4) IC 13-20-1;
 16 may be issued for any period determined by the department to be
 17 appropriate but not to exceed five (5) years.
 18 (b) Except as provided in federal law, a valid permit that has been
 19 issued under this chapter that concerns an activity of a continuing
 20 nature may be renewed for a period of not more than ten (10) years as
 21 determined by the department. The board shall adopt rules
 22 implementing this subsection.
 23 (c) The commissioner may delegate authority to issue or deny
 24 permits to a designated staff member.
 25 SECTION 115. IC 13-15-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A public hearing
 27 shall be held on the question of:
 28 (1) the issuance of an original or renewal permit for a hazardous
 29 waste disposal facility under IC 13-22-3; or
 30 (2) the issuance of an original permit for a solid waste disposal
 31 facility or a solid waste incinerator regulated under IC 13-20-8;
 32 as provided in subsection (b).
 33 (b) A public hearing shall be held under subsection (a) upon:
 34 (1) the request of the applicant;
 35 (2) the filing of a petition requesting a public hearing that is
 36 signed by one hundred (100) adult individuals who:
 37 (A) reside in the county where the proposed or existing
 38 facility is or is to be located; or
 39 (B) own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the
 40 proposed or existing facility; or
 41 (3) the ~~motion~~ **determination** of the commissioner.

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1 (c) The public hearing authorized by this section does not
2 constitute an agency action under IC 4-21.5.

3 SECTION 116. IC 13-15-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2014,
4 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in sections 2, 3, and 6
6 of this chapter, the commissioner shall approve or deny an application
7 filed with the department after July 1, 1995, within the following
8 number of days:

9 (1) Three hundred sixty-five (365) days for an application
10 concerning the following **waste permits**:

11 (A) A new hazardous waste or solid waste landfill.

12 (B) A new hazardous waste or solid waste incinerator.

13 (C) A major modification of a solid waste landfill.

14 (D) A major modification of a solid waste incinerator.

15 (E) A new hazardous waste treatment or storage facility.

16 (F) A new Part B permit issued under 40 CFR 270 et seq.
17 for an existing hazardous waste treatment or storage facility.

18 (G) A Class 3 modification under 40 CFR 270.42 to a
19 hazardous waste landfill.

20 (H) A new solid waste processing facility other than a
21 transfer station.

22 (2) Except as provided in IC 13-18-3-2.1, two hundred seventy
23 (270) days for an application concerning the following:

24 (A) A Class 3 modification under 40 CFR 270.42 of a
25 hazardous waste treatment or storage facility.

26 (B) A major new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
27 System permit.

28 (C) A major modification to a solid waste processing
29 facility other than a transfer station.

30 (3) Except as provided in IC 13-18-3-2.1, one hundred eighty
31 (180) days for an application concerning the following:

32 (A) A new transfer station or a major modification to a
33 transfer station.

34 (B) A minor new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
35 System individual permit.

36 (C) A permit concerning the land application of a material.

37 (D) A permit for marketing and distribution of a biosolid or
38 an industrial waste product.

39 (4) Except as provided in IC 13-18-3-2.1, one hundred fifty
40 (150) days for an application concerning a minor new National
41 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit.

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- 1 (5) One hundred twenty (120) days for an application concerning
 2 a Class 2 modification under 40 CFR 270.42 to a hazardous
 3 waste facility.
 4 (6) ~~Ninety (90)~~ **One hundred twenty (120)** days for an
 5 application concerning the following:
 6 (A) A minor modification to a **waste** permit for the
 7 following:
 8 (i) A solid waste landfill.
 9 (ii) A solid waste processing facility.
 10 (iii) An incinerator.
 11 (B) A wastewater facility or water facility construction
 12 permit.
 13 (7) The amount of time provided for in rules adopted by the
 14 board for an application ~~concerning the following:~~
 15 (A) ~~An air pollution construction permit that is subject to~~
 16 ~~326 IAC 2-2 and 326 IAC 2-3.~~
 17 (B) ~~An air pollution facility construction permit (other than~~
 18 ~~as defined in 326 IAC 2-2).~~
 19 (C) ~~Registration of an air pollution facility.~~ **for an air**
 20 **pollution permit.**
 21 (8) Sixty (60) days for an application concerning the following:
 22 (A) A Class 1 modification under 40 CFR 270.42 requiring
 23 prior written approval, to a hazardous waste:
 24 (i) landfill;
 25 (ii) incinerator;
 26 (iii) treatment facility; or
 27 (iv) storage facility.
 28 (B) Any other permit not specifically described in this
 29 section for which the application fee exceeds forty-nine
 30 dollars (\$49) and for which a time frame has not been
 31 established under section 3 of this chapter.
 32 (b) When a person holding a valid permit concerning an activity
 33 of a continuing nature has made a timely and sufficient application for
 34 a renewal permit, ~~under the rules of one (1) of the boards,~~ the
 35 commissioner shall approve or deny the application on or before the
 36 expiration date stated in the permit for which renewal is sought.
 37 SECTION 117. IC 13-15-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007,
 38 SECTION 127, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply
 40 to permit applications described in section 1(a)(1) or 1(a)(2) of this
 41 chapter.

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1 (b) **Unless otherwise specified in applicable rules or laws**, if the
2 department determines that a public hearing should be held under:

3 (1) IC 13-15-3-3; or

4 (2) any other applicable rule or law;

5 the commissioner has thirty (30) days in addition to the number of days
6 provided for in section 1 of this chapter in which to approve or deny the
7 application.

8 SECTION 118. IC 13-15-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
9 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) ~~The~~ **The** board may adopt a rule
11 under IC 4-22-2 that changes a period described under section 1 of this
12 chapter within which the commissioner must approve or deny an
13 application:

14 (1) if:

15 (A) the general assembly enacts a statute;

16 (B) ~~a the~~ **the** board adopts a rule; or

17 (C) the federal government enacts a statute or adopts a
18 regulation;

19 that imposes a new requirement concerning a class of
20 applications that makes it infeasible for the commissioner to
21 approve or deny the application within the period;

22 (2) if:

23 (A) the general assembly enacts a statute;

24 (B) ~~a the~~ **the** board adopts a rule; or

25 (C) the federal government enacts a statute or adopts a
26 regulation;

27 that establishes a new permit program for which a period is not
28 described under section 1 of this chapter; or

29 (3) if some other significant factor concerning a class of
30 applications makes it infeasible for the commissioner to approve
31 or deny the application within the period.

32 (b) If ~~a the~~ **the** board adopts a rule described in subsection (a) as a
33 provisional rule under IC 4-22-2-37.1 or as an interim rule under
34 IC 4-22-2-37.2, the board shall

35 ~~(1) include the variance procedures in the rule. and~~

36 ~~(2) review the permits or licenses granted during the period the~~
37 ~~rule is in effect after the rule expires.~~

38 If ~~a the~~ **the** board adopts a provisional rule or an interim rule under this
39 subsection, the period described in section 1 of this chapter is
40 suspended during the rulemaking process.

41 SECTION 119. IC 13-15-4-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY

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1 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4: An application for a permit renewal that includes a~~
 2 ~~modification shall be reviewed within the period applicable to the~~
 3 ~~modification.~~

4 SECTION 120. IC 13-15-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. Sections 1 through
 6 ~~4 3~~ and ~~section~~ 6 of this chapter do not alter the procedures and time
 7 frames set forth in the hazardous waste permit modification rules
 8 adopted by the department, except to the extent that sections 1 through
 9 ~~4 3~~ and 6 of this chapter establish specific calendar day time frames
 10 where no time frame exists under the rules.

11 SECTION 121. IC 13-15-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 12 SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Notwithstanding the periods
 14 specified in sections 1 through ~~4 3~~ of this chapter and this section, a
 15 person proposing to construct, modify, or operate any equipment,
 16 facility, or pollution control device that is demonstrated to achieve
 17 pollution control or pollution prevention in excess of applicable
 18 federal, state, or local requirements may apply to the commissioner for
 19 an interim permit to construct, modify, or operate the equipment,
 20 facility, or pollution control device.

21 (b) The commissioner shall approve or deny the interim permit not
 22 later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the application for an interim
 23 permit, unless the applicant and the commissioner agree that a longer
 24 review period is necessary.

25 (c) This section does not relieve a person from complying with:

- 26 (1) the permit requirements provided under this title; and
 27 (2) rules adopted under this title;

28 to the extent that this title and the rules are not inconsistent with this
 29 section.

30 SECTION 122. IC 13-15-4-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.27-2024,
 31 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. The commissioner may suspend the
 33 processing of an application, and the period described under sections
 34 1 through 6 of this chapter is suspended, if one (1) of the following
 35 occurs:

36 (1) The department determines that the application is incomplete
 37 and has mailed or electronically sent a notice of deficiency to the
 38 applicant that specifies the parts of the application that:

- 39 (A) do not contain adequate information for the department
 40 to process the application; or
 41 (B) are not consistent with applicable law.

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1 The period described under sections 1 through 6 of this chapter
 2 shall be suspended during the first two (2) notices of deficiency
 3 sent to an applicant under this subdivision. If more than two (2)
 4 notices of deficiency are issued on an application, the period
 5 may not be suspended unless the applicant agrees in writing to
 6 defer processing of the application pending the applicant's
 7 response to the notice of deficiency. A notice of deficiency may
 8 include a request for the applicant to conduct tests or sampling
 9 to provide information necessary for the department to process
 10 the application. If an applicant's response does not contain
 11 complete information to satisfy all deficiencies described in a
 12 notice of deficiency, the department shall notify the applicant not
 13 later than thirty (30) ~~working~~ **business** days after receiving the
 14 response. The commissioner shall resume processing the
 15 application, and the period described under sections 1 through
 16 6 of this chapter resumes on the earliest of the date the
 17 department receives and stamps as received the applicant's
 18 complete information, the date marked by the department on a
 19 certified mail return receipt accompanying the applicant's
 20 complete information, or the date a notice is sent by the
 21 department to the applicant confirming that the department has
 22 received the applicant's complete information.

23 (2) The commissioner receives a written request from an
 24 applicant to:

- 25 (A) withdraw; or
- 26 (B) defer processing of;

27 the application for the purposes of resolving an issue related to
 28 a permit or to provide additional information concerning the
 29 application.

30 (3) The department is required by federal law or by an agreement
 31 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a
 32 federal permit program to transmit a copy of the proposed permit
 33 to the administrator of the United States Environmental
 34 Protection Agency for review and possible objections before the
 35 permit may be issued. The period described under sections 1
 36 through 6 of this chapter ~~shall~~ **may** be suspended from the time
 37 the department submits the proposed permit to the administrator
 38 for review until:

- 39 (A) the department receives the administrator's concurrence
 40 or objection to the issuance of the proposed permit; or
- 41 (B) the period established in federal law by which the

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1 administrator is required to make objections expires without
2 the administrator having filed an objection.

3 (4) A board initiates ~~emergency~~ **provisional or interim**
4 rulemaking under section 3(b) of this chapter to revise the period
5 described under sections 1 through 6 of this chapter.

6 SECTION 123. IC 13-15-4-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) If an applicant
8 is operating pursuant to a continuation of an existing permit pending
9 determination of an application for a new or renewed permit under
10 IC 13-15-3-6, the applicant may proceed under this section after
11 notifying the commissioner in writing of its intent to do so.

12 (b) If the commissioner does not issue or deny a permit within the
13 time specified under sections 1 through 6 of this chapter, the applicant
14 may proceed under this section. After reaching an agreement with the
15 commissioner or after consulting with the commissioner for thirty (30)
16 days and failing to reach an agreement, the applicant may choose to
17 proceed under ~~one (1)~~ **either** of the following alternatives:

18 (1) The:

19 (A) applicant may, except as provided in section 12.1 of this
20 chapter, request and receive a refund of a permit application
21 fee paid by the applicant; and

22 (B) commissioner shall do the following:

23 (i) Continue to review the application.

24 (ii) Approve or deny the application as soon as
25 practicable.

26 (iii) Except as provided in section 12.1 of this chapter,
27 refund the applicant's application fee not later than
28 twenty-five (25) working days after the receipt of the
29 applicant's request.

30 (2) The:

31 (A) applicant may:

32 (i) ~~except as provided in section 12.1 of this chapter,~~
33 ~~request and receive a refund of a permit application fee~~
34 ~~paid by the applicant; and~~

35 (ii) ~~submit to the department a draft permit and any~~
36 ~~required supporting technical justification for the~~
37 ~~permit; and~~

38 (B) commissioner shall do the following:

39 (i) ~~Review the draft permit.~~

40 (ii) ~~Approve, with or without revision, or deny the draft~~
41 ~~permit in accordance with section 16 of this chapter.~~

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1 (iii) Except as provided in section 12.1 of this chapter;
2 refund the applicant's application fee not later than
3 twenty-five (25) working days after the receipt of the
4 applicant's request.

5 ~~(3)~~ (2) The:
6 (A) applicant may hire an outside consultant to prepare a
7 draft permit and any required supporting technical
8 justification for the permit; and
9 (B) commissioner shall:
10 (i) review the draft permit; and
11 (ii) approve, with or without revision, or deny the draft
12 permit in accordance with section 16 of this chapter.

13 SECTION 124. IC 13-15-4-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) If an applicant
15 chooses to proceed under section ~~11(b)(3)~~ **11(b)(2)** of this chapter, the
16 department and the applicant shall jointly:

17 (1) select a consultant that has the appropriate background to
18 review the applicant's application; and
19 (2) authorize the consultant to begin work;
20 not later than fifteen (15) working days after the department receives
21 notice that the applicant has chosen to proceed under section ~~11(b)(3)~~
22 **11(b)(2)** of this chapter.

23 (b) The commissioner may:
24 (1) consult with the applicant regarding the advisability of
25 proceeding under this section; and
26 (2) document the communications.

27 SECTION 125. IC 13-15-4-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) If an applicant
29 chooses to proceed under section 11(b)(2) or ~~11(b)(3)~~ of this chapter,
30 the applicant or a consultant shall prepare and submit to the
31 commissioner the draft permit and any required supporting technical
32 justification for the permit not later than thirty-five (35) working days
33 after

34 ~~(1) the applicant has notified the commissioner that the applicant~~
35 ~~has chosen to proceed under section 11(b)(2) of this chapter; or~~
36 ~~(2) the department and the applicant have authorized a~~
37 ~~consultant to begin work under section ~~11(b)(3)~~ **11(b)(2)** of this~~
38 ~~chapter.~~

39 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the commissioner shall:
40 (1) approve, with or without revision; or
41 (2) deny;

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1 the draft permit not later than twenty-five (25) working days after
2 receiving the draft permit.

3 (c) If notice of opportunity for public comment or public hearing
4 is required under applicable law before a permit decision can be issued,
5 the commissioner shall comply with all public participation
6 requirements and:

- 7 (1) approve, with or without revision; or
- 8 (2) deny;

9 the draft permit not later than fifty-five (55) working days after receipt
10 of the draft permit.

11 (d) If the commissioner denies the draft permit, the commissioner
12 shall specify the reasons for the denial.

13 (e) If an applicant has elected to have a draft permit prepared
14 under section ~~11(b)(3)~~ **11(b)(2)** of this chapter and:

15 (1) the consultant fails to submit a draft permit and supporting
16 technical justification to the commissioner; or

17 (2) the commissioner fails to approve or deny the draft permit;
18 within the applicable time specified under subsection (a), (b), or (c),
19 the department shall refund the applicant's permit application fee not
20 later than twenty-five (25) working days after expiration of the
21 applicable period.

22 (f) The commissioner and the applicant may mutually agree to
23 extend the deadlines in this section.

24 SECTION 126. IC 13-15-5-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.66-2024,
25 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. Not later than ten (10) days after the last day
27 of a public comment period under this article or applicable rules of the
28 board, the commissioner may decide, based on information received
29 during the public comment period, to hold a public hearing ~~or meeting~~
30 before the issuance or denial of a permit. If the commissioner decides
31 to hold a public hearing ~~or meeting~~ under this section, the department
32 shall:

33 (1) immediately notify the applicant of the decision to hold the
34 public hearing; ~~or meeting~~; and

35 (2) as soon as practicable, provide notice to the applicant and
36 ~~any~~ interested persons of the date, time, and location of the
37 public hearing. ~~or meeting~~;

38 SECTION 127. IC 13-15-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2024,
39 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Not later than fifteen (15) days after being
41 served the notice provided by the commissioner under IC 13-15-5-3:

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1 (1) the permit applicant; or
 2 (2) any other person aggrieved by the commissioner's action;
 3 may appeal the commissioner's action to the office of administrative
 4 law proceedings and request that an administrative law judge hold an
 5 adjudicatory hearing concerning the action under IC 4-21.5-3 and
 6 IC 4-15-10.5.

7 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and IC 4-21.5-3-7(a)(3), a
 8 person may file an appeal of the commissioner's action in issuing an
 9 initial permit under the operating permit program under 42 U.S.C. 7661
 10 through 7661f not later than thirty (30) days after the date the person
 11 received the notice provided under IC 13-15-5-3. ~~for a permit issued~~
 12 ~~after April 30, 1999.~~

13 SECTION 128. IC 13-15-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2024,
 14 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. A person aggrieved by the revocation or
 16 modification of a permit may appeal the revocation or modification to
 17 the office of administrative law proceedings for an administrative
 18 review under IC 4-21.5-3. Pending the decision resulting from the
 19 hearing under IC 4-21.5-3 concerning the permit revocation, ~~or~~
 20 ~~modification~~, the permit remains in force. However, the commissioner
 21 may seek injunctive relief with regard to the activity described in the
 22 permit while the decision resulting from the hearing is pending.

23 SECTION 129. IC 13-15-7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 24 SECTION 103, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a
 26 facility that:

- 27 (1) has been issued an operating permit by the ~~board;~~
 28 **commissioner**; or
- 29 (2) is operating without a permit but has made a timely and
 30 complete application for a permit under IC 13-17-8-10.

31 (b) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and
 32 IC 13-14-9 as part of the operating permit program established under
 33 42 U.S.C. 7661 through 7661f providing that a facility may make
 34 changes without a permit revision if the following conditions exist:

- 35 (1) The changes are not modifications under any provision of
 36 Title I of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as
 37 amended. ~~by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990~~
 38 ~~(P.L.101-549).~~
- 39 (2) The changes do not exceed emissions:
 40 (A) expressed as a rate of emissions; or
 41 (B) expressed as total emissions;

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- 1 allowable under the permit.
- 2 (3) The facility provides the commissioner with written
3 notification at least seven (7) days before the proposed changes
4 are made. However, the board may adopt rules that provide a
5 different period for notifications that involve emergency
6 situations.
- 7 ~~(1) conditions for the issuance of a permit under this chapter;~~
8 ~~and~~
9 ~~(2) requirements for the operation of nuclear facilities.~~
- 10 (b) Rules adopted by the board may relate to:
11 ~~(1) air pollution from nuclear facilities;~~
12 ~~(2) water pollution from nuclear facilities; or~~
13 ~~(3) other environmental problems associated with nuclear~~
14 ~~facilities.~~
- 15 SECTION 130. IC 13-15-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
16 SECTION 105, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. A person proposing to construct:
18 (1) a nuclear powered generating facility; or
19 (2) a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant;
20 shall file with the ~~board~~ **department** an environmental feasibility
21 report ~~on a form prescribed by the board;~~ concurrently with the filing
22 of the ~~preliminary safety analysis documents~~ required to be filed with
23 the United States Atomic Energy Commission: **Nuclear Regulatory**
24 **Commission under 10 CFR Part 50 and Part 52.**
- 25 SECTION 131. IC 13-15-9-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
26 1, 2026]. Sec. 4: (a) The commissioner, ~~on behalf of the board,~~ may
27 ~~conduct a public hearing at a time and place to be determined by the~~
28 ~~department on the environmental effects of the proposed operation:~~
29 (b) A person affected by the proposed construction may participate
30 in the hearing to the extent and in the manner that the board prescribes.
- 31 SECTION 132. IC 13-15-9-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
32 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: (a) The board shall adopt rules and standards under
33 section 2 of this chapter to protect the citizens of Indiana from the
34 hazards of radiation:
35 (b) Each permit required under this chapter according to rules
36 adopted by the board must specify the maximum allowable level of
37 radioactive discharge:
38 (c) Each permit issued must include a requirement for:
39 ~~(1) appropriate procedures of monitoring any discharge; and~~
40 ~~(2) a report of each discharge to the department.~~
- 41 SECTION 133. IC 13-15-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,

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1 SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules
 3 to establish a department operated training and certification program
 4 for the following:

5 (1) Operators of solid waste incinerators and waste to energy
 6 facilities.

7 (2) Operators of land disposal sites.

8 (3) Operators of facilities described under IC 13-15-1-3 whose
 9 board. The fees may not be less than are required to pay all of
 10 the costs, both direct and indirect, of the operation of the
 11 department under this chapter, and are payable to the department
 12 in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

13 (c) A fee may not be charged to an operator employed by a solid
 14 waste facility that is wholly owned and operated by a unit of local
 15 government.

16 SECTION 134. IC 13-16-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2019,
 17 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. To establish fees or change the amount of a fee,
 19 the board shall:

20 (1) follow the procedure required for the adoption of rules; and

21 (2) take into account:

22 (A) the cost to the department of the issuance of a permit,
 23 license, or approval;

24 (B) the cost to the department of the performance of
 25 services in connection with the supervision, review, and
 26 other necessary activities related to the permit, license, or
 27 approval;

28 (C) the cost to the department of the surveillance of the
 29 activity or property covered by the license, permit, or
 30 approval;

31 (D) the cost to the department of amendments,
 32 modifications, and renewals of a permit, license, or
 33 approval; ~~and~~

34 (E) fees charged for equivalent activities in other states;
 35 **and**

36 **(F) the schedule, form, and frequency of the fees match**
 37 **the operational or revenue needs of the program.**

38 SECTION 135. IC 13-16-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2019,
 39 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall periodically review the fees
 41 established under this title. The board may set or change a fee if the
 42 board determines, based upon the information provided under

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1 subsections (b) and (c) and the provisions of section 3 of this chapter,
2 that a fee is necessary or that the amount of a fee is not appropriate.

3 (b) To assist the board in the periodic review of fees required by
4 this section, the department ~~shall~~ **may**:

5 (1) arrange for an independent study of the costs referred to in
6 section 2(2)(A) through 2(2)(D) of this chapter;

7 (2) develop information on fees charged for equivalent activities
8 in other states, as applicable, as provided in section 2(2)(E) of
9 this chapter; and

10 (3) periodically develop information on activities, functions, and
11 permits that have been added or eliminated since the previous
12 fee structure was adopted.

13 (c) The department ~~shall~~ **may**:

14 (1) present the information described in subsection (b) to the
15 board for consideration; and

16 (2) ~~if so directed by the board~~; initiate a rulemaking under
17 IC 13-14-9 to address fees.

18 SECTION 136. IC 13-16-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Before billing a
20 person under IC 13-18-20, IC 13-20-21, or IC 13-22-12, the
21 commissioner ~~shall may~~ review the money in the environmental
22 management permit operation fund established under IC 13-15-11 and
23 make the following adjustments:

24 (1) If the balance of the fund collected under IC 13-18-20, once
25 obligated expenditures are subtracted from the balance, exceeds
26 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) as of
27 July 1 each year, the commissioner shall adjust the annual fee
28 schedule to bill an amount, in the aggregate, equivalent to the fee
29 schedule amount, less the excess over two million five hundred
30 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000). Adjustments to the individual
31 bills must be proportional to the applicable fee divided by the
32 total amount required by all the applicable fees. Adjustments to
33 the annual fees apply only to the next assessment year and then
34 revert to the amounts established under IC 13-18-20.

35 (2) If the balance of the fund collected under IC 13-20-21, once
36 obligated expenditures are subtracted from the balance, exceeds
37 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) as of
38 July 1 each year, the commissioner shall adjust the annual fee
39 schedule to bill an amount, in the aggregate, equivalent to the fee
40 schedule amount, less the excess over two million five hundred
41 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000). Adjustments to the individual

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1 bills must be proportional to the applicable fee divided by the
 2 total amount required by all the applicable fees. Adjustments to
 3 the annual fees apply only to the next assessment year and then
 4 revert to the amounts established under IC 13-20-21.

5 (3) If the balance of the fund collected under IC 13-22-12, once
 6 obligated expenditures are subtracted from the balance, exceeds
 7 two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) as of
 8 July 1 each year, the commissioner shall adjust the annual fee
 9 schedule to bill an amount, in the aggregate, equivalent to the fee
 10 schedule amount, less the excess over two million five hundred
 11 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000). Adjustments to the individual
 12 bills must be proportional to the applicable fee divided by the
 13 total amount required by all the applicable fees. Adjustments to
 14 the annual fees apply only to the next assessment year and then
 15 revert to the amounts established under IC 13-22-12.

16 (b) The ~~appropriate~~ board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and
 17 IC 13-14-9 to adjust the amount of the fund balance at which the
 18 commissioner is required to adjust individual bills under subsection
 19 (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3). However, the amount of the fund balance
 20 established by rule under this subsection may not exceed two million
 21 five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

22 SECTION 137. IC 13-16-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department
 24 ~~shall~~ **may** establish fee payment schedules that allow a person that is
 25 required to pay an annual fee established under:

- 26 (1) this title; or
 27 (2) rules adopted under this title;

28 to pay the fee in equal installments over a twelve (12) month period
 29 that begins on the date the fee is assessed.

30 (b) The department ~~shall~~ **may** allow a person to pay an annual fee
 31 according to a fee payment schedule established under this section if
 32 the person determines that a single payment of the entire fee is an
 33 undue hardship on the person.

34 (c) A fee payment schedule established under this section may not
 35 require a person to pay more than one (1) installment in any three (3)
 36 month period during the twelve (12) month period.

37 (d) The department is not required to assess installments
 38 separately.

39 (e) **The department may issue appropriate late fees.**

40 SECTION 138. IC 13-17-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The department shall

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1 provide assistance on air pollution matters to towns, cities, and
 2 counties. **The commissioner shall make the commissioner's best**
 3 **efforts to assist and cooperate with other groups interested in and**
 4 **affected by air pollution.**

5 SECTION 139. IC 13-17-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2018,
 6 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
 8 and IC 13-14-9 that are:

9 (1) consistent with the general intent and purposes declared in
 10 IC 13-17-1 and section 1 of this chapter; and

11 (2) necessary to the implementation of the federal Clean Air Act
 12 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as amended, ~~by the Clean Air Act~~
 13 ~~Amendments of 1990 (P.L.101-549).~~

14 (b) Notwithstanding IC 13-15-5, the board may adopt rules under
 15 IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 that allow the commissioner's actions on
 16 permits and permit modifications to become effective immediately,
 17 regardless of whether a thirty (30) day comment period is held on the
 18 permits or permit modifications. The board may adopt rules under this
 19 subsection only after considering the:

20 (1) environmental significance of;

21 (2) federal requirements for federally delegated or approved
 22 programs concerning; and

23 (3) need for opportunity for public participation on;

24 the permits or permit modifications.

25 (c) The board may adopt rules to require sources to report
 26 hazardous air pollutant emissions if the reporting is necessary to
 27 demonstrate compliance with emissions and other performance
 28 standards established under 42 U.S.C. 7412 or 42 U.S.C. 7429. The
 29 board may ~~amend 326 IAC 2-6~~ **adopt rules** to allow the department to
 30 request hazardous air pollutant emissions data from individual sources
 31 for the purpose of site specific studies of hazardous air pollutant:

32 (1) emissions; and

33 (2) impacts.

34 (d) The board may ~~amend 326 IAC 2-6~~ or adopt ~~new~~ rules to
 35 establish a general requirement for sources to report hazardous air
 36 pollutant emissions (as defined by 42 U.S.C. 7412(b)).

37 SECTION 140. IC 13-17-3-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2026]. Sec. 8: ~~The board shall carry out other duties imposed by law.~~

39 SECTION 141. IC 13-17-3-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 40 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: ~~(a) The commissioner shall assist and cooperate with~~
 41 ~~other groups interested in and affected by air pollution.~~

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- 1 (b) The commissioner may do the following:
- 2 (1) Advise, consult, and cooperate with:
- 3 (A) other state agencies;
- 4 (B) towns, cities, and counties;
- 5 (C) industries;
- 6 (D) other states;
- 7 (E) the federal government; and
- 8 (F) affected groups;
- 9 in the prevention and control of new and existing air
- 10 contamination sources within Indiana.
- 11 (2) Encourage and conduct studies, investigations, and research
- 12 relating to the following:
- 13 (A) Air pollution.
- 14 (B) The causes, effects, prevention, control, and abatement
- 15 of air pollution.
- 16 (3) Collect and disseminate information relating to the
- 17 following:
- 18 (A) Air pollution.
- 19 (B) The prevention and control of air pollution.
- 20 (4) Encourage voluntary cooperation by persons, towns, cities,
- 21 and counties or other affected groups in restoring and preserving
- 22 a reasonable degree of purity of air within Indiana.
- 23 (5) Encourage authorized air pollution agencies of towns, cities,
- 24 and counties to handle air pollution problems within their
- 25 respective jurisdictions to the greatest extent possible.
- 26 (6) Upon request, provide technical assistance to towns, cities,
- 27 or counties requesting technical assistance for the furtherance of
- 28 air pollution control.
- 29 (7) Represent the state in all matters pertaining to plans,
- 30 procedures, or negotiations for interstate compacts in relation to
- 31 the control of air pollution.
- 32 (8) Accept and administer grants or other money or gifts for the
- 33 purpose of carrying out any of the functions of air pollution
- 34 control laws.
- 35 SECTION 142. IC 13-17-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,
- 36 SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) After December 31, 2006, The board may
- 38 not adopt a rule under air pollution control laws that requires motor
- 39 vehicles to undergo a periodic test of emission characteristics in the
- 40 following counties:
- 41 (1) A county having a population of more than eighty thousand

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1 four hundred (80,400) and less than eighty-two thousand
 2 (82,000).
 3 (2) A county having a population of more than one hundred
 4 twenty thousand (120,000) and less than one hundred thirty
 5 thousand (130,000).
 6 (b) After December 31, 2006, 326 IAC 13-1.1 is void to the extent
 7 it applies to a county referred to in subsection (a).
 8 (c) Unless the budget agency approves a periodic vehicle
 9 inspection program for a county referred to in subsection (a), the board
 10 shall amend 326 IAC 13-1.1 so that it does not apply after December
 11 31, 2006, to a county referred to in subsection (a).
 12 (d) The budget agency, after review by the budget committee, may
 13 approve in writing the implementation of a periodic vehicle inspection
 14 program for one (1) or more counties described in subsection (a) only
 15 if the budget agency determines that the implementation of a periodic
 16 vehicle inspection program in the designated counties is necessary to
 17 avoid a loss of federal highway funding for the state or a political
 18 subdivision. The approval must specify the counties to which the
 19 periodic vehicle inspection program applies and the time during which
 20 the periodic vehicle inspection program must be conducted in each
 21 designated county. The budget agency, after review by the budget
 22 committee, shall withdraw an approval given under this subsection for
 23 a periodic vehicle inspection program in a county if the budget agency
 24 determines that the suspension of the periodic vehicle inspection
 25 program will not adversely affect federal highway funding for the state
 26 or a political subdivision. **counties:**
 27 (1) **in attainment of the national ambient air quality**
 28 **standards; or**
 29 (2) **classified below moderate nonattainment for ozone**
 30 **national ambient air quality standards.**
 31 SECTION 143. IC 13-17-5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.187-2025,
 32 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. Not later than December 31, 2025, the
 34 department shall do the following:
 35 (1) Perform a comprehensive evaluation of ambient air quality
 36 within any nonattainment areas in Indiana.
 37 (2) Identify air pollution reduction or regulatory relief strategies
 38 that can do the following with respect to the federal Clean Air
 39 Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as amended: ~~by the federal Clean~~
 40 ~~Air Act Amendments of 1990 (P.L.101-549):~~
 41 (A) Ensure that affected areas within Indiana are no longer
 42 designated as nonattainment.

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- 1 (B) Result in the eventual phase out of the inspection and
- 2 maintenance program for light duty vehicles.
- 3 (C) Meet emissions goals.
- 4 (D) Appropriately address air pollution contributions to
- 5 nonattainment areas in Indiana from sources that cannot be
- 6 addressed by state or local controls, including contributions
- 7 from international, natural or background, interstate,
- 8 mobile, and stationary sources as well as exceptional events
- 9 that are unlikely to recur.
- 10 (E) Result in the withdrawal of Lake County and Porter
- 11 County from the Metropolitan Chicago Interstate Air
- 12 Quality Control Region.

13 In identifying strategies under subdivision (2), the department must
 14 coordinate with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

15 SECTION 144. IC 13-17-6-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section does
 17 not apply to a person making an inspection under the authority of
 18 IC 22-8-1.1.

19 (b) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt a rule under IC 4-22-2 to do the
 20 following:

21 (1) Establish a fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)
 22 per person per certification for persons seeking accreditation
 23 through the program established under section 1 of this chapter.

24 (2) Establish a fee for asbestos contractors seeking licensing
 25 through the program established under section 1 of this chapter.

26 (c) The amount of the fee established under subsection (b) must
 27 not be more than is considered to be necessary to recover the cost of
 28 establishing the accreditation and licensing programs.

29 (d) The proceeds of the fee shall be deposited in the asbestos trust
 30 fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

31 SECTION 145. IC 13-17-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2024,
 32 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) If the commissioner finds that an asbestos
 34 project is not being performed in accordance with air pollution control
 35 laws or rules adopted under air pollution control laws, the
 36 commissioner may enjoin further work on the asbestos project without
 37 prior notice or hearing by delivering a notice to:

- 38 (1) the asbestos contractor engaged in the asbestos project; or
- 39 (2) the agent or representative of the asbestos contractor.

40 (b) A notice issued under this section must:
 41 (1) specifically enumerate the violations of law that are

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1 occurring on the asbestos project; and
2 (2) prohibit further work on the asbestos project until the
3 violations enumerated under subdivision (1) cease and the notice
4 is rescinded by the commissioner.

5 (c) Not later than ten (10) days after receiving written notification
6 from a contractor that violations enumerated in a notice issued under
7 this section have been corrected, the commissioner shall issue a
8 determination whether or not to rescind the notice.

9 (d) An asbestos contractor or any other person aggrieved or
10 adversely affected by the issuance of a notice under subsection (a) may
11 obtain a review of the commissioner's action. ~~under IC 4-21.5 and~~
12 ~~IC 4-15-10.5.~~

13 SECTION 146. IC 13-17-6-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The
15 commissioner may ~~under IC 4-21.5~~ reprimand an asbestos contractor
16 or asbestos worker or suspend or revoke the license of an asbestos
17 contractor or the accreditation of an asbestos worker for the following
18 reasons:

19 (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtaining or attempting to obtain
20 a license or accreditation under this chapter.

21 (2) Failing to meet the qualifications for a license or
22 accreditation or failing to comply with the requirements of air
23 pollution control laws or rules adopted under air pollution
24 control laws.

25 (3) Failing to meet an applicable federal or state standard for the
26 abatement, removal, or encapsulation of asbestos.

27 (b) The commissioner may ~~under IC 4-21.5~~ reprimand an asbestos
28 contractor or suspend or revoke the license of an asbestos contractor
29 that does any of the following:

30 (1) Employs a person who is not accredited under this chapter.

31 (2) Permits a person who is not accredited under this chapter to
32 work on an asbestos project.

33 **(c) A commissioner action to suspend or revoke the license of**
34 **an asbestos contractor may be appealed under IC 4-21.5.**

35 SECTION 147. IC 13-17-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
36 1, 2026]. (Clean Air Act Permit Compliance Program).

37 SECTION 148. IC 13-17-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. A person may not
39 incinerate PCB in an incinerator unless the person

40 (1) holds a permit issued by the commissioner specifically
41 authorizing the incineration of PCB in the incinerator. ~~and~~

42 (2) has received the recommendation of the local plan

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1 commission that has jurisdiction over the area in which the
 2 incinerator is located and the county executive of the county in
 3 which the incinerator is located has approved the incineration of
 4 the PCB or; if an appropriate local plan commission does not
 5 exist, the county executive of the county in which the incinerator
 6 is located has approved the incineration of the PCB.

7 SECTION 149. IC 13-17-10-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 2: The commissioner may not:

- 9 (1) issue; or
 10 (2) consider an application for;

11 a permit specifically authorizing the incineration of PCB until the study
 12 required by section 3 of this chapter is concluded.

13 SECTION 150. IC 13-17-10-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 3: The department, in cooperation with the United
 15 States Environmental Protection Agency; an applicant for a permit
 16 issued under this chapter; and a city or town in which an incinerator
 17 described under section 1 of this chapter is or will be located; shall
 18 conduct a study of alternative PCB technologies. The study must
 19 include an assessment of the efficacy and the technical and economic
 20 feasibility of the following:

- 21 (1) Alternative technologies such as the following:
 22 (A) The application of lime to break down PCB.
 23 (B) The low temperature thermal disorption process.
 24 (C) Disorption and vaporization extraction.
 25 (D) Plasma torch technology.
 26 (E) Bacterial remediation.
 27 (2) Other technologies identified by the commissioner as having
 28 possible value in the treatment or disposal of PCB in Indiana.

29 SECTION 151. IC 13-17-10-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 4: (a) The study required by section 3 of this
 31 chapter must be concluded before January 1, 1996.

32 (b) At the conclusion of the study the commissioner shall prepare
 33 a report setting forth the results of the study. The commissioner shall:

- 34 (1) present the report to:
 35 (A) the governor; and
 36 (B) the general assembly; and
 37 (2) make copies of the report available to the public.

38 SECTION 152. IC 13-17-12-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 4: An air pollution control agency shall submit
 40 annual reports as requested by the department.

41 SECTION 153. IC 13-17-15-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 6: A unit described in section 4 of this chapter is
 2 not required to have a separate approval under IC 13-17-7 if the unit:
 3 (1) is being operated under a valid existing operating permit
 4 issued under IC 13-17-7; and
 5 (2) is in compliance with the applicable federal requirements
 6 listed in section 4 of this chapter;
 7 when it is used to dispose of and destroy drugs under this chapter.

8 SECTION 154. IC 13-18-2-3, AS AMENDED BY THE
 9 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 10 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The department shall prepare a list of
 12 impaired waters for the purpose of complying with federal regulations
 13 implementing Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (33
 14 U.S.C. 1313(d)). In determining whether a water body is impaired, the
 15 department shall consider all existing and readily available water
 16 quality data and related information. The department, before submitting
 17 the list to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, shall:

- 18 (1) post the list to the department's ~~Internet web site;~~ **website;**
- 19 (2) publish in the Indiana Register a link to the list posted to the
 20 department's ~~Internet web site;~~ **website;**
- 21 (3) make the list available for public comment for at least
 22 forty-five (45) days; and
- 23 (4) provide information about the list to the board.

24 (b) The board shall adopt a rule that:

- 25 (1) establishes the methodology to be used in identifying waters
 26 as impaired; and
- 27 (2) specifies the methodology and criteria for including and
 28 removing waters from the list of impaired waters.

29 (c) In the establishment of the total maximum daily load for a
 30 surface water under Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the federal Clean Water
 31 Act (33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C)), the department shall, in identifying the
 32 surface water under Section 303(d)(1)(A) of the federal Clean Water
 33 Act (33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(A)), make every reasonable effort to identify
 34 the pollutant or pollutants under consideration for the establishment of
 35 the total maximum daily load.

36 (d) The department shall comply with subsection (e) if either of
 37 the following applies:

- 38 (1) The department:
 39 (A) is unable, in identifying the surface water as described
 40 in subsection (c), to identify the pollutant or pollutants
 41 under consideration for the establishment of the total

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- 1 maximum daily load; and
 2 (B) determines, after identifying the surface water as
 3 described in subsection (c), that one (1) or more pollutants
 4 should be under consideration for establishment of the total
 5 maximum daily load.
 6 (2) The department:
 7 (A) in identifying the surface water as described in
 8 subsection (c), identifies the pollutant or pollutants under
 9 consideration for the establishment of the total maximum
 10 daily load; and
 11 (B) determines, after identifying the pollutant or pollutants
 12 as described in clause (A), that one (1) or more other
 13 pollutants should be under consideration for establishment
 14 of the total maximum daily load.
 15 (e) The department complies with subsection (d) if the department
 16 does the following before making a pollutant or pollutants the subject
 17 of consideration for the establishment of the total maximum daily load:
 18 (1) Determines and demonstrates that either or both of the
 19 following apply:
 20 (A) The surface water does not attain water quality
 21 standards (as established ~~in 327 IAC 2-1 and 327~~
 22 ~~IAC 2-1.5) by rule~~) due to an individual pollutant, multiple
 23 pollutants, pollution, or an unknown cause of impairment.
 24 (B) The surface water:
 25 (i) receives a thermal discharge from one (1) or more
 26 point sources; and
 27 (ii) does not have or maintain a balanced indigenous
 28 population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife.
 29 (2) Posts on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** the
 30 determination referred to in subdivision (1).
 31 (3) Makes the determination referred to in subdivision (1)
 32 available for public comment for at least forty-five (45) days.
 33 (4) Presents the determination referred to in subdivision (1) to
 34 the commissioner for final approval after the comment period
 35 under subdivision (3).
 36 SECTION 155. IC 13-18-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 37 SECTION 125, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The board shall adopt rules for
 39 the control and prevention of pollution in waters of Indiana. ~~with any~~
 40 ~~substance:~~
 41 ~~(†) that is deleterious to:~~

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1 (A) the public health; or
 2 (B) the prosecution of any industry or lawful occupation; or
 3 ~~(2) by which:~~
 4 (A) any fish life or any beneficial animal or vegetable life
 5 may be destroyed; or
 6 (B) the growth or propagation of fish life or beneficial
 7 animal or vegetable life is prevented or injuriously affected.
 8 SECTION 156. IC 13-18-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2016,
 9 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
 11 that are necessary to the implementation of:
 12 (1) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et
 13 seq.), as in effect January 1, 1988; and
 14 (2) the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f through
 15 300j), as in effect January 1, 1988;
 16 except as provided in IC 14-37.
 17 (b) "Degradation" has the meaning set forth in IC 13-11-2-50.5.
 18 (c) "Outstanding national resource water" has the meaning set
 19 forth in IC 13-11-2-149.5.
 20 (d) "Outstanding state resource water" has the meaning set forth
 21 in IC 13-11-2-149.6.
 22 (e) "Watershed" has the meaning set forth in IC 14-8-2-310.
 23 (f) The board may designate a water body as an outstanding state
 24 resource water by rule if the board determines that the water body has
 25 a unique or special ecological, recreational, or aesthetic significance.
 26 (g) Before the board may adopt a rule designating a water body as
 27 an outstanding state resource water, the board must consider the
 28 following:
 29 (1) Economic impact analyses, presented by any interested party,
 30 taking into account future population and economic development
 31 growth.
 32 (2) The biological criteria scores for the water body, using
 33 factors that consider fish communities, macro invertebrate
 34 communities, and chemical quality criteria using representative
 35 biological data from the water body under consideration.
 36 (3) The level of current urban and agricultural development in
 37 the watershed.
 38 (4) Whether the designation of the water body as an outstanding
 39 state resource water will have a significant adverse effect on
 40 future population, development, and economic growth in the
 41 watershed, if the water body is in a watershed that has more than

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1 three percent (3%) of its land in urban land uses or serves a
 2 municipality with a population greater than five thousand
 3 (5,000).

4 (5) Whether the designation of the water body as an outstanding
 5 state resource water is necessary to protect the unique or special
 6 ecological, recreational, or aesthetic significance of the water
 7 body.

8 (h) Before the board may adopt a rule designating a water body as
 9 an outstanding state resource water, the board must make available to
 10 the public a written summary of the information considered by the
 11 board under subsections (f) and (g), including the board's conclusions
 12 concerning that information.

13 (i) **Upon request by the house of representatives or senate**
 14 **committees on environmental affairs**, the commissioner shall present
 15 a summary of the comments received from the comment period and
 16 information that supports a water body designation as an outstanding
 17 state resource water to the interim study committee on environmental
 18 affairs established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an electronic format under
 19 IC 5-14-6. not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the rule
 20 regarding the designation is finally adopted by the board.

21 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
 22 designation of an outstanding state resource water in effect on January
 23 1, 2000, remains in effect.

24 (k) For a water body designated as an outstanding state resource
 25 water, the board shall provide by rule procedures that will:

- 26 (1) prevent degradation; and
 27 (2) allow for increases and additions in pollutant loadings from
 28 an existing or new discharge if:

29 (A) there will be an overall improvement in water quality
 30 for the outstanding state resource water as described in this
 31 section; and

32 (B) the applicable requirements of rules adopted by the
 33 board under this section are met.

34 (l) The procedures provided by rule under subsection (k) must
 35 include the following:

36 (1) A definition of significant lowering of water quality that
 37 includes a de minimis quantity of additional pollutant load:

38 (A) for which a new or increased permit limit is required;
 39 and

40 (B) below which antidegradation implementation
 41 procedures do not apply.

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- 1 (2) Provisions allowing the permittee to choose application of
 2 one (1) of the following for each activity undertaken by the
 3 permittee that will result in a significant lowering of water
 4 quality in the outstanding state resource water:
 5 (A) Implementation of a water quality project in the
 6 watershed of the outstanding state resource water that will
 7 result in an overall improvement of the water quality of the
 8 outstanding state resource water.
 9 (B) Payment of a fee, not to exceed five hundred thousand
 10 dollars (\$500,000), based on the type and quantity of
 11 increased pollutant loadings, to the department for deposit
 12 in the outstanding state resource water improvement fund
 13 established under section 14 of this chapter for use as
 14 permitted under that section.
- 15 (3) Criteria for the submission and timely approval of projects
 16 described in subdivision (2)(A).
 17 (4) A process for public input in the approval process.
 18 (5) Use of water quality data that is less than seven (7) years old
 19 and specific to the outstanding state resource water.
 20 (6) Criteria for using the watershed improvement fees to fund
 21 projects in the watershed that result in improvement in water
 22 quality in the outstanding state resource water.
- 23 (m) For a water body designated as an outstanding state resource
 24 water after June 30, 2000, the board shall provide by rule
 25 antidegradation implementation procedures before the water body is
 26 designated in accordance with this section.
- 27 (n) A water body may be designated as an outstanding national
 28 resource water only by the general assembly after recommendations for
 29 designation are made by the board and the interim study committee on
 30 environmental affairs established by IC 2-5-1.3-4.
- 31 (o) Before recommending the designation of an outstanding
 32 national resource water, the department shall provide for an adequate
 33 public notice and comment period regarding the designation. The
 34 commissioner shall present a summary of the comments and
 35 information received during the comment period and the department's
 36 recommendation concerning designation to the ~~interim study~~
 37 ~~committee on environmental affairs established by IC 2-5-1.3-4~~ **house**
 38 **of representatives or senate committees on environmental affairs**
 39 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than ninety (90) days
 40 after the end of the comment period. The committee shall consider the
 41 comments, information, and recommendation received from the

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1 department, and shall convey its recommendation concerning
2 designation to the general assembly within six (6) months after receipt.

3 (p) This subsection applies to all surface waters of the state. The
4 department shall complete an antidegradation review of all NPDES
5 general permits. The department may modify the general permits for
6 purposes of antidegradation compliance. After an antidegradation
7 review of a permit is conducted under this subsection, activities
8 covered by an NPDES general permit are not required to undergo an
9 additional antidegradation review. An NPDES general permit may not
10 be used to authorize a discharge into an outstanding national resource
11 water or an outstanding state resource water, except that a short term,
12 temporary storm water discharge to an outstanding national resource
13 water or to an outstanding state resource water may be permitted under
14 an NPDES general permit if the commissioner determines that the
15 discharge will not significantly lower the water quality downstream of
16 the discharge.

17 (q) Subsection (r) applies to:

18 (1) an application for an NPDES permit subject to
19 IC 13-15-4-1(a)(2)(B), IC 13-15-4-1(a)(3)(B), or
20 IC 13-15-4-1(a)(4); or

21 (2) an application for a modification or renewal of an NPDES
22 permit;

23 that proposes new or increased discharge that would result in a
24 significant lowering of water quality as defined in subsection (l)(1).

25 (r) For purposes of an antidegradation review with respect to an
26 application referred to in subsection (q), the applicant shall
27 demonstrate at the time the application is submitted to the department,
28 and the commissioner shall review:

29 (1) an analysis of alternatives to the proposed discharge; and

30 (2) subject to subsection (s), social or economic factors
31 indicating the importance of the proposed discharge if
32 alternatives to the proposed discharge are not practicable.

33 (s) Subject to subsection (t), the commissioner shall consider the
34 following factors in determining whether a proposed discharge is
35 necessary to accommodate important economic or social development
36 in the area in which the waters are located under antidegradation
37 standards and implementation procedures:

38 (1) Creation, expansion, or maintenance of employment.

39 (2) The unemployment rate.

40 (3) The median household income.

41 (4) The number of households below the poverty level.

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- 1 (5) Community housing needs.
- 2 (6) Change in population.
- 3 (7) The impact on the community tax base.
- 4 (8) Provision of fire departments, schools, infrastructure, and
- 5 other necessary public services.
- 6 (9) Correction of a public health, safety, or environmental
- 7 problem.
- 8 (10) Production of goods and services that protect, enhance, or
- 9 improve the overall quality of life and related research and
- 10 development.
- 11 (11) The impact on the quality of life for residents in the area.
- 12 (12) The impact on the fishing, recreation, and tourism
- 13 industries.
- 14 (13) The impact on threatened and endangered species.
- 15 (14) The impact on economic competitiveness.
- 16 (15) Demonstration by the permit applicant that the factors
- 17 identified and reviewed under subdivisions (1) through (14) are
- 18 necessary to accommodate important social or economic
- 19 development despite the proposed significant lowering of water
- 20 quality.
- 21 (16) Inclusion by the applicant of additional factors that may
- 22 enhance the social or economic importance associated with the
- 23 proposed discharge, such as an approval that:
- 24 (A) recognizes social or economic importance; and
- 25 (B) is given to the applicant by:
- 26 (i) a legislative body; or
- 27 (ii) other government officials.
- 28 (17) Any other action or recommendation relevant to the
- 29 antidegradation demonstration made by a:
- 30 (A) state;
- 31 (B) county;
- 32 (C) township; or
- 33 (D) municipality;
- 34 potentially affected by the proposed discharge.
- 35 (18) Any other action or recommendation relevant to the
- 36 antidegradation demonstration received during the public
- 37 participation process.
- 38 (19) Any other factors that the commissioner:
- 39 (A) finds relevant; or
- 40 (B) is required to consider under the Clean Water Act.
- 41 (t) In determining whether a proposed discharge is necessary to

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1 accommodate important economic or social development in the area in
 2 which the waters are located under antidegradation standards and
 3 implementation procedures, the commissioner:

- 4 (1) must give substantial weight to any applicable determinations
 5 by governmental entities; and
 6 (2) may rely on consideration of any one (1) or a combination of
 7 the factors listed in subsection (s).

8 (u) Each exceptional use water (as defined in IC 13-11-2-72.5,
 9 before its repeal) designated by the board before June 1, 2009, becomes
 10 an outstanding state resource water on June 1, 2009, by operation of
 11 law.

12 (v) Beginning June 1, 2009, all waters of the state are classified in
 13 the following categories:

- 14 (1) Outstanding national resource waters.
 15 (2) Outstanding state resource waters.
 16 (3) Waters of the state as ~~described in 327 IAC 2-1-2(1); as in~~
 17 ~~effect on January 1, 2009; defined in IC 13-11-2-265.~~
 18 (4) High quality waters as described in ~~327 IAC 2-1-2(2); as in~~
 19 ~~effect on January 1, 2009; 40 CFR 131.12(a)(2).~~
 20 (5) Waters of the state as described in ~~327 IAC 2-1.5-4(a); as in~~
 21 ~~effect on January 1, 2009;~~
 22 (6) High quality waters as described in ~~327 IAC 2-1.5-4(b); as in~~
 23 ~~effect on January 1, 2009.~~

24 **(w) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish a**
 25 **process to designate a water body as a limited use water as**
 26 **described in 40 CFR 131.12.**

27 SECTION 157. IC 13-18-3-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.54-2005,
 28 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) A CSO wet weather limited use
 30 subcategory is established for waters affected by receiving combined
 31 sewer overflows, as specified in an approved long term control plan.
 32 The CSO wet weather limited use subcategory applies to a specific
 33 water body after implementation of an approved long term control plan
 34 for the combined sewer system whose overflow discharges affect those
 35 waters is implemented and the conditions of subsection (b) are
 36 satisfied. The following requirements apply to the CSO wet weather
 37 limited use subcategory:

- 38 (1) The water quality based requirements associated with the
 39 CSO wet weather limited use subcategory that apply to waters
 40 affected by wet weather combined sewer overflows are
 41 determined by an approved long term control plan for the

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1 combined sewer system. The water quality based requirements
 2 remain in effect during the time and to the physical extent that
 3 the recreational use designation that applied to the waters
 4 immediately before the application to the waters of the CSO wet
 5 weather limited use subcategory is not attained, but for not more
 6 than four (4) days after the date the overflow discharge ends.

7 (2) At all times other than those described in subdivision (1), the
 8 water quality criteria associated with the appropriate recreational
 9 use designation that applied to the waters immediately before the
 10 application to the waters of the CSO wet weather limited use
 11 subcategory apply unless there is a change in the use designation
 12 as a result of a use attainability analysis.

13 (b) The CSO wet weather limited use subcategory applies if:

14 (1) the department has approved a long term control plan for the
 15 NPDES permit holder for the combined sewer system;

16 (2) the approved long term control plan:

17 (A) is incorporated into:

18 (i) the NPDES permit holder's NPDES permit; or

19 (ii) an order of the commissioner under IC 13-14-2-6;

20 (B) satisfies the requirements of section 2.3 of this chapter;

21 and

22 (C) specifies the water quality based requirements that
 23 apply to combined sewer overflows during and immediately
 24 following wet weather events, as provided in subsection

25 (a)(1);

26 (3) the NPDES permit holder has implemented the approved
 27 long term control plan; and

28 (4) subject to subsection (c), 40 CFR 131.10, 40 CFR 131.20,
 29 and 40 CFR 131.21 are satisfied.

30 (c) For purposes of subsection (b)(4), 40 CFR 131.10 may be
 31 satisfied by including appropriate data and information in the long term
 32 control plan.

33 (d) The department shall implement the CSO wet weather limited
 34 use subcategory and associated water quality based requirements under
 35 this section when the subcategory and requirements are approved by
 36 the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The department
 37 shall seek approval of the United States Environmental Protection
 38 Agency in a timely manner.

39 (e) The NPDES permit holder shall monitor its discharges and the
 40 water quality in the affected receiving stream periodically as provided
 41 in the long term control plan. The NPDES permit holder shall provide

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1 all such information to the department.

2 (f) In conjunction with a review of its long term control plan under
3 section 2.4 of this chapter, the NPDES permit holder shall review
4 information generated after the use attainability analysis was approved
5 by the department to determine whether the conclusion of the use
6 attainability analysis is still valid. The NPDES permit holder shall
7 provide the results of the review to the department.

8 (g) The board shall adopt rules under IC 13-14-8 and IC 13-14-9
9 to implement this section. ~~before October 1, 2006.~~

10 SECTION 158. IC 13-18-3-2.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.54-2005,
11 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.6. (a) Where appropriate, permits shall contain
13 schedules of compliance requiring the permittee to take specific steps
14 to achieve expeditious compliance with applicable standards,
15 limitations, and other requirements.

16 (b) The schedule of compliance shall require compliance as soon
17 as reasonably possible, but **not later than five (5) years from the date**
18 **applicable standards, limitations, or other requirements are**
19 **incorporated into the permit and** may remain in effect as long as the
20 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit
21 requirements are in effect.

22 (c) The department shall, at the request of the NPDES permit
23 holder, incorporate in the permit a schedule of compliance for meeting
24 the water quality based requirements associated with combined sewer
25 overflows during the period of development, approval, and
26 implementation of the long term control plan. The schedules of
27 compliance:

- 28 (1) may exceed time frames authorized under 327 IAC; and
- 29 (2) may not exceed the period specified for implementation in an
30 approved long term control plan.

31 (d) If the term of a schedule of compliance exceeds the term of an
32 NPDES permit, the department shall continue to implement the
33 schedule of compliance continuously before and during each
34 successive permit term, to the maximum duration as provided in
35 subsection (c). The permit shall specify that the schedule of compliance
36 lasts beyond the term of the permit.

37 (e) Upon request of the permittee, the department shall modify
38 NPDES permits containing water quality based requirements
39 associated with combined sewer overflows to provide schedules of
40 compliance as provided in subsection (c).

41 (f) The board shall adopt rules under IC 13-14-8 and IC 13-14-9

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1 to implement this section. ~~before October 1, 2006.~~

2 SECTION 159. IC 13-18-3-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5: The board shall carry out other duties imposed by law.~~

4 SECTION 160. IC 13-18-3-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. If a violation of ~~327~~
6 ~~IC 15-5~~ **the department's construction storm water general**
7 **permit** occurs, the department shall determine which person is
8 responsible for committing the violation. ~~In making this determination,~~
9 ~~the department shall, if appropriate, consider:~~

- 10 (1) ~~public records of ownership;~~
11 (2) ~~building permits issued by local units of government; or~~
12 (3) ~~other relevant information.~~

13 ~~The department's determination to proceed against a person responsible~~
14 ~~for committing a violation must be based on the specific facts and~~
15 ~~circumstances related to a particular violation.~~

16 SECTION 161. IC 13-18-3-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018,
17 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The outstanding state resource water
19 improvement fund is established. All money collected under section 2
20 of this chapter and any money accruing to the fund are continuously
21 appropriated to the fund to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this
22 chapter. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
23 revert to the state general fund, unless the outstanding state resource
24 water improvement fund is abolished.

25 (b) The outstanding state resource water improvement fund shall
26 be administered as follows:

- 27 (1) The fund may be used by the department of environmental
28 management to fund projects that will lead to overall
29 improvement to the water quality of the affected outstanding
30 state resource water.
31 (2) The treasurer of state may invest the money in the fund not
32 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
33 manner as other public money may be invested.
34 (3) Any interest received accrues to the fund.
35 (4) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
36 the fund.

37 (c) ~~If money is disbursed from the outstanding state resource water~~
38 ~~improvement fund in the previous state fiscal year or the commissioner~~
39 ~~determines that the fund had a positive balance at the close of the~~
40 ~~previous state fiscal year, Upon request by the house of~~
41 ~~representatives or senate committees on environmental affairs or~~

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1 **the board**, the commissioner shall submit a status report on the fund
 2 **to the interim study committee on environmental affairs established by**
 3 ~~IC 2-5-1.3-4~~, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. **before November**
 4 **†. If requested**, the report must include the following information:

5 (1) Plans for the use and implementation of the outstanding state
 6 resource water improvement fund.

7 (2) The balance in the fund.

8 SECTION 162. IC 13-18-3-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.81-2011,
 9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the board shall
 11 ~~amend 327 IAC 5 and 327 IAC 15 to eliminate:~~

12 (1) the requirement that NPDES general permit terms and
 13 conditions be contained in a rule; and

14 (2) the terms and conditions of each NPDES general permit that
 15 is:

16 (A) contained in that article; and

17 (B) in effect on the effective date of this section.

18 (b) The department may develop and issue NPDES general
 19 permits in accordance with 40 CFR 122.28.

20 (c) After ~~327 IAC 5 and 327 IAC 15 are amended under~~
 21 **eliminating the requirement and terms and conditions described in**
 22 subsection (a), the terms and conditions of an NPDES general permit
 23 under that article as they existed before the amendment remain in effect
 24 and are binding on any person regulated under the NPDES general
 25 permit until the person submits a notice of intent to be covered by an
 26 NPDES general permit developed and issued under subsection (b).

27 (d) Any person regulated under an NPDES general permit on the
 28 effective date of the amendment required by subsection (a) must:

29 (1) submit a notice of intent described in subsection (c) not later
 30 than ninety (90) days after the department makes the form of the
 31 notice of intent available to the person; or

32 (2) apply for an NPDES individual permit ~~under 327 IAC 5 to~~
 33 maintain permit coverage required under the Clean Water Act.

34 (e) This section does not affect the authority of the board to adopt
 35 rules that authorize NPDES general permits.

36 SECTION 163. IC 13-18-4-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 37 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2. A rule or determination made by the board or the~~
 38 ~~commissioner under sections † through 4 of this chapter shall be filed~~
 39 ~~of record in the office of the department.~~

40 SECTION 164. IC 13-18-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.263-2013,
 41 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Whenever the commissioner determines that
 2 a person:
 3 (1) is violating; or
 4 (2) is about to violate;
 5 section 5 of this chapter, the department shall serve notice of the
 6 commissioner's determination on the person in accordance with
 7 IC 13-14-2-1.
 8 (b) The commissioner shall include in the notice an order against
 9 the person to:
 10 (1) cease the violation; and
 11 (2) abate the condition of pollution;
 12 fixing in the order a reasonable time within which the correction and
 13 abatement must take place.
 14 (c) ~~Proceedings concerning an order issued under this section are~~
 15 ~~governed by IC 4-21-5.~~
 16 SECTION 165. IC 13-18-4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Notwithstanding
 18 any rules of the board, the commissioner shall allow for a mixing zone
 19 in permits that involve a discharge into Lake Michigan if the applicant
 20 can demonstrate to the commissioner that the mixing zone will not
 21 cause harm to human health or aquatic life.
 22 (b) For mixing zones allowed under subsection (a), surface water
 23 quality standards for bioaccumulative chemicals of concern, **as defined**
 24 **in 40 CFR 132.2**, shall be applied to the undiluted discharge, rather
 25 than at a point outside the mixing zone.
 26 SECTION 166. IC 13-18-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The board ~~shall~~ **may**
 28 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require the following:
 29 (1) The construction or installation of secondary containment
 30 structures at facilities in which hazardous materials are stored or
 31 transferred for the purpose of preventing released hazardous
 32 materials from entering surface water or groundwater.
 33 (2) The development by the owner or operator of each facility at
 34 which hazardous materials are stored or handled of a plan for
 35 responding to the release of a hazardous material at that facility.
 36 (3) The rules must be consistent with applicable safety and fire
 37 code laws.
 38 SECTION 167. IC 13-18-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department
 40 shall enforce this chapter under IC 13-30-3 or IC 13-14-2-6.
 41 (b) ~~The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the disposition~~

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1 of any detergent carried over on September 1, 1974. However, The
 2 commissioner may approve the use of phosphates by a manufacturer or
 3 processor for cleaning plant or equipment upon application to the
 4 commissioner by the manufacturer or processor. The commissioner
 5 shall require phosphate removal from the water so used by criteria
 6 established by the board.

7 SECTION 168. IC 13-18-10-2.1, AS AMENDED BY
 8 P.L.199-2014, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.1. (a) The department:

10 (1) shall make a determination on an application submitted
 11 under section 2 of this chapter not later than ninety (90) days
 12 after the date the department receives the completed application,
 13 including all required supplemental information, unless the
 14 department and the applicant agree to a longer time; and

15 (2) may conduct any inquiry or investigation, consistent with the
 16 department's duties under this chapter, the department considers
 17 necessary before making a determination.

18 (b) If the department fails to make a determination on an
 19 application not later than ninety (90) days after the date the department
 20 receives the completed application, the applicant may request and
 21 receive a refund of an approval application fee paid by the applicant,
 22 and the commissioner shall:

23 (1) continue to review the application;

24 (2) approve or deny the application as soon as practicable; and

25 (3) refund the applicant's application fee not later than
 26 twenty-five (25) working days after the receipt of the applicant's
 27 request.

28 (c) The commissioner may suspend the processing of an
 29 application and the ninety (90) day period described under this section
 30 if the department determines within thirty (30) days after the
 31 department receives the application that the application is incomplete
 32 and has mailed a notice of deficiency to the applicant that specifies the
 33 parts of the application that:

34 (1) do not contain adequate information for the department to
 35 process the application; or

36 (2) are not consistent with applicable law.

37 (d) The department may establish requirements in an approval
 38 regarding that part of the confined feeding operation that concerns
 39 manure handling and application to assure compliance with:

40 (1) this chapter;

41 (2) rules adopted under this chapter;

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- 1 (3) the water pollution control laws;
 2 (4) rules adopted under the water pollution control laws; and
 3 (5) policies and statements adopted under IC 13-14-1-11.5
 4 relative to confined feeding operations.
- 5 (e) Subject to subsection (f), the commissioner may deny an
 6 application upon making either or both of the following findings:
- 7 (1) A responsible party intentionally misrepresented or
 8 concealed any material fact in either or both of the following:
- 9 (A) An application for approval under section 1 of this
 10 chapter.
 11 (B) A disclosure statement required by section 1.4 of this
 12 chapter.
- 13 (2) An enforcement action was resolved against a responsible
 14 party as described in either or both of the following:
- 15 (A) Section 1.4(c)(5) of this chapter.
 16 (B) Section 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
- 17 (f) Before making a determination to approve or deny an
 18 application, the commissioner must consider the following factors:
- 19 (1) The nature and details of the acts attributed to the responsible
 20 party.
 21 (2) The degree of culpability of the responsible party.
 22 (3) The responsible party's cooperation with the state, federal, or
 23 foreign agencies involved in the investigation of the activities
 24 involved in actions referred to in section 1.4(c)(5) and 1.4(c)(6)
 25 of this chapter.
 26 (4) The responsible party's dissociation from any other persons
 27 or entities convicted in a criminal enforcement action referred to
 28 in section 1.4(c)(5) and 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
 29 (5) Prior or subsequent self-policing or internal education
 30 programs established by the responsible party to prevent acts,
 31 omissions, or violations referred to in section 1.4(c)(5) and
 32 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
- 33 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h), in taking action under
 34 subsection (e), the commissioner must make separately stated findings
 35 of fact to support the action taken. The findings of fact must:
- 36 (1) include a statement of ultimate fact; and
 37 (2) be accompanied by a concise statement of the underlying
 38 basic facts of record to support the findings.
- 39 (h) If the commissioner denies an application under subsection (e),
 40 the commissioner is not required to explain the extent to which any of
 41 the factors set forth in subsection (f) influenced the denial.

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1 (i) The department may amend an approval under section 1 of this
2 chapter or revoke an approval under section 1 of this chapter:

3 (1) for failure to comply with:

4 (A) this chapter;

5 (B) rules adopted under this chapter;

6 (C) the water pollution control laws; or

7 (D) rules adopted under the water pollution control laws;

8 and

9 (2) as needed to prevent discharges of manure into the
10 environment that pollute or threaten to pollute the waters of the
11 state.

12 **(j) An approval is considered to have been issued by the**
13 **department in accordance with the material submitted in the**
14 **application if the following conditions have been met:**

15 **(1) The department fails to make a decision on an application**
16 **by the deadline.**

17 **(2) The applicant successfully completed a precoordination**
18 **meeting with the department and provided all materials**
19 **required to issue the approval at the precoordination**
20 **meeting.**

21 **(3) The application, including design and specification, is**
22 **substantially similar to the materials submitted at the**
23 **precoordination meeting.**

24 **(4) The applicant has not submitted any revisions to the**
25 **application after the application is received by the**
26 **department.**

27 **The provisions of this subsection do not override the requirements**
28 **of this chapter or IC 13-15.**

29 SECTION 169. IC 13-18-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2009,
30 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
32 and IC 13-14-9 and the department may adopt policies or statements
33 under IC 13-14-1-11.5 that are necessary for the proper administration
34 of this chapter. The rules, policies, or statements may concern
35 construction, expansion, and operation of confined feeding operations
36 and may include uniform standards for:

37 (1) construction, expansion, and manure containment that are
38 appropriate for a specific site; and

39 (2) manure application and handling that are consistent with best
40 management practices:

41 (A) designed to reduce the potential for manure to be
42 conveyed off a site by runoff or soil erosion; ~~and~~

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- 1 (B) that are appropriate for a specific site; **and**
- 2 (C) **accurately reflect differences between dry and liquid**
- 3 **manure.**
- 4 (b) Standards adopted in a rule, policy, or statement under
- 5 subsection (a) must:
- 6 (1) consider confined feeding standards that are consistent with
- 7 standards found in publications from:
- 8 (A) the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 9 (B) the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the
- 10 United States Department of Agriculture;
- 11 (C) the Midwest Plan Service; and
- 12 (D) postsecondary educational institution extension
- 13 bulletins; and
- 14 (2) be developed through technical review by the department,
- 15 postsecondary educational institution specialists, and other
- 16 animal industry specialists.
- 17 SECTION 170. IC 13-18-11-1.5, AS AMENDED BY
- 18 P.L.133-2012, SECTION 128, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. The board ~~shall~~
- 20 **may** adopt regulations to implement certification programs for
- 21 operators of water treatment plants or water distribution systems. The
- 22 certification program for the operators shall be classified in accordance
- 23 with the complexity, size, and source of the water for the treatment
- 24 system and the complexity and size for the distribution system.
- 25 SECTION 171. IC 13-18-11-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2024,
- 26 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The commissioner may suspend or revoke
- 28 the certificate of an operator issued under this chapter ~~following a~~
- 29 ~~hearing under IC 13-15-7-3 and IC 4-21-5~~; if any of the following
- 30 conditions are found:
- 31 (1) The operator has practiced fraud or deception in any state or
- 32 other jurisdiction.
- 33 (2) Reasonable care, judgment, or the application of the
- 34 operator's knowledge or ability was not used in the performance
- 35 of the operator's duties.
- 36 (3) The operator is incompetent or unable to properly perform
- 37 the operator's duties.
- 38 (4) A certificate of the operator issued:
- 39 (A) under this chapter; or
- 40 (B) by any other state or jurisdiction for a purpose
- 41 comparable to the purpose for which a certificate is issued

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1 under this chapter;
 2 has been revoked.
 3 (5) The operator has been convicted of a crime related to a
 4 certificate of the operator issued:
 5 (A) under this chapter; or
 6 (B) by any other state or jurisdiction for a purpose
 7 comparable to the purpose for which a certificate is issued
 8 under this chapter.

9 (b) ~~A hearing and further proceedings shall be conducted in~~
 10 ~~accordance with IC 4-15-10.5. A person aggrieved by the revocation~~
 11 ~~or modification of a certificate of an operator may appeal the~~
 12 ~~revocation or modification to the office of administrative law~~
 13 ~~proceedings under IC 4-21.5-3.~~

14 SECTION 172. IC 13-18-11-13, AS AMENDED BY
 15 P.L.147-2015, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. The board ~~shall~~
 17 **may** adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 that are necessary to
 18 carry out the intent of this chapter. The rules ~~must~~ **may** include the
 19 following:

- 20 (1) Provisions establishing the basis for classification of water
 21 treatment plants, water distribution systems, and wastewater
 22 treatment plants.
- 23 (2) Provisions establishing qualifications of applicants and
 24 procedures for examination of candidates.
- 25 (3) Provisions concerning fees for certification examinations.
- 26 (4) Other provisions that are necessary for the administration of
 27 this chapter.

28 SECTION 173. IC 13-18-12-2.2, AS AMENDED BY
 29 P.L.250-2019, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.2. (a) ~~As used in this~~
 31 ~~section:~~

- 32 (1) ~~"chemical toilet" has the meaning set forth in 327~~
 33 ~~IAC 7.1-2-6; and~~
- 34 (2) ~~"sewage disposal system" has the meaning set forth in 327~~
 35 ~~IAC 7.1-2-36;~~

36 ~~on February 1, 2016.~~

37 (b) ~~As used in this section, "septage management vehicle" means~~
 38 ~~a vehicle used for the removal of septage from sewage disposal~~
 39 ~~systems.~~

40 (c) ~~Notwithstanding 327 IAC 7.1-6-1, The invoice provided to a~~
 41 ~~customer by the person who uses a septage management vehicle to~~

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1 remove septage from the customer's sewage disposal system need not
2 show:

- 3 (1) the date on which the septage was removed from the sewage
4 disposal system; or
5 (2) the amount of septage removed from the sewage disposal
6 system;

7 if the sewage disposal system from which the septage is removed is a
8 ~~chemical toilet~~; **portable sanitary unit**.

9 SECTION 174. IC 13-18-12-2.5, AS AMENDED BY
10 P.L.250-2019, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The department
12 and the board may allow a person to use industrial waste products in a
13 land application operation or as ingredients in a soil amendment or soil
14 substitute to be land applied if:

- 15 (1) the industrial waste products are not hazardous wastes;
16 (2) the industrial waste products:
17 (A) have a beneficial use (as defined in 327 IAC 6.1-2-6);
18 or
19 (B) otherwise provide a benefit to the process of creating
20 the soil amendments or soil substitute or to the final soil
21 amendment, soil substitute, or material to be land applied,
22 such as bulking;
23 (3) the finished soil amendment, soil substitute, or material to be
24 land applied satisfies the applicable criteria in ~~327 IAC 6.1-~~
25 **rules established by the board**;
26 (4) the finished soil amendment, soil substitute, or material to be
27 land applied has a beneficial use;
28 (5) the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied; and
29 (6) the person pays a permit fee in an amount determined under
30 rules adopted by the board that does not exceed the costs
31 incurred by the department to issue the permit.

32 **For purposes of this subsection, "beneficial use" means the use of**
33 **a solid waste for fertilizing or soil conditioning properties to**
34 **provide nutrients for growing plants or crops, increase organic**
35 **matter, provide pH adjustment capabilities, or provide other**
36 **benefits to the soil or crops as shown to the satisfaction of the**
37 **commissioner through an approved research or demonstration**
38 **project.**

- 39 (b) The department:
40 (1) may allow the use of industrial waste products:
41 (A) in a land application operation; or
42 (B) as ingredients in a soil amendment or soil substitute to

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1 be land applied;
 2 on the same basis as other materials under the rules concerning
 3 land application and marketing and distribution permits;
 4 (2) may not:
 5 (A) discriminate against the use of industrial waste products
 6 on the basis that the industrial waste products lack
 7 biological carbon;
 8 (B) impose requirements beyond applicable criteria in ~~327~~
 9 ~~IAC 6.1~~; **rules established by the board**, unless additional
 10 requirements are necessary for the protection of human
 11 health and the environment;
 12 (C) require that the finished soil amendment, soil substitute,
 13 or material to be land applied must be of a particular
 14 economic value; or
 15 (D) for any pollutant that has a pollutant limit or
 16 concentration in 327 IAC 6.1, require that an industrial
 17 waste product or the finished soil amendment, soil
 18 substitute, or material to be land applied satisfies:
 19 (i) the department's remediation closure guidance; or
 20 (ii) any other standards other than criteria in 327
 21 IAC 6.1;
 22 (3) for any pollutant present in the industrial waste products that
 23 does not have a pollutant limit or concentration in 327 IAC 6.1,
 24 shall consider the benefits of the finished soil amendment, soil
 25 substitute, or material to be land applied as compared to the
 26 measurable risks to human health and the environment based on
 27 the anticipated use of the finished soil amendment, soil
 28 substitute, or material to be land applied; and
 29 (4) shall require an application for a permit for the land
 30 application of industrial waste products to include
 31 characterization of individual industrial waste products at the
 32 point of waste generation before mixing the waste streams.
 33 ~~(e) The board may adopt rules for pollutant limits or~~
 34 ~~concentrations for pollutants for which limits or concentrations do not~~
 35 ~~exist in 327 IAC 6.1 as of July 1, 2011.~~
 36 SECTION 175. IC 13-18-12-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2023,
 37 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) ~~The board shall initiate;~~ **department shall**
 39 **administer**, in accordance with IC 13-15, a septage management
 40 permit program for all persons who offer to perform or are performing
 41 septage management services.

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1 (b) A permit from the department may not be required for the
2 ownership or operation of one (1) or more holding tanks described in
3 IC 16-41-25-9 in which septage originating from a residential or
4 commercial source is held until it is removed and transported from the
5 site of the holding tanks by septage management vehicles. However:

6 (1) the board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9;
7 or

8 (2) the department may adopt guidelines;
9 concerning the reports to be provided to the department by local health
10 departments under IC 16-41-25-9(h). The rules or guidelines may
11 specify the content to be included in the reports and the frequency at
12 which the reports must be provided.

13 SECTION 176. IC 13-18-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2016,
14 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board ~~shall~~, **may**, in accordance with
16 IC 13-14-9, adopt rules to establish the following:

- 17 (1) Standards for the following:
18 (A) The issuance of permits for:
19 (i) septage management under section 3 of this chapter;
20 and
21 (ii) land application of authorized septage, solid waste,
22 and industrial waste products.

23 (B) Transportation, storage, treatment, and disposal of
24 septage.

25 (2) Procedures and standards for approval of sites for land
26 application.

27 (b) The board may designate a county or city health agency as the
28 board's agent to approve land application sites in accordance with rules
29 adopted under this section.

30 SECTION 177. IC 13-18-16-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The commissioner
32 may ~~initiate action under IC 4-21-5-3~~ to assess a civil penalty against
33 a permit holder who fails to take action to correct or prevent
34 contamination of the sanitary or chemical quality of the water supply
35 after the permit holder knew or should have known that the action
36 should be taken. The civil penalty assessed under this section may not
37 exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day of violation.

38 SECTION 178. IC 13-18-16-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2017,
39 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
41 and IC 13-14-9 establishing requirements for public water systems,

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- 1 including the following:
- 2 (1) The requirement to obtain a permit for the construction,
- 3 installation, or modification of facilities, equipment, or devices
- 4 for any public water system.
- 5 (2) The requirement to obtain a permit for the operation of
- 6 sources, facilities, equipment, or devices for any public water
- 7 system.
- 8 (b) The board shall adopt a permit by rule for water main
- 9 extensions—(as defined in ~~327 IAC 8-3-1~~) to satisfy the permit
- 10 requirement in section 1(a) of this chapter.
- 11 (c) The board may adopt rules to carry out the intent of this
- 12 chapter related to requirements necessary to protect the safety of the
- 13 public water supply.
- 14 SECTION 179. IC 13-18-17-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 15 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: (a) The department, with the assistance of other~~
- 16 ~~state agencies as requested, shall establish and operate a groundwater~~
- 17 ~~quality clearinghouse within the department.~~
- 18 (b) ~~The groundwater quality clearinghouse established under this~~
- 19 ~~section shall do all of the following:~~
- 20 (1) ~~Receive complaints about groundwater contamination.~~
- 21 (2) ~~Screen reports of groundwater pollution.~~
- 22 (3) ~~Ensure that complaints and reports are adequately~~
- 23 ~~investigated.~~
- 24 (4) ~~Provide information to the public about groundwater and~~
- 25 ~~groundwater pollution.~~
- 26 (5) ~~Coordinate the management of groundwater quality data in~~
- 27 ~~Indiana.~~
- 28 SECTION 180. IC 13-18-17-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department
- 30 under IC 13-14-2-2:
- 31 (1) may investigate allegations of; and
- 32 (2) shall investigate confirmed incidents of;
- 33 contamination of groundwater that affect private water supply wells.
- 34 (b) The commissioner ~~shall:~~ **may:**
- 35 (1) issue an advisory to the users and owners of a water well
- 36 found to be contaminated concerning the hazards to health posed
- 37 by the contamination;
- 38 (2) take emergency action, including emergency action under
- 39 IC 13-14-10, to reduce exposure to well water contaminants that
- 40 pose a threat to human health; and
- 41 (3) as appropriate to safeguard human health, order

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1 abandonment of contaminated water wells.
 2 SECTION 181. IC 13-18-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
 3 SECTION 129, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall adopt rules
 5 under IC 4-22-2 **and IC 13-14-9** establishing groundwater quality
 6 standards that include numeric and narrative criteria, a groundwater
 7 classification plan, and a method of determining where the
 8 groundwater quality standards must apply. The standards established
 9 under this subsection shall be used for the following purposes:
 10 (1) To establish minimum compliance levels for groundwater
 11 quality monitoring at regulated facilities.
 12 (2) To ban the discharge of effluents into potable groundwater.
 13 (3) To establish health protection goals for untreated water in
 14 water supply wells.
 15 (4) To establish concentration limits for contaminants in ambient
 16 groundwater.
 17 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and subject to subsection
 18 (d), the following agencies shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to apply
 19 the groundwater quality standards established under this section to
 20 activities regulated by the agencies:
 21 (1) The department.
 22 (2) The department of natural resources.
 23 (3) The Indiana department of health.
 24 (4) The office of the state chemist.
 25 (5) The department of homeland security.
 26 (c) The executive board of the Indiana department of health may
 27 not adopt rules to apply the nitrate and nitrite numeric criteria included
 28 in groundwater quality standards established in rules adopted by the
 29 board under subsection (a) to onsite sewage systems.
 30 (d) Any rule adopted by the executive board of the Indiana
 31 department of health is void to the extent that the rule applies the
 32 nitrate and nitrite numeric criteria included in groundwater quality
 33 standards established in rules adopted by the board under subsection
 34 (a) to onsite sewage systems.
 35 SECTION 182. IC 13-18-17-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The board shall
 37 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 **and IC 13-14-9** to establish protection
 38 zones around community water system wells.
 39 (b) The state agencies referred to in section 5(b) of this chapter
 40 may not permit activities within the zones established under subsection
 41 (a) that would violate the rules or interfere with the purposes of the

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1 rules.

2 (c) The department shall establish and operate a program of
3 education and assistance to local officials in developing and managing
4 well field protection zones.

5 (d) The rules adopted under subsection (a) or any zoning under
6 IC 36-7 to establish protection zones around community water system
7 wells may not restrict any activity by:

- 8 (1) an owner of land;
- 9 (2) a mineral owner; or
- 10 (3) a mineral leaseholder of record;

11 unless the owner or leaseholder is sent written notice of, and has an
12 opportunity to be heard on, the establishment of the zone and the
13 construction of the community public water system that caused the
14 establishment of the zone.

15 (e) A person that requests a permit for construction of a
16 community water system or establishment of a well field protection
17 zone is responsible for any notice requirements the board establishes.

18 SECTION 183. IC 13-18-17-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 7: (a) ~~The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2~~
20 ~~for the construction and monitoring of surface impoundments,~~
21 ~~including pits, ponds, and lagoons, used for the storage or treatment of~~
22 ~~nonhazardous waste and wastewater.~~

23 (b) ~~The requirements of the rules adopted under this section must~~
24 ~~apply to all the state agencies referred to in section 5(b) of this chapter.~~

25 SECTION 184. IC 13-18-27-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 1: ~~As used in this chapter, "327 IAC 15-5" refers~~
27 ~~to the administrative rule of the environmental rules board in effect on~~
28 ~~March 25, 2019; concerning storm water runoff associated with~~
29 ~~construction activity.~~

30 SECTION 185. IC 13-18-27-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.248-2019,
31 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "construction plan"
33 means a written plan that:

- 34 (1) presents information about a construction project and
- 35 activities associated with the construction project;
- 36 (2) includes a storm water pollution prevention plan that outlines
- 37 how erosion and sedimentation will be controlled on the site of
- 38 the construction project; and
- 39 (3) must be submitted to a review authority as a condition of
- 40 proceeding with the construction project under the general
- 41 permit rule program established ~~under 327 IAC 15-5~~ by the

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1 **department** or the general permit.
2 SECTION 186. IC 13-18-27-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.248-2019,
3 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "project site owner"
5 means the person required to comply with ~~327 IAC 15-5~~; the general
6 permit, or the applicable ordinance of an MS4 community with respect
7 to a construction project. The term includes the following:

- 8 (1) A developer.
- 9 (2) A person who has financial and operational control of
10 construction activities and construction project plans and
11 specifications, including the ability to make modifications to
12 those plans and specifications.

13 SECTION 187. IC 13-18-27-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.248-2019,
14 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an
16 MS4 community may not require erosion and sediment control
17 measures that are more stringent than the erosion and sediment control
18 measures required by ~~327 IAC 15-5~~ or the general permit.

19 (b) An MS4 community may require erosion and sediment control
20 measures at a very small construction activity site even if requiring
21 erosion and sediment control measures at a very small construction
22 activity site is not required by ~~327 IAC 15-5~~ or by the general permit.
23 However:

- 24 (1) the erosion and sediment control measures required by an
25 MS4 community at a very small construction activity site may
26 not be more stringent than the erosion and sediment control
27 measures required by ~~327 IAC 15-5~~ or by the general permit at
28 a small construction activity site; and
- 29 (2) the review authority to which a construction plan for a very
30 small construction activity site is submitted is subject to the time
31 limit set forth in section 16 of this chapter for notifying the
32 project site owner of the review authority's preliminary
33 determination concerning the construction plan.

34 SECTION 188. IC 13-18-27-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.248-2019,
35 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) A review authority to which a construction
37 plan is submitted must make a preliminary determination whether the
38 construction plan is substantially complete before the end of:

- 39 (1) the tenth working day after the day on which the construction
40 plan is submitted to the review authority, in the case of a small
41 or very small construction activity site; or

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1 (2) the fourteenth working day after the day on which the
 2 construction plan is submitted to the review authority, in the case
 3 of a large construction activity site.
 4 (b) If a review authority to which a construction plan is submitted
 5 under subsection (a):
 6 (1) makes a preliminary determination that the construction plan
 7 is substantially complete; and
 8 (2) notifies the project site owner of its favorable preliminary
 9 determination;
 10 before the end of the tenth working day after the day on which the
 11 construction plan is submitted to the review authority, in the case of a
 12 small or very small construction activity site, or the fourteenth working
 13 day after the day on which the construction plan is submitted to the
 14 review authority, in the case of a large construction activity site, the
 15 project site owner may submit a notice of intent letter including the
 16 information required by ~~327 IAC 15-5-5~~ or the general permit and,
 17 forty-eight (48) hours after submission of the notice of intent letter,
 18 may begin the construction project, including the land disturbing
 19 activities of the construction project.
 20 (c) If a review authority to which a construction plan for a small
 21 or very small construction activity site or a large construction activity
 22 site is submitted under subsection (a) does not notify the project site
 23 owner before the end of the tenth working day after the day on which
 24 the construction plan is submitted to the review authority, in the case
 25 of a small or very small construction activity site, or the fourteenth
 26 working day after the day on which the construction plan is submitted
 27 to the review authority, in the case of a large construction activity site,
 28 of its preliminary determination as to whether the construction plan is
 29 substantially complete, the project site owner may submit a notice of
 30 intent letter including the information required by ~~327 IAC 15-5-5~~ or
 31 the general permit and, forty-eight (48) hours after submission of the
 32 notice of intent letter, may begin the construction project, including the
 33 land disturbing activities of the construction project.
 34 (d) If a review authority to which a construction plan is submitted
 35 under subsection (a) notifies the project site owner before the end of
 36 the tenth working day after the day on which the construction plan is
 37 submitted to the review authority, in the case of a small or very small
 38 construction activity site, or the fourteenth working day after the day
 39 on which the construction plan is submitted to the review authority, in
 40 the case of a large construction activity site, of its preliminary
 41 determination that the construction plan is not substantially complete,

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1 the project site owner may not submit a notice of intent letter until the
2 review authority makes a conclusive favorable determination
3 concerning the construction plan under ~~327 IAC 15-5~~, the general
4 permit or the applicable ordinance of the MS4 community.

5 (e) If a review authority to which a construction plan is submitted
6 under subsection (a):

7 (1) makes a preliminary determination that the construction plan
8 is substantially complete; and

9 (2) makes a conclusive unfavorable determination concerning
10 the construction plan under ~~327 IAC 15-5~~, the general permit or
11 the applicable ordinance of the MS4 community;

12 the land disturbing activities of the construction project must stop when
13 the review authority notifies the project site owner of the review
14 authority's conclusive unfavorable determination concerning the
15 construction plan.

16 SECTION 189. IC 13-19-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.97-2016,
17 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The goal of the state is to encourage solid
19 waste source reduction, recycling, and other alternatives to conserve
20 environmental resources.

21 (b) The department shall **develop proposed rules that:**

22 ~~(1) produce an annual report on the state of the environment; and~~

23 ~~(2) develop proposed rules that:~~

24 ~~(A) (1) provide for the legitimate use of solid and hazardous~~
25 ~~waste instead of its disposal; and~~

26 ~~(B) (2) provide that a material being legitimately used is not~~
27 ~~considered a solid or hazardous waste.~~

28 (c) To become effective, any proposed rules developed under
29 subsection ~~(b)(2)~~ **(b)** must be adopted by the board under IC 13-19-3-1.

30 SECTION 190. IC 13-19-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2022,
31 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. ~~(a)~~ The board shall do the following:

33 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, adopt rules
34 under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 to regulate solid and hazardous
35 waste ~~and atomic radiation~~ in Indiana, including:

36 (A) rules necessary to implement the federal Resource
37 Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), as
38 amended; and

39 (B) rules necessary for the establishment of a state permit
40 program under Section 2301 of the federal Water
41 Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (42 U.S.C.

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1 6945(d)) for the implementation in Indiana of the federal
 2 CCR rule.
 3 ~~(2) Consult with the department concerning the regulation of~~
 4 ~~solid waste and hazardous waste.~~
 5 ~~(3) Carry out other duties imposed by law.~~
 6 ~~(4) (2) Expediently~~ Adopt by rule all exemptions or exclusions
 7 from regulation as waste that are adopted by the United States
 8 Environmental Protection Agency. ~~and set forth in 40 CFR 261~~
 9 ~~on or after January 1, 2022.~~
 10 (b) ~~Until the amendments to 40 CFR 261 published by the United~~
 11 ~~States Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register at 83~~
 12 ~~FR 24664 et seq. are adopted by rule by the board under subsection~~
 13 ~~(a)(4); those amendments apply to the identification and listing of~~
 14 ~~hazardous waste in Indiana just as if the amendments were~~
 15 ~~incorporated by reference in 329 IAC 3.1-6-1.~~
 16 SECTION 191. IC 13-19-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2023,
 17 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section and section 3.1 of
 19 this chapter, "coal combustion residuals" means fly ash, bottom ash,
 20 boiler slag, and flue gas desulfurization materials generated from
 21 burning coal for the purpose of generating electricity by electric
 22 utilities and independent power producers.
 23 (b) The following definitions apply throughout this section:
 24 (1) "Federal CCR rule" refers to 40 CFR 257, Subpart D, the
 25 federal standards for the disposal of coal combustion residuals
 26 in landfills and surface impoundments.
 27 (2) "Legacy generation resource" means an electric generating
 28 facility that is directly or indirectly owned by a corporation that
 29 was originally formed for the purpose of providing power to the
 30 federal government for use in the nation's defense or in
 31 furtherance of national interests. The term includes the Ohio
 32 Valley Electric Corporation.
 33 (c) The board shall adopt rules under ~~section 1(a)(1)~~ **section 1(1)**
 34 of this chapter concerning coal combustion residuals. The rules
 35 adopted under this subsection:
 36 (1) shall be consistent with the regulations of the United States
 37 Environmental Protection Agency concerning standards for the
 38 disposal of coal combustion residuals in landfills and surface
 39 impoundments, as set forth in the federal CCR rule;
 40 (2) shall not impose a restriction or requirement that is more
 41 stringent **or burdensome** than the corresponding restriction or

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- 1 requirement imposed under the federal CCR rule; and
- 2 (3) shall not impose a restriction or requirement that is not
- 3 imposed by the federal CCR rule.
- 4 (d) The department shall do the following:
 - 5 (1) Establish a state permit program under Section 2301 of the
 - 6 federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act
 - 7 (42 U.S.C. 6945(d)) for the implementation in Indiana of the
 - 8 federal CCR rule.
 - 9 (2) Submit to the administrator of the United States
 - 10 Environmental Protection Agency under 42 U.S.C.
 - 11 6945(d)(1)(A) evidence of the state permit program.
 - 12 (3) Take other necessary or appropriate actions to obtain
 - 13 approval of the state permit program.
- 14 (e) Not later than May 15, 2021, the department shall notify the
- 15 United States Environmental Protection Agency of its intention to
- 16 establish a state permit program described in subsection (d)(1) and to
- 17 seek approval of the state permit program under 42 U.S.C. 6945(d)(1).
- 18 (f) Under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9:
 - 19 (1) the department shall initiate rulemaking for the establishment
 - 20 of the state permit program not more than sixty (60) days after
 - 21 the effective date of the SECTION of Senate Enrolled Act
 - 22 271-2021 amending this section; and
 - 23 (2) the board shall adopt a final rule for the establishment of the
 - 24 state permit program not more than sixteen (16) months after
 - 25 initiation of the rulemaking under subdivision (1).
- 26 (g) The state permit program established under this section must
- 27 not establish requirements for any surface impoundment of coal
- 28 combustion residuals unless and until the state permit program is
- 29 approved by the administrator of the United States Environmental
- 30 Protection Agency under 42 U.S.C. 6945(d)(1). The authority of the
- 31 department to establish requirements under the state permit program
- 32 established under this section is the only authority the department has
- 33 to establish requirements for a surface impoundment of coal
- 34 combustion residuals located on the grounds of a legacy generation
- 35 resource.
- 36 (h) The definitions set forth in Section 257.53 of the federal CCR
- 37 rule, as in effect January 1, 2021, apply throughout subsection (i).
- 38 (i) The department shall charge the following fees under the state
- 39 permit program established under this section:
 - 40 (1) An initial one (1) time permit fee of twenty thousand five
 - 41 hundred dollars (\$20,500) for each surface impoundment of coal

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1 combustion residuals regulated under the state permit program.
 2 (2) An annual fee of twenty thousand five hundred dollars
 3 (\$20,500) for each surface impoundment of coal combustion
 4 residuals regulated under the state permit program that has not
 5 completed closure in accordance with Section 257.102 of the
 6 federal CCR rule. The duty to pay the fee established by this
 7 subdivision does not apply on an annual basis until three
 8 hundred sixty-five (365) days after the initial one (1) time permit
 9 fee established by subdivision (1) has been assessed.
 10 (3) An annual fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each
 11 surface impoundment of coal combustion residuals regulated
 12 under the state permit program that has been closed and for
 13 which post-closure care has been initiated and is still required in
 14 accordance with Section 257.104 of the federal CCR rule. The
 15 duty to pay the fee established by this subdivision does not apply
 16 on an annual basis until three hundred sixty-five (365) days after
 17 the initial one (1) time permit fee established by subdivision (1)
 18 has been assessed.
 19 Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the CCR
 20 program fund established by section 3.2 of this chapter.
 21 (j) Not later than July 1, 2027, and before the end of each
 22 succeeding period of five (5) years, the board shall review the:
 23 (1) costs to the department of operating the state permit program
 24 established under this section; and
 25 (2) revenue from the fees charged under subsection (i);
 26 as provided in IC 13-16-1-4. If the board determines that the revenue
 27 described in subdivision (2) is inadequate or excessive in relation to the
 28 costs described in subdivision (1), the board shall, under IC 13-16-1-2,
 29 change the amount of one (1) or more of the fees established under
 30 subsection (i).
 31 (k) Upon the effective date that the board adopts rules to
 32 implement the federal CCR rule and subject to subsection (i), annual
 33 fees for CCR landfills that were previously regulated as restricted waste
 34 sites shall be deposited in the CCR program fund established by section
 35 3.2 of this chapter.
 36 SECTION 192. IC 13-19-3-3.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2022,
 37 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.1. Except as provided in section 3(c) of this
 39 chapter, the rules adopted under ~~section 1(a)(1)~~ **section 1(1)** of this
 40 chapter may not regulate the following:
 41 (1) The disposal of waste indigenous to the coal mining process

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- 1 and coal combustion residuals if the material:
- 2 (A) is not included in the definition of hazardous waste or
- 3 is exempt from regulation as a hazardous waste under 42
- 4 U.S.C. 6921; and
- 5 (B) is disposed of at a facility regulated under IC 14-34.
- 6 (2) The use of coal combustion residuals for the following:
- 7 (A) The extraction or recovery of materials and compounds
- 8 contained within the coal combustion residuals.
- 9 (B) Bottom ash as an antiskid material.
- 10 (C) Raw material for manufacturing another product.
- 11 (D) Mine subsidence, mine fire control, and mine sealing.
- 12 (E) Structural fill when combined with cement, sand, or
- 13 water to produce a controlled strength fill material.
- 14 (F) A base in road construction.
- 15 (G) Cover for coal processing waste disposal locations to
- 16 inhibit infiltration at surface and underground mines subject
- 17 to IC 14-34, so long as a demonstration is made in
- 18 concurrence with the department of natural resources that
- 19 the materials and methods to be employed are appropriate
- 20 for the intended use.
- 21 (H) Providing buffering or enhancing structural integrity for
- 22 refuse piles at surface and underground mines subject to
- 23 IC 14-34, so long as a demonstration is made in
- 24 concurrence with the department of natural resources that
- 25 the materials and methods to be employed are appropriate
- 26 for the intended use.
- 27 (I) Agricultural applications, when applied using
- 28 appropriate agronomic amounts to improve crop or
- 29 vegetative production.

30 SECTION 193. IC 13-19-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 31 SECTION 133, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. ~~The department and the board~~
 33 ~~shall allow a person~~ **A permit is not required** to use foundry sand that
 34 meets Type III criteria under 329 IAC 10-9 for the following activities:
 35 ~~in accordance with guidance without requiring the person to obtain any~~
 36 ~~permits from the department:~~

- 37 (1) As a daily cover for litter and vermin control at a landfill in
- 38 accordance with any applicable permits issued for the landfill.
- 39 (2) As a protective cover for a landfill leachate system in
- 40 accordance with any applicable permits issued for the landfill.
- 41 (3) For use as capped embankments for ground and sight barriers

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- 1 under ten thousand (10,000) cubic yards or embankments for
- 2 airports, bridges, or overpasses.
- 3 (4) For use:
- 4 (A) in a land application operation; or
- 5 (B) as a soil amendment;
- 6 if the application or amendment does not include the operation
- 7 of a landfill.
- 8 (5) As a structural fill base capped by clay, asphalt, or concrete
- 9 for the following:
- 10 (A) Roads.
- 11 (B) Road shoulders.
- 12 (C) Parking lots.
- 13 (D) Floor slabs.
- 14 (E) Utility trenches.
- 15 (F) Bridge abutments.
- 16 (G) Tanks and vaults.
- 17 (H) Construction or architectural fill.
- 18 (I) Other similar uses.
- 19 (6) As a raw material constituent incorporated into another
- 20 product, including the following:
- 21 (A) Flowable fill.
- 22 (B) Concrete.
- 23 (C) Asphalt.
- 24 (D) Brick.
- 25 (E) Block.
- 26 (F) Portland cement.
- 27 (G) Glass.
- 28 (H) Roofing materials.
- 29 (I) Rock wool.
- 30 (J) Plastics.
- 31 (K) Fiberglass.
- 32 (L) Mineral wool.
- 33 (M) Lightweight aggregate.
- 34 (N) Paint.
- 35 (O) Plaster.
- 36 (P) Other similar products.
- 37 SECTION 194. IC 13-19-3-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2005,
- 38 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) This section does not apply to an expansion
- 40 of a solid waste landfill:
- 41 (1) that accepts only construction\demolition waste; and

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1 (2) for which a construction\demolition waste permit was issued
2 before January 1, 2005.
3 (b) A solid waste landfill that accepts only construction\demolition
4 waste shall comply with setback requirements concerning public
5 schools established by the board ~~under 329 IAC 10-16-11~~ for
6 municipal solid waste landfills.
7 SECTION 195. IC 13-19-4-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: IC 4-21-5 governs determinations, notice, hearings,
9 and appeal of determinations under this chapter.~~
10 SECTION 196. IC 13-20-1-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
11 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5: The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and
12 IC 13-14-9 to implement this chapter.~~
13 SECTION 197. IC 13-20-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
14 SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall
16 establish a uniform transfer station inspection program to protect the
17 health of the residents of Indiana and the environment of Indiana:
18 (1) for transfer stations located:
19 (A) inside Indiana; and
20 (B) outside Indiana;
21 that receive municipal waste and that engage in waste transfer
22 activities; and
23 (2) under rules adopted by the board.
24 (b) The board ~~shall~~ **may** establish fees payable by the transfer
25 stations inspected. The amount of a fee imposed for the inspection of
26 a transfer station may not exceed the cost of time and materials directly
27 expended by:
28 (1) the department; or
29 (2) a contractor hired by the department;
30 for conducting the inspection of the transfer station.
31 SECTION 198. IC 13-20-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
32 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
33 implement this chapter.~~
34 SECTION 199. IC 13-20-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
35 SECTION 139, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. ~~The board shall adopt rules under
37 IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 to regulate the construction and operation of
38 incinerators under IC 13-14-8. The Any rules adopted by the board
39 for the construction and operation of incinerators under
40 IC 13-14-8 must incorporate by reference pertinent rules adopted by
41 the board concerning air pollution control.~~

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1 SECTION 200. IC 13-20-10-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.199-2014,
2 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A person who operates a composting facility
4 that must be registered under this chapter shall submit an annual report
5 to the ~~department:~~ **commissioner**

- 6 (1) ~~before February 1 of each year;~~ and
- 7 (2) that indicates the volume of material processed by the
8 composting facility during the preceding year.

9 (b) **A person described in subsection (a) shall submit to the
10 commissioner a completed composting activity report concerning
11 the composting activities conducted by the person during the
12 calendar year that ended on the most recent December 31.**

13 (c) **A person may elect to report more frequently than on an
14 annual basis under subsection (a).**

15 (d) **A person described in subsection (a) shall submit a
16 separate composting activity report under this section for each
17 reporting period for each facility:**

- 18 (1) **that was owned or operated by the person; and**
- 19 (2) **at which the person conducted composting activities;**

20 **during the reporting period.**

21 SECTION 201. IC 13-20-10.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2011,
22 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not after June 30, 2011, start:

- 24 (1) construction of:
 - 25 (A) ~~a biomass an~~ anaerobic digestion facility; or
 - 26 (B) ~~a biomass~~ gasification facility; or
- 27 (2) expansion of:
 - 28 (A) ~~a biomass an~~ anaerobic digestion facility; or
 - 29 (B) ~~a biomass~~ gasification facility;

30 without obtaining prior approval of the department.

31 (b) A person who proposes to construct or expand ~~a biomass an~~
32 anaerobic digestion facility or a ~~biomass~~ gasification facility on the
33 premises of a confined feeding operation must obtain the prior approval
34 required under subsection (a) through the approval process for confined
35 feeding operations under IC 13-18-10 and rules implementing that
36 chapter.

37 SECTION 202. IC 13-20-10.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2011,
38 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter,
40 ~~a biomass an~~ anaerobic digestion facility or a ~~biomass~~ gasification
41 facility ~~for which the only input is biomass~~ is not subject to regulation
42 as a solid waste processing facility.

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1 SECTION 203. IC 13-20-10.5-3, AS AMENDED BY
2 P.L.27-2024, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The department may determine
4 that a biomass an anaerobic digestion facility or a biomass gasification
5 facility for which the input is a combination of biomass and solid waste
6 is subject to regulation as a solid waste processing facility.

7 SECTION 204. IC 13-20-10.5-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.27-2024,
8 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The department shall make a
10 determination under section 1 of this chapter concerning prior approval
11 for the construction or expansion of a biomass an anaerobic digestion
12 facility or biomass gasification facility for which the only input is
13 biomass not later than ninety (90) days after the date on which the
14 department receives the completed application for prior approval,
15 including all required supplemental information, unless the department
16 and the applicant agree to a longer time.

17 (b) Subject to subsection (a), the department may conduct any
18 inquiry or investigation that:

- 19 (1) is consistent with the department's duties under this chapter;
- 20 and

- 21 (2) the department considers necessary;

22 before making a determination under section 1 of this chapter.

23 (c) If the department fails to make a determination within the time
24 frame provided in subsection (a), the applicant may request and receive
25 a refund of the fee paid by the applicant when the application for prior
26 approval was submitted. The department shall continue to review the
27 application and approve or deny the application as soon as practicable.

28 SECTION 205. IC 13-20-13-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The
30 commissioner shall issue a waste tire storage site or waste tire
31 processing operation certificate of registration to a person that owns or
32 operates a waste tire storage site or waste tire processing operation if
33 the person complies with the requirements of this chapter and rules
34 adopted by the board under section 11 of this chapter.

35 (b) A certificate of registration issued under this section expires
36 five (5) years after the date the certificate is issued.

37 (c) The commissioner may include in a certificate of registration
38 issued under this section conditions that ensure compliance with:

- 39 (1) this chapter; and
- 40 (2) rules adopted by the board under this chapter;

41 including a compliance schedule.

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1 (d) The department may deny an application for a certificate of
2 registration under this chapter if:

- 3 (1) the application is incomplete;
- 4 (2) the applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of:
 - 5 (A) this chapter;
 - 6 (B) IC 13-20-14; or
 - 7 (C) a rule adopted by the board under section 11 of this
 - 8 chapter; or ~~under IC 13-20-14-6; or~~
 - 9 (3) an enforcement action is pending against the applicant.

10 SECTION 206. IC 13-20-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,
11 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. A person that obtains a certificate of
13 registration under section 3 of this chapter must do the following:

- 14 (1) Report annually to the department on the following:
 - 15 (A) The number of passenger tire equivalents received at
 - 16 the waste tire storage site or by the waste tire processing
 - 17 operation.
 - 18 (B) The number and manner of disposal of the passenger
 - 19 tire equivalents.
- 20 (2) Maintain contingency plans to protect public health and the
- 21 environment.
- 22 (3) If the person operates a waste tire storage site, maintain
- 23 financial assurance acceptable to the department necessary for
- 24 waste tire removal, in an amount specified in rules adopted by
- 25 the board under ~~section 11(b)(3)~~ **section 11** of this chapter.
- 26 (4) Maintain a copy of the certificate of registration at the site.
- 27 (5) Comply with applicable rules and requirements established
- 28 by the fire prevention and building safety commission for indoor
- 29 waste tire storage sites.

- 30 (6) Retain a copy of manifests received from a waste tire
- 31 transporter under IC 13-20-14 for at least one (1) year and make
- 32 a copy of the manifests available to the department upon request.

33 SECTION 207. IC 13-20-13-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,
34 SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d)(2),
36 (d)(3), (d)(6), and (d)(7), the waste tire management fund is established
37 for the following purposes:

- 38 (1) The department may use not more than thirty-five percent
- 39 (35%) of the money deposited in the fund each year for:
 - 40 (A) the removal and disposal of waste tires from sites where
 - 41 the waste tires have been disposed of improperly; and

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1 (B) operating the waste tire education program under
 2 section 15 of this chapter.
 3 (2) The department may use the remaining money deposited in
 4 the fund each year to:
 5 (A) provide grants and loans under section 9(b) of this
 6 chapter to entities involved in waste tire management
 7 activities; and
 8 (B) pay the expenses of administering the programs
 9 described in:
 10 (i) subdivision (1)(B); and
 11 (ii) clause (A).
 12 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
 13 money in the fund.
 14 (c) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 15 revert to the state general fund.
 16 (d) Sources of money for the fund are the following:
 17 (1) Fees paid under section 4(a)(6) of this chapter and
 18 IC 13-20-14-5(c).
 19 (2) Fees collected under section 7 of this chapter. All money
 20 deposited in the fund under this subdivision may be used by the
 21 department for waste reduction, recycling, removal, or
 22 remediation projects.
 23 (3) Costs and damages recovered from a person or other entity
 24 under section 14 of this chapter or IC 13-20-14-8. All money
 25 deposited in the fund under this subdivision may be used by the
 26 department for removal and remediation projects.
 27 (4) Fees established by the general assembly for the purposes of
 28 this chapter.
 29 (5) Appropriations made by the general assembly.
 30 (6) Gifts and donations intended for deposit in the fund. A gift
 31 or donation deposited in the fund under this subdivision may be
 32 specified to be entirely for the use of the department.
 33 (7) Civil penalties collected under IC 13-30-4 for violations of:
 34 (A) this chapter;
 35 (B) IC 13-20-14; and
 36 (C) rules adopted under section 11 of this chapter. ~~and~~
 37 ~~IC 13-20-14-6.~~
 38 All money deposited in the fund under this subdivision may be
 39 used by the department for eligible projects.
 40 SECTION 208. IC 13-20-13-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.27-2020,
 41 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~The board shall adopt rules under~~
2 ~~IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-8 necessary to implement this chapter.~~
3 ~~(b) (a) The Any~~ rules adopted ~~under this section by the board for~~
4 ~~waste tires and used tires~~ must include the following:
5 (1) Requirements for the registration of waste tire storage sites
6 and waste tire processing operations.
7 (2) Requirements concerning the following:
8 (A) The operation of waste tire storage sites and waste tire
9 processing operations.
10 (B) Proper storage and processing of waste tires.
11 (C) Contingency plans concerning the minimization of
12 hazards to human health and the environment at waste tire
13 storage sites and waste tire processing operations.
14 (D) Record keeping guidelines concerning the quantity of
15 waste tires stored and processed at waste tire storage sites
16 and waste tire processing operations.
17 (E) The transportation of waste tires and loads containing
18 any combination of both waste tires and used tires.
19 (F) Reporting requirements concerning the transportation
20 of:
21 (i) waste tires; and
22 (ii) loads containing any combination of both waste
23 tires and used tires;
24 that include evidence of proper end point disposal or
25 processing of tires described in this clause.
26 (3) Financial assurance acceptable to the department necessary
27 for waste tire removal that a person that operates a waste tire
28 storage site must maintain. The rules shall provide for the use of
29 a corporate financial test that is substantially similar to the
30 corporate financial test set forth in 40 CFR 258.74(e) as an
31 optional financial assurance mechanism.
32 (4) The establishment of the fee required by section 4(a)(6) of
33 this chapter in an amount necessary to cover the costs incurred
34 in the following:
35 (A) Registering waste tire storage sites and waste tire
36 processing operations under this chapter.
37 (B) Administering this chapter.
38 ~~(c) (b) The rules adopted under this section may establish~~
39 ~~standards and procedures for the legitimate use, instead of disposal, of~~
40 ~~waste tires, including standards and procedures concerning the~~
41 ~~following:~~

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1 (1) Proper storage and handling.
 2 (2) Record keeping.
 3 (3) Circumstances under which the use of a waste tire is not
 4 considered a legitimate use.
 5 SECTION 209. IC 13-20-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 6 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in:
 8 (1) rules adopted under subsection (d); and
 9 (2) section 10 of this chapter;
 10 a whole waste tire may not be disposed of at a solid waste landfill.
 11 (b) The department may approve shredded or ground up tires for
 12 use as daily cover for a solid waste landfill.
 13 (c) Material approved under subsection (b) is exempt from
 14 IC 13-20-22 and IC 13-21-13.
 15 (d) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules that allow for the incidental
 16 disposal of small amounts of whole waste tires at solid waste landfills.
 17 (e) The rules adopted under subsection (d) may allow a landfill
 18 operator to meet the requirements of the rule by employing procedures
 19 designed to achieve the objectives of subsection (d) in lieu of a numeric
 20 standard.
 21 SECTION 210. IC 13-20-14-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,
 22 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A person may not act as a waste tire
 24 transporter, as defined in IC 13-11-2-252, unless the person is
 25 registered with the department as a waste tire transporter. To apply for
 26 a certificate of registration as a waste tire transporter, a person must
 27 submit the following to the department:
 28 (1) The person's name.
 29 (2) The address of the person's principal office.
 30 (3) The addresses of any offices maintained by the person in
 31 Indiana.
 32 (4) Evidence of financial assurance ~~maintained in accordance~~
 33 ~~with rules adopted under section 6 of this chapter;~~ in the amount
 34 of at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The financial
 35 assurance must be in the form of:
 36 (A) a bond for performance, executed by a corporate surety
 37 licensed to do business in Indiana;
 38 (B) a negotiable certificate of deposit; or
 39 (C) a negotiable letter of credit;
 40 payable to the department and conditional upon faithful
 41 performance of the requirements of this chapter and the

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1 registration.

2 (b) ~~The rules adopted under section 6 of this chapter~~ **department**

3 must adopt a manifest form and require a waste tire transporter to

4 prepare and carry a manifest based upon that form each time a waste

5 tire transporter transports waste tires. The format and wording of the

6 form must require a waste tire transporter to enter information in each

7 manifest indicating the source and number of waste tires to be

8 transported and the destination to which the waste tires are transported.

9 (c) A person who acts as a waste tire transporter in Indiana shall

10 pay an annual registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) that shall be

11 deposited in the waste tire management fund and appropriated to the

12 department for the department's use in providing for the removal and

13 disposal of waste tires from sites where the waste tires have been

14 disposed of improperly.

15 (d) A waste tire transporter shall do the following:

16 (1) Retain a copy of a manifest described under this section for

17 at least one (1) year.

18 (2) Make a copy of a manifest described under this section

19 available to the department upon request.

20 (3) ~~Report annually to the department~~ **Record** the number of

21 passenger tire equivalents transported by the waste tire

22 transporter **and provide the records to the department upon**

23 **request.**

24 (4) Maintain financial assurance acceptable to the department in

25 accordance with subsection (a)(4).

26 (e) The commissioner may include in a certificate of registration

27 issued under this chapter conditions that ensure compliance with:

28 (1) this chapter; and

29 (2) rules adopted by the board under this chapter;

30 including a compliance schedule.

31 (f) The department may deny an application to register under this

32 chapter if:

33 (1) the application is incomplete;

34 (2) the applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of:

35 (A) this chapter;

36 (B) IC 13-20-13; or

37 (C) a rule adopted by the board under ~~section 6 of this~~

38 ~~chapter or under~~ IC 13-20-13-11; or

39 (3) an enforcement action is pending against the applicant.

40 SECTION 211. IC 13-20-14-5.6, AS AMENDED BY

41 P.L.128-2024, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.6. (a) A certificate of
 2 registration issued by the department under this chapter may be
 3 revoked or modified by the commissioner, or by a designated staff
 4 member of the department, after notification in writing is sent in
 5 accordance with IC 13-14-2-1 to the holder of the certificate, for:

- 6 (1) failure to disclose all relevant facts;
- 7 (2) making a misrepresentation in obtaining the registration; or
- 8 (3) failure to correct, within the time established by the
 9 department, a violation of:
 - 10 (A) a condition of the registration; or
 - 11 (B) this chapter. or
 - 12 ~~(C) a rule adopted by the board under section 6 of this~~
 13 ~~chapter.~~

14 (b) A person aggrieved by the revocation or modification of a
 15 certificate of registration may appeal the revocation or modification to
 16 the office of administrative law proceedings under IC 4-15-10.5.
 17 Pending the decision resulting from a hearing under IC 4-21.5-3
 18 concerning the revocation or modification, the registration remains in
 19 force. However, subsequent to revocation or modification, the
 20 commissioner may seek injunctive relief concerning the activity
 21 described in the registration.

22 SECTION 212. IC 13-20-14-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 6. The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and~~
 24 ~~IC 13-14-9 to implement this chapter.~~

25 SECTION 213. IC 13-20-14-9.5, AS AMENDED BY
 26 P.L.133-2012, SECTION 147, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9.5. (a) Except as
 28 provided in rules adopted under subsection (c), an operator of a transfer
 29 station shall remove whole waste tires present in solid waste that is
 30 being transferred from a vehicle or container to another vehicle or
 31 container at the transfer station.

32 (b) Whole waste tires removed by an operator of a transfer station
 33 under subsection (a) shall be disposed of as provided in this chapter.

34 (c) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules that allow for the incidental
 35 transfer of small amounts of whole waste tires under subsection (a).

36 (d) The rules adopted under subsection (c) may allow a transfer
 37 station operator to meet the requirements of the rule by employing
 38 procedures designed to achieve the objectives of subsection (c) in lieu
 39 of a numeric standard.

40 SECTION 214. IC 13-20-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 41 SECTION 148, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The department shall administer
 2 and implement this chapter to protect the public health, safety, and
 3 welfare from the toxic effects and environmental dangers of PCB. The
 4 board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt the rules ~~required by~~ **under** this chapter under
 5 IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9.

6 SECTION 215. IC 13-20-15-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A person may
 8 apply to the commissioner for an exemption certificate on forms
 9 provided by the department. The department may require additional
 10 information or materials to accompany the application as considered
 11 necessary for an accurate evaluation of the application.

12 (b) The commissioner, according to rules adopted by the board,
 13 may grant an exemption for an item, a product, or a material:

- 14 (1) manufactured for sale;
- 15 (2) sold for use; or
- 16 (3) used by the person;

17 in the person's business if the item, product, or material contains
 18 incidental concentrations of PCB.

19 (c) In granting a certificate of exemption, the commissioner ~~shall~~
 20 **may** impose conditions on the exemption so that the exemption covers
 21 only incidental concentrations of PCB.

22 SECTION 216. IC 13-20-17.7-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.170-2006,
 23 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The commissioner shall do the following:

25 (1) Not more than thirty (30) days after receiving a plan
 26 developed by a motor vehicle manufacturer or a group of motor
 27 vehicle manufacturers under section 1 of this chapter, issue a
 28 public notice of a period of at least thirty (30) days during which
 29 the public may submit written comments on the plan to the
 30 commissioner.

31 (2) Not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving
 32 a plan, determine whether the entire plan complies with this
 33 chapter and:

- 34 (A) if the entire plan complies with this chapter, approve
 35 the plan in its entirety;
- 36 (B) if no part of the plan complies with this chapter, reject
 37 the plan in its entirety; or
- 38 (C) if only part of the plan complies with this chapter,
 39 approve that part and reject the rest of the plan.

40 (b) If a plan is approved in its entirety under subsection (a)(2)(A),
 41 the motor vehicle manufacturers shall begin implementing the plan not

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1 more than thirty (30) days after the date the plan is approved. If an
 2 entire plan is rejected under subsection (a)(2)(B), the commissioner
 3 shall inform the motor vehicle manufacturers why the plan was
 4 rejected, and the manufacturers shall submit a new plan not more than
 5 thirty (30) days after the commissioner informs the manufacturers that
 6 the entire plan was rejected. If a plan is approved in part and rejected
 7 in part under subsection (a)(2)(C), the manufacturers shall immediately
 8 implement the approved part of the plan and submit a revision of the
 9 rejected part of the plan not more than thirty (30) days after the
 10 commissioner informs the manufacturers of the commissioner's partial
 11 approval. The commissioner shall make a determination on a revised
 12 plan not more than thirty (30) days after receiving the revised plan.

13 (c) Not more than two hundred forty (240) days after receiving a
 14 plan developed by motor vehicle manufacturers under section 1 of this
 15 chapter, the commissioner shall complete, on behalf of the
 16 manufacturer, any part of the plan that has not yet been approved.

17 (d) ~~After a plan has been approved under this section, the~~
 18 ~~commissioner shall:~~

19 ~~(1) review the plan three (3) years after the original date of~~
 20 ~~approval of the plan and every three (3) years thereafter; and~~

21 ~~(2) work with the motor vehicle manufacturers to agree with the~~
 22 ~~manufacturers on appropriate modifications to the plan.~~

23 ~~(e) Motor vehicle manufacturers are not required to resubmit a~~
 24 ~~plan modified under subsection (d) to the commissioner for approval.~~

25 SECTION 217. IC 13-20-22-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2019,
 26 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) A fee is imposed on the disposal or
 28 incineration of solid waste in a final disposal facility in Indiana. Except
 29 as provided in section 14 of this chapter, the amount of the fee is as
 30 follows:

31 (1) For solid waste generated in Indiana, fifty cents (\$0.50) a ton.

32 (2) For solid waste generated outside Indiana:

33 (A) fifty cents (\$0.50) a ton; and

34 (B) if the board has adopted rules under subsection (b), an
 35 additional amount imposed under the rules.

36 (b) The board may adopt rules to establish and impose a fee on the
 37 disposal or incineration of solid waste that is:

38 (1) generated outside Indiana; and

39 (2) disposed of or incinerated in a final disposal facility in
 40 Indiana.

41 If rules are adopted under this subsection, the fee shall be set at an

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1 amount necessary to offset the costs incurred by the state or a county,
2 municipality, or township that can be attributed to the importation of
3 the solid waste into Indiana and the presence of the solid waste in
4 Indiana.

5 (c) If solid waste has been subject to a fee under this section, the
6 total amount of the fee paid shall be credited against any other fee to
7 which the solid waste may later be subject under this section.

8 (d) A fee may not be imposed upon material used as alternate daily
9 cover ~~pursuant to~~ **under** a permit issued by the department ~~under 329~~
10 ~~IC 10-20-13~~ **or a rule adopted by the board.**

11 SECTION 218. IC 13-20-22-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 120-2022,
12 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The state solid waste management fund is
14 established to provide money for the following:

15 (1) Programs that provide grants and loans that provide
16 education and promote the following:

- 17 (A) Recycling and the use of recycled materials.
- 18 (B) Waste reduction.
- 19 (C) Management of yard waste.

20 (2) Providing grants to implement household hazardous waste
21 source reduction or recycling projects.

22 (3) Providing grants for household hazardous waste and
23 conditionally exempting small quantity generator waste
24 collection, recycling, or disposal projects under IC 13-20-20.

25 (4) Payments by the department under IC 13-20-17.7-6.

26 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
27 money in the fund.

28 (c) The sources of money for the fund are the following:

- 29 (1) All fees deposited into the fund under section 12(2) of this
30 chapter.
- 31 (2) Accrued interest and other investment earnings of the fund.
- 32 (3) Appropriations made by the general assembly.
- 33 (4) Gifts and donations from any person to the fund.
- 34 (5) Civil penalties imposed under IC 13-30-4 for violations of
35 IC 13-20-17.7 and proceeds received following a criminal
36 conviction in connection with a violation of IC 13-20-17.7.
- 37 (6) Subject to subsection (f), assets assigned and other
38 contributions made by persons.
- 39 (7) Transfers from the Indiana recycling promotion and
40 assistance fund under ~~IC 4-23-5.5-14(k)~~ **IC 13-20-27-9(k).**
- 41 (8) Money credited to the fund from the environmental

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1 management special fund under IC 13-14-12-1(c).
 2 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 3 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 4 manner as other public money may be invested.
 5 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 6 revert to the state general fund.
 7 (f) Money in the fund resulting from assets assigned and other
 8 contributions made under subsection (c)(6) may be used only by the
 9 department of environmental management to make payments under
 10 IC 13-20-17.7-6.
 11 SECTION 219. IC 13-20-22-12, AS AMENDED BY
 12 P.L.250-2019, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. The department
 14 shall deposit the following on a quarterly basis:
 15 (1) Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the revenue from the fee
 16 imposed under section 1(a)(1) of this chapter into the Indiana
 17 recycling promotion and assistance fund established by
 18 ~~IC 4-23-5.5-14.~~ **IC 13-20-27-9.**
 19 (2) Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the revenue from the
 20 fee imposed under section 1(a)(1) of this chapter into the state
 21 solid waste management fund established by section 2 of this
 22 chapter.
 23 (3) The revenue from the fee imposed under section 1(a)(2) of
 24 this chapter into the hazardous substance response trust fund
 25 established by IC 13-25-4-1.
 26 SECTION 220. IC 13-20-25-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.126-2014,
 27 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The goal of the state is to recycle **or divert**
 29 at least fifty percent (50%) of its municipal waste.
 30 SECTION 221. IC 13-20-25-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2015,
 31 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) A recycler shall report the recycler's
 33 recycling activities under this section. A recycler may elect to report
 34 the recycler's recycling activities on an annual basis under subsection
 35 (b). ~~or on a quarterly basis under subsection (c):~~
 36 (b) A recycler ~~that elects to report on an annual basis shall, in~~
 37 ~~2016 and each succeeding calendar year, before March 1, shall~~ submit
 38 to the commissioner a completed recycling activity report concerning
 39 the recycling activities conducted by the recycler during the calendar
 40 year that ended on the most recent December 31.
 41 (c) A recycler **may elect to report more frequently than is**

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1 **required under subsection (a).** that elects to report on a quarterly
2 basis shall, for the July through September quarter of 2014 and each
3 succeeding quarter, not more than thirty (30) days after the end of the
4 quarter, submit to the commissioner a completed recycling activity
5 report concerning the recycling activities conducted by the recycler
6 during the quarter. A quarterly report submitted under this subsection
7 must concern the recycling activities conducted by the recycler during
8 the period of:

- 9 (1) July through September;
- 10 (2) October through December;
- 11 (3) January through March; or
- 12 (4) April through June.

13 (d) A recycler shall submit a separate recycling activity report
14 under this section for each reporting period; ~~whether annual or~~
15 **quarterly; period** for each facility:

- 16 (1) that was owned or operated by the recycler; and
- 17 (2) at which the recycler conducted recycling activities;

18 during the reporting period.

19 SECTION 222. IC 13-20-25-10, AS AMENDED BY
20 P.L.104-2024, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A person:

- 22 (1) who:
 - 23 (A) is not required to submit a recycling activity report
 - 24 under section 9 of this chapter; but
 - 25 (B) recycled recyclable materials during a calendar year;
- 26 (2) who:
 - 27 (A) meets the definition of "scrap metal processing facility"
 - 28 set forth in IC 8-23-1-36;
 - 29 (B) meets the definition of "automotive salvage recycler" set
 - 30 forth in IC 9-13-2-10;
 - 31 (C) meets the definition of "recycling facility" set forth in
 - 32 IC 9-13-2-150.3;
 - 33 (D) is engaged in business subject to IC 9-22-3;
 - 34 (E) meets the definition of "automotive salvage rebuilder"
 - 35 set forth in IC 9-32-2.1-5;
 - 36 (F) meets the definition of "scrap metal processor" set forth
 - 37 in IC 13-11-2-196.5;
 - 38 (G) meets the definition of "core buyer" set forth in
 - 39 IC 25-37.5-1-0.2; or
 - 40 (H) meets the definition of "valuable metal dealer" set forth
 - 41 in IC 25-37.5-1-1(b); or

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- 1 (3) who:
- 2 (A) is not required to submit a recycling activity report
- 3 under section 9 of this chapter; but
- 4 (B) took action during a calendar year to recover, from the
- 5 solid waste stream, for purposes of:
- 6 (i) use or reuse;
- 7 (ii) conversion into raw materials; or
- 8 (iii) use in the production of new products;
- 9 materials that were not municipal waste;
- 10 may voluntarily submit a recycling activity report to the commissioner
- 11 concerning the person's recycling activity during the calendar year.

12 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ **may** include information reported to
 13 the commissioner under this section in the annual reports that the
 14 commissioner is required to submit under ~~IC 4-23-5.5-6.~~
 15 **IC 13-20-27-5.**

16 SECTION 223. IC 13-20-25-11, AS AMENDED BY THE
 17 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 18 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b);~~ A
 20 recycling activity report submitted to the commissioner under this
 21 chapter must be submitted ~~on the uniform recycling activity report form~~
 22 **posted in a format required** by the commissioner ~~on~~ **through** the
 23 department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website.** under section 12 of this
 24 chapter.

25 (b) ~~If a uniform recycling activity report form is not posted on the~~
 26 ~~department's Internet web site by July 1 in a calendar year in which a~~
 27 ~~recycler is required to submit a completed recycling activity report~~
 28 ~~under section 9(a) of this chapter; the recycler may satisfy the recycler's~~
 29 ~~duties under this chapter by submitting to the commissioner; by a letter~~
 30 ~~postmarked before August 1 of the calendar year; the types of~~
 31 ~~information about the recycler's recycling activities during the calendar~~
 32 ~~year that are set forth in section 12 of this chapter.~~

33 SECTION 224. IC 13-20-25-12, AS AMENDED BY THE
 34 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 35 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) ~~Not later than July 1, 2015, the~~
 37 ~~commissioner shall post on the department's Internet web site a~~
 38 ~~uniform recycling activity report form.~~ **The recycling activity report**
 39 **form posted on the department's website** must do the following:

- 40 (1) Provide for reporting of the:
- 41 (A) name and location of; and

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- 1 (B) principal business activities conducted at;
 2 the recycler's establishment.
 3 (2) Include:
 4 (A) an appropriate space for; and
 5 (B) instructions requiring the completion of;
 6 an appropriate certification, by signature of the recycler (if the
 7 recycler is an individual) or a senior official with management
 8 responsibility for the recycler (if the recycler is not an
 9 individual), of the accuracy and completeness of the recycling
 10 activity report.
 11 (3) Provide for reporting of the quantity, in tons, of each type of
 12 recyclable material listed in subsection (b) that was in storage at
 13 the reporting recycler's establishment:
 14 (A) at the start of the calendar year; and
 15 (B) at the close of the calendar year.
 16 (4) Provide for reporting of the quantity, in tons, of each type of
 17 recyclable material listed in subsection (b) that was transported
 18 from the reporting recycler's establishment, or (in the case of a
 19 recycler that is a recyclable materials broker) that was
 20 transported or delivered by arrangement of the recycler, to any
 21 of the following:
 22 (A) Other recyclers located in Indiana.
 23 (B) Persons that are located in Indiana but are not recyclers,
 24 including persons who may employ the recyclable material
 25 as a raw material or a new product without further
 26 recycling.
 27 (C) Persons located outside Indiana.
 28 (b) The uniform recycling activity report form posted on the
 29 department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** under subsection (a) must
 30 specify that the information to be reported by a recycler under
 31 subsection (a)(3) and (a)(4) must be reported separately for each of the
 32 following types of recyclable materials:
 33 (1) Glass.
 34 (2) Metal, including white goods (ferrous).
 35 (3) Metal (nonferrous).
 36 (4) Paper and paper products (all grades).
 37 (5) Plastic and plastic products.
 38 (6) Single stream recyclable materials.
 39 (7) Any other distinct type of recyclable material not specified
 40 in subdivisions (1) through (6).
 41 SECTION 225. IC 13-20-26-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2023,

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1 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) There is established a central Indiana waste
3 diversion project for the following purposes:

4 (1) Determining the most practical and effective means of:

5 (A) addressing domestic supply chain disruptions that result
6 in:

- 7 (i) scarcity of raw materials necessary for
- 8 manufacturing and other industries in Indiana;
- 9 (ii) increased prices of those raw materials; and
- 10 (iii) manufacturing delays, employment fluctuations,
- 11 and stagnant growth;

12 (B) preventing the unnecessary disposal of potentially
13 valuable recyclable materials in landfills and waste
14 incinerators;

15 (C) stimulating economic development, including the:

- 16 (i) creation of employment opportunities throughout
- 17 Indiana; and
- 18 (ii) market development through the reuse of
- 19 recyclable materials by diverting the materials from
- 20 waste streams throughout the project area for
- 21 commercial reuse;

22 (D) advancing research and development to enhance
23 existing waste diversion efforts and support the creation of
24 new processes and technologies that expand upon the
25 existing universe of waste diversion and reuse of recyclable
26 material; and

27 (E) supporting recycling technology or programs that:

- 28 (i) involve the return, collection, and sorting of
- 29 recyclable glass, aluminum, or plastic beverage
- 30 containers;
- 31 (ii) are accessible to the general public; and
- 32 (iii) are operated by a retail merchant (as described in
- 33 IC 6-2.5-4-1), a professional sports or entertainment
- 34 venue, an airport, a school for students between
- 35 kindergarten and grade 12, or an institution of higher
- 36 education.

37 (2) Determining the feasibility of expansion of the waste
38 diversion program throughout Indiana by analyzing data
39 provided by project participants to the department to measure the
40 success of the project in:

41 (A) diverting waste from landfills and incinerators; and

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1 (B) providing valuable raw materials for manufacturing and
2 other Indiana industries.

3 (3) Determining the potential for future market development.

4 (b) The project established under this section shall be limited to
5 applicants located in Marion County during the first round of grants.
6 Following the completion of the first round of grants, the project shall
7 be expanded for a second round of grants. Applicants located in the
8 following counties shall be eligible to receive grants during the second
9 round:

- 10 (1) Marion.
- 11 (2) Hamilton.
- 12 (3) Hancock.
- 13 (4) Shelby.
- 14 (5) Johnson.
- 15 (6) Morgan.
- 16 (7) Hendricks.
- 17 (8) Boone.

18 (c) An applicant who is eligible to participate in the project
19 established under this section must demonstrate direct connectivity in
20 diversion of valuable raw materials for procurement to identified
21 Indiana based end markets as a commodity.

22 (d) The project established under this section shall commence
23 upon the:

- 24 (1) approval of the proposals submitted under this chapter; and
- 25 (2) award of funds necessary to implement the project.

26 The duration of the project may not exceed four (4) years after the date
27 that the project commences.

28 (e) The project established under this section shall commence a
29 second round of grants within one (1) year after the first round of
30 grants are awarded to the selected projects. Applicants selected for a
31 grant during the first round of grants may apply for a grant during the
32 second round of grants.

33 (f) Grant applicants seeking funding from the project established
34 under this section must provide a financial match, as determined by the
35 Indiana recycling market development board under ~~IC 4-23-5.5-7,~~
36 **IC 13-20-27-6**, to receive funding.

37 SECTION 226. IC 13-20-26-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2023,
38 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. To implement the second round of grants
40 described in this chapter, the Indiana recycling market development
41 board ~~shall~~ **may not** award ~~not~~ more than a total of two million dollars

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1 (\$2,000,000) to applicants.
2 SECTION 227. IC 13-20-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

5 **Chapter 27. Indiana Recycling Market Development Board**

6 **Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana recycling market development board**
7 **is created and constitutes a public instrumentality of the state.**

8 **(b) The board consists of eight (8) members, who shall be**
9 **appointed by the governor for four (4) year terms. The governor's**
10 **appointees shall be chosen from among representatives of:**

- 11 **(1) the waste management industry;**
- 12 **(2) the recycling industry;**
- 13 **(3) Indiana universities and colleges with expertise in**
14 **recycling research and development;**
- 15 **(4) industrial and commercial consumers of recycled**
16 **feedstock;**
- 17 **(5) environmental groups; and**
- 18 **(6) private citizens with a special interest in recycling.**

19 **In appointing individuals under this subsection, the governor may**
20 **consider geographic location, political affiliation, and other factors**
21 **to ensure viewpoints are fairly balanced in terms of points of view**
22 **represented on the board.**

23 **(c) A member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive**
24 **four (4) year terms. The term of each member of the board**
25 **continues until a successor is appointed.**

26 **(d) A vacancy in the office of an appointed member, other than**
27 **by expiration, shall be filled in like manner as the original**
28 **appointment for the remainder of the term of that retiring**
29 **member. Appointed members may be removed by the governor at**
30 **any time with or without cause.**

31 **(e) The board shall have seven (7) ex officio advisory members**
32 **as follows:**

- 33 **(1) The governor.**
- 34 **(2) The director of the department of natural resources.**
- 35 **(3) The commissioner.**
- 36 **(4) Two (2) members from the house of representatives of**
37 **opposite political parties appointed by the speaker of the**
38 **house of representatives for two (2) year terms that expire**
39 **June 30 of each odd-numbered year.**
- 40 **(5) Two (2) members from the senate of opposite political**
41 **parties appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate**
42 **for two (2) year terms that expire June 30 of each**

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- 1 **odd-numbered year.**
- 2 **(f) The department shall serve as the staff of the board.**
- 3 **(g) An ex officio advisory member identified in subsection (e)**
4 **may, in writing, designate a representative to serve in an advisory**
5 **capacity when the ex officio member is unable to attend a board**
6 **meeting.**
- 7 **(h) The terms of the members of the board appointed by the**
8 **governor under subsection (b) expire as follows:**
- 9 **(1) For four (4) of the members, as determined by the**
10 **governor, December 31, 2025, and every fourth year**
11 **thereafter.**
- 12 **(2) For four (4) of the members, as determined by the**
13 **governor, December 31, 2027, and every fourth year**
14 **thereafter.**
- 15 **Sec. 2. (a) Each member of the board who is not a state**
16 **employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by**
17 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement**
18 **for mileage, traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4, and**
19 **other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's**
20 **duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established**
21 **by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the**
22 **budget agency.**
- 23 **(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is**
24 **entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
25 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
26 **with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**
27 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
28 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
- 29 **(c) Each member of the board who is a member of the general**
30 **assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and**
31 **travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving**
32 **on interim study committees established by the legislative council.**
33 **Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this**
34 **subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the**
35 **legislative council or the legislative services agency.**
- 36 **(d) Expenses paid under subsections (a) and (b) shall be paid**
37 **from appropriations made to the department.**
- 38 **Sec. 3. The governor shall appoint one (1) of the appointed**
39 **members as chairperson. Four (4) members of the board shall**
40 **constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the**
41 **membership shall be necessary for any action taken by the board.**
42 **A vacancy in the membership of the board does not impair the**

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right of the quorum to act.

Sec. 4. A member of the board must disclose to the board and the department any interest in a project the board may be considering for action. The board shall determine whether that member shall be allowed to participate in activities related to that project.

Sec. 5. (a) The board may do any of the following:

- (1) Adopt procedures for the conduct of its business.**
- (2) Meet at least twice per year. The meetings shall be open to the public, conducted in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5, and have official minutes recorded for public scrutiny.**
- (3) Report annually in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the legislative council concerning:

 - (A) the projects in which it has participated and is currently participating with a complete list of expenditures for those projects; and**
 - (B) the information obtained through the recycling activity reports submitted to the commissioner under IC 13-20-25 concerning the calendar year most recently ended.****
- (4) Annually prepare an administrative budget for review by the budget agency and the budget committee.**
- (5) Keep proper records of accounts and make an annual report of its condition to the state board of accounts.**
- (6) Receive petitions and make determinations under IC 13-20.5-2-2.**

(b) The board shall consider projects involving the creation of the following:

- (1) Markets for products made from recycled materials.**
- (2) New products made from recycled materials.**
- (c) The board may promote, fund, and encourage programs facilitating the development and implementation of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in Indiana.**

Sec. 6. The board, upon approval by the governor and the budget agency, may make the following expenditures:

- (1) Matching grants to federal, state, and local governmental agencies for research and development of:

 - (A) recycling projects; and**
 - (B) recycling market development projects; in Indiana.****
- (2) Matching grants to individuals, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, educational institutions,**

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- 1 **and other private sector groups for recycling and recycling**
- 2 **market research and development.**
- 3 **(3) Direct grants, loans, or loan guarantees to those**
- 4 **individuals and organizations specified in subdivision (1) or**
- 5 **(2).**
- 6 **(4) Contractual services for recycling and recycling market**
- 7 **research and development programs.**
- 8 **(5) Other projects and expenses consistent with this chapter.**
- 9 **Sec. 7. The board does not have the authority to exercise the**
- 10 **power of eminent domain.**
- 11 **Sec. 8. The board may:**
- 12 **(1) on behalf of the state, receive and accept grants, gifts, and**
- 13 **contributions from public agencies, including the federal**
- 14 **government, and from private agencies and private sources,**
- 15 **including the Indiana business modernization and technology**
- 16 **corporation, for the purpose of researching and developing**
- 17 **recycling within the state, and may administer such,**
- 18 **including contracting with other public and private**
- 19 **organizations, to carry out the purposes for which such**
- 20 **grants, gifts, and contributions were made;**
- 21 **(2) establish application forms and procedures for programs**
- 22 **consistent with this chapter;**
- 23 **(3) accept applications from private and public sources for**
- 24 **funding of programs consistent with this chapter;**
- 25 **(4) provide funding for studies, research projects, and other**
- 26 **activities required to assess the nature and extent of**
- 27 **recycling markets in Indiana and the nature and extent of**
- 28 **recycling resources to meet the needs of the state;**
- 29 **(5) deposit funds not currently needed to meet the obligations**
- 30 **of the board with the treasurer of state to the credit of the**
- 31 **fund, or invest in obligations as provided by IC 5-13-10.5;**
- 32 **and**
- 33 **(6) participate in or sponsor programs, conferences, or**
- 34 **seminars aimed at assisting the state in promoting recycling**
- 35 **market development.**
- 36 **Sec. 9. (a) The Indiana recycling promotion and assistance**
- 37 **fund is established. The purpose of the fund is to promote and**
- 38 **assist recycling throughout Indiana by focusing economic**
- 39 **development efforts on businesses and projects involving recycling.**
- 40 **The fund shall be administered by the board.**
- 41 **(b) Sources of money for the fund consist of the following:**
- 42 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.**

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- 1 (2) Repayment proceeds of loans made from the fund.
- 2 (3) Gifts and donations.
- 3 (4) Money from the solid waste management fund.
- 4 (c) Money remaining in the fund at the end of a state fiscal
- 5 year does not revert to the state general fund.
- 6 (d) The board may use money in the fund to make loans to
- 7 assist:
- 8 (1) persons in establishing new recycling businesses;
- 9 (2) in the expansion of existing recycling businesses; and
- 10 (3) manufacturers in retrofitting equipment necessary to
- 11 reuse or recycle secondary materials.
- 12 (e) The board shall establish loan:
- 13 (1) amounts;
- 14 (2) terms; and
- 15 (3) interest rates.
- 16 (f) The board may use money in the fund to make grants for
- 17 research and development projects involving recycling. The board
- 18 shall establish amounts for grants.
- 19 (g) A person, business, or manufacturer that wants a grant or
- 20 loan from the fund must file an application with the board.
- 21 (h) The board shall establish criteria for awarding grants and
- 22 loans under this section.
- 23 (i) To implement the central Indiana waste diversion project
- 24 as described in IC 13-20-26, the board shall award not more than
- 25 four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in total to applicants chosen to
- 26 participate in the project based on:
- 27 (1) the recommendations of the department after conducting
- 28 an evaluation of the proposals submitted under
- 29 IC 13-20-26-2; and
- 30 (2) the requirements set forth in subsection (j).
- 31 (j) In awarding the funds described in subsection (i), the board
- 32 shall:
- 33 (1) consult with the department when reviewing the
- 34 proposals under IC 13-20-26-2;
- 35 (2) consider the:
- 36 (A) type; and
- 37 (B) amount;
- 38 of waste that is proposed to be diverted during the project
- 39 under IC 13-20-26;
- 40 (3) consider the potential for productive reuse of the waste
- 41 that is being diverted based on the information provided in
- 42 the proposal submitted under IC 13-20-26-2; and

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1 (4) give priority to proposals with the largest amount of
2 waste diversion potential throughout the project under
3 IC 13-20-26.

4 (k) The board may transfer money in the fund to the state solid
5 waste management fund established by IC 13-20-22-2 for use by
6 the department to make payments under IC 13-20-17.7-6.

7 Sec. 10. This chapter expires July 1, 2031.

8 SECTION 228. IC 13-20.5-1-4, AS AMENDED BY
9 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A person may not operate as
11 a collector of covered electronic devices from covered entities unless
12 the person:

13 (1) has submitted to the department a completed registration
14 form; as required by ~~329 IAC 16-5-1~~; and

15 (2) otherwise complies with ~~329 IAC 16~~: **rules established by**
16 **the board.**

17 (b) A registration submitted under this section:

18 (1) is effective upon receipt by the department; and

19 (2) must be submitted for a program year not later than March 1
20 of the program year.

21 SECTION 229. IC 13-20.5-1-5, AS AMENDED BY
22 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A person may not recycle
24 covered electronic devices generated by covered entities unless the
25 person:

26 (1) has submitted to the department a completed registration
27 form; as required by ~~329 IAC 16-5-1~~; and

28 (2) otherwise complies with ~~329 IAC 16~~: **rules established by**
29 **the board.**

30 (b) A registered recycler may conduct recycling activities that are
31 consistent with this article.

32 (c) A registration submitted under this section:

33 (1) is effective upon receipt by the department; and

34 (2) must be submitted for a program year not later than March 1
35 of the program year.

36 SECTION 230. IC 13-20.5-1-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2009,
37 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The department may revoke the registration of
39 a collector or recycler that violates either or both of the following:

40 (1) This article.

41 (2) ~~329 IAC 16~~: **Rules established by the board.**

42 SECTION 231. IC 13-20.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY

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1 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
 3 subsection (g), a manufacturer that registers under IC 13-20.5-1 shall
 4 pay to the department at the time of registration an annual registration
 5 fee. The registration fee applies for the program year for which the
 6 registration is submitted to the department. The department shall
 7 deposit the fee in the electronic waste fund established by section 3 of
 8 this chapter.

9 (b) The registration fee for the initial program year to which the
 10 fee applies under subsection (a) is five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For
 11 each program year thereafter, the registration fee is equal to two
 12 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

13 (c) In addition to the registration fee under subsection (a), a
 14 manufacturer that registers under IC 13-20.5-1 and fails to meet the
 15 recycling goal under IC 13-20.5-4-1 is subject to a variable recycling
 16 fee for each program year that ends on March 31 of 2013 or December
 17 31 of a later year. Not later than September 1, the department shall
 18 provide a statement to each manufacturer liable for the variable
 19 recycling fee that states at least the following:

- 20 (1) The amount of the fee determined under subsection (d).
- 21 (2) The method of calculation of the fee.
- 22 (3) The due date of the fee.
- 23 (4) The opportunity to petition under section 2 of this chapter.

24 The department shall deposit the fee in the Indiana recycling promotion
 25 and assistance fund established by ~~IC 4-23-5.5-14~~ **IC 13-20-27-9**.

26 (d) The amount of the variable recycling fee, if applicable, is the
 27 amount determined in STEP FOUR of the following formula:

28 STEP ONE: Multiply the number of pounds of the
 29 manufacturer's video display devices sold to households during
 30 the immediately preceding program year, as reported in the
 31 manufacturer's registration for the program year under
 32 IC 13-20.5-1-1(c)(4), by the proportion of sales of video display
 33 devices required to be recycled under IC 13-20.5-4-1.

34 STEP TWO: Subject to subsection (e), add the number of
 35 pounds of covered electronic devices recycled by the
 36 manufacturer from covered entities during the immediately
 37 preceding program year, as reported to the department under
 38 IC 13-20.5-3-1(a), to the number of recycling credits the
 39 manufacturer elects to use to calculate the variable recycling fee,
 40 as reported to the department under IC 13-20.5-3-1(b)(2).

41 STEP THREE: Subtract the number of pounds determined in

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1 STEP TWO from the number of pounds determined in STEP
 2 ONE.
 3 STEP FOUR: Multiply the greater of zero (0) or the number of
 4 pounds determined in STEP THREE by the per pound cost of
 5 recycling established as follows:
 6 (A) Forty cents (\$0.40) per pound for manufacturers that
 7 recycle less than fifty percent (50%) of the number of
 8 pounds determined in STEP ONE.
 9 (B) Thirty cents (\$0.30) per pound for manufacturers that
 10 recycle at least fifty percent (50%) but less than ninety
 11 percent (90%) of the number of pounds determined in STEP
 12 ONE.
 13 (C) Twenty cents (\$0.20) per pound for manufacturers that
 14 recycle at least ninety percent (90%) of the number of
 15 pounds determined in STEP ONE.
 16 (e) The following apply to the number of pounds of covered
 17 electronic devices recycled by the manufacturer from covered entities
 18 during the immediately preceding program year for purposes of
 19 subsection (d), STEP TWO:
 20 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (3), the number is
 21 multiplied by one and one-tenth (1.1) to the extent that the
 22 covered electronic devices were recycled in Indiana.
 23 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), the number is
 24 multiplied by one and five-tenths (1.5) to the extent that the
 25 covered electronic devices were recycled from covered entities
 26 not located in a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
 27 federal Office of Management and Budget.
 28 (3) The number is multiplied by one and six-tenths (1.6) to the
 29 extent that the covered electronic devices were:
 30 (A) recycled from covered entities not located in a
 31 metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the federal
 32 Office of Management and Budget; and
 33 (B) recycled in Indiana.
 34 (f) A manufacturer may retain recycling credits to be added, in
 35 whole or in part, to the actual number of pounds of covered electronic
 36 devices recycled by the manufacturer from covered entities during the
 37 immediately preceding program year, as reported to the department
 38 under IC 13-20.5-3-1(a), during any of the three (3) immediately
 39 succeeding program years. A manufacturer may sell all or any part of
 40 its recycling credits to another manufacturer, at a price negotiated by
 41 the parties, and the other manufacturer may use the credits in the same

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1 manner.

2 (g) A manufacturer may not be charged a registration fee or a
3 variable recycling fee for any year in which the combined number of
4 video display devices produced by the manufacturer for sale to
5 households is less than one hundred (100).

6 SECTION 232. IC 13-20.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2009,
7 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. Not later than sixty (60) days after the date of
9 the statement provided to a manufacturer under section 1(c) of this
10 chapter, the manufacturer may petition the Indiana recycling market
11 development board created by ~~IC 4-23-5.5-2~~ **IC 13-20-27-1** for relief
12 from the variable recycling fee imposed under section 1 of this chapter
13 upon showing of good cause. In determining whether to grant a petition
14 for relief under this section, the Indiana recycling market development
15 board ~~shall determine~~ **may consider** whether the manufacturer has
16 made good faith progress to achieve substantial compliance with this
17 article. A determination by the Indiana recycling market development
18 board under this subsection is not subject to appeal by the
19 manufacturer.

20 SECTION 233. IC 13-20.5-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2009,
21 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The electronic waste fund is established to
23 implement this article. The fund shall be administered by the
24 department.

25 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
26 money in the fund.

27 **(c) The department may use the funds for the following:**

28 **(1) Provide education and outreach on recycling electronic**
29 **devices and providing statewide collection events to assist**
30 **citizens with proper disposal of electronic devices.**

31 **(2) Develop a system or program to make recycling**
32 **electronics more accessible for citizens by providing funding**
33 **directly to local solid waste management districts such as a**
34 **grant program to provide reimbursement for electronic**
35 **waste collection events, education, and outreach, and**
36 **through a disposal voucher system that is developed and**
37 **implemented by the department.**

38 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
39 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
40 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
41 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

42 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not

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1 revert to the state general fund.

2 (e) (f) Beginning in 2011 and continuing each year thereafter, as

3 of the last day of the state fiscal year, the department shall determine

4 the total amount of the variable recycling fees that were collected for

5 that state fiscal year under section 1(c) of this chapter.

6 (f) Except as provided in subsection (g); if the total amount of

7 registration fees collected by the department for a state fiscal year

8 under section 1(a) of this chapter exceeds the amount the department

9 determines necessary to administer this article for the next state fiscal

10 year; the department shall refund on a pro rata basis; to all

11 manufacturers that paid any fees for the state fiscal year that

12 contributed to those collections; the amount of fees collected by the

13 department that exceeds the amount necessary to administer this article

14 for the next state fiscal year.

15 (g) The department is not required to refund amounts under

16 subsection (f) if either or both of the following apply:

17 (1) The refund amount determined under subsection (f) is less

18 than one hundred dollars (\$100).

19 (2) The amount the manufacturer claiming the refund recycled

20 for the manufacturer's most recent program year was less than

21 fifty percent (50%) of the amount the manufacturer was required

22 to recycle for that program year under IC 13-20.5-4-1.

23 SECTION 234. IC 13-20.5-3-1, AS AMENDED BY

24 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS

25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Not later than

26 March 1 of each year, a manufacturer shall report to the department the

27 total weight in pounds of covered electronic devices that the

28 manufacturer:

29 (1) collected from eligible entities and recycled; or

30 (2) arranged to have collected from eligible entities and

31 recycled;

32 during the program year that ended on the immediately preceding

33 December 31.

34 (b) Not later than March 1 of each year, a manufacturer shall

35 report the following to the department:

36 (1) The number of recycling credits the manufacturer purchased

37 and sold during the program year that ended on the immediately

38 preceding December 31.

39 (2) The number of recycling credits possessed by the

40 manufacturer that the manufacturer intends to use in the

41 calculation of its variable recycling fee under IC 13-20.5-2-1.

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1 (3) The number of recycling credits the manufacturer retained at
2 the beginning of the program year that began on the immediately
3 preceding January 1.

4 (4) The ~~amount~~ **weight** in pounds of covered electronic devices
5 that the manufacturer arranged for a recycler to collect and
6 recycle during the program year that ended on the immediately
7 preceding December 31 and that were not converted to recycling
8 credits.

9 SECTION 235. IC 13-20.5-3-2, AS AMENDED BY
10 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. Not later than each
12 March 1, a recycler of covered electronic devices shall do the
13 following:

14 (1) Report to the department separately the total weight in
15 pounds of covered electronic devices that were:
16 (A) recycled by the recycler; and
17 (B) taken by the recycler for final disposal;
18 during the program year that ended on the immediately
19 preceding December 31.

20 (2) Submit to the department a list of all collectors from whom
21 the recycler received covered electronic devices during the
22 program year that ended on the immediately preceding
23 December 31.

24 (3) Certify that the recycler has complied with IC 13-20.5-5 and
25 ~~329 IAC 16~~ **any applicable regulations** during the program year
26 that ended on the immediately preceding December 31.

27 SECTION 236. IC 13-20.5-4-1, AS AMENDED BY
28 P.L.200-2017, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. A manufacturer shall
30 **do the following:**

31 (1) In each of the manufacturer's program years recycle or
32 arrange for the collection and recycling from covered entities of
33 an amount of covered electronic devices equal to at least sixty
34 percent (60%) of the total weight of the manufacturer's video
35 display devices sold to households as reported in the
36 manufacturer's registration for the program year under
37 IC 13-20.5-1-1(c)(4).

38 (2) **Conduct and document due diligence assessments of**
39 **collectors and recyclers with which the manufacturer**
40 **contracts to allow the manufacturer to comply with this**
41 **chapter.**

42 (3) **Maintain for three (3) years documentation showing that**

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1 **all covered electronic devices:**
 2 **(A) recycled;**
 3 **(B) partially recycled; or**
 4 **(C) sent to downstream recycling operations by the**
 5 **manufacturer;**
 6 **are recycled in compliance with this article.**
 7 **(4) Provide the department with contact information for an**
 8 **individual who can be contacted regarding the**
 9 **manufacturer's activities under this article.**

10 SECTION 237. IC 13-20.5-4-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2: (a) A manufacturer shall conduct and document~~
 12 ~~due diligence assessments of collectors and recyclers with which the~~
 13 ~~manufacturer contracts to allow the manufacturer to comply with this~~
 14 ~~chapter.~~

15 ~~(b) A manufacturer shall maintain for three (3) years~~
 16 ~~documentation showing that all covered electronic devices recycled;~~
 17 ~~partially recycled, or sent to downstream recycling operations by the~~
 18 ~~manufacturer are recycled in compliance with this article.~~

19 SECTION 238. IC 13-20.5-4-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: A manufacturer shall provide the department~~
 21 ~~with contact information for an individual who can be contacted~~
 22 ~~regarding the manufacturer's activities under this article.~~

23 SECTION 239. IC 13-20.5-7-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2009,
 24 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. If the revenues in the electronic waste fund
 26 established by IC 13-20.5-2-3 exceed the amount that the department
 27 determines is necessary for efficient and effective administration of this
 28 article, the department shall ~~recommend to the general assembly in a~~
 29 ~~report submitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that:~~

- 30 ~~(1) the registration fee under IC 13-20.5-2-1(a); or~~
- 31 ~~(2) the proportion of sales of video display devices required to be~~
 32 ~~recycled under IC 13-20.5-4-1;~~

33 ~~be lowered to reduce revenues collected in the subsequent state fiscal~~
 34 ~~year by the estimated amount of the excess. **report to the standing**~~
 35 ~~**committees with subject matter jurisdiction over environmental**~~
 36 ~~**affairs for both the house of representatives and the senate.**~~

37 SECTION 240. IC 13-20.5-7-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 10: (a) Solid waste management districts shall~~
 39 ~~conduct educational programs to provide information to the public~~
 40 ~~concerning:~~

- 41 ~~(1) reuse and recycling of electronic waste;~~
- 42 ~~(2) collection programs available to the public for the disposal~~

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1 of electronic waste; and

2 ~~(3) proper disposal of electronic waste.~~

3 (b) The department, with assistance from solid waste management
4 districts and other appropriate persons, shall provide solid waste
5 management districts with a curriculum model that includes
6 educational core principles concerning the reuse, recycling, collection,
7 and proper disposal of solid waste. Solid waste management districts
8 shall implement educational programs that meet the minimum
9 standards established by the department in the curriculum model.

10 SECTION 241. IC 13-21-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The commissioner:
12 shall do the following:

13 (1) **shall** adopt the state plan in final form; and

14 (2) **may** adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to provide for the plan's
15 implementation.

16 SECTION 242. IC 13-21-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The state plan must
18 provide for solid waste management in Indiana for the twenty (20)
19 years following the adoption of the state plan. The state plan ~~must~~ **may**
20 include the following, in order of priority:

21 (1) The establishment of voluntary statewide goals for source
22 reduction.

23 (2) The establishment of criteria for alternatives to final disposal,
24 including the following:

25 (A) Recycling.

26 (B) Composting.

27 (C) The availability of markets.

28 (3) The establishment of general criteria for the siting,
29 construction, operation, closing, and monitoring of final disposal
30 facilities.

31 (4) Criteria and other elements to be considered in the adoption
32 of district solid waste management plans.

33 SECTION 243. IC 13-21-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
34 1, 2026]. Sec. 3. Revisions of the state plan ~~must be implemented using~~
35 ~~the procedures set forth in section 1 of this chapter.~~

36 SECTION 244. IC 13-21-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.37-2012,
37 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) ~~In 2015 and every fifth year thereafter,~~ The
39 legislative council ~~shall~~ **may** require an interim study committee or a
40 statutory study committee to:

41 (1) assess solid waste management districts; and

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1 (2) determine whether any changes should be made to the
 2 statutes governing solid waste management districts.
 3 (b) An interim study committee or a statutory study committee that
 4 assesses solid waste management districts under subsection (a) shall
 5 issue a final report, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the
 6 legislative council containing the committee's findings and
 7 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, not later
 8 than November 1 of the year in which an assessment is conducted.
 9 SECTION 245. IC 13-21-13-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,
 10 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) A board may impose fees on the disposal of
 12 solid waste in a final disposal facility located within the district. A fee
 13 imposed by a board in a county with a population of more than one
 14 hundred twelve thousand (112,000) and less than one hundred twenty
 15 thousand (120,000) under this section may not exceed two dollars and
 16 fifty cents (\$2.50) a ton. A fee imposed by a board in other counties
 17 under this section may not exceed:
 18 (1) two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) a ton; or
 19 (2) the amount of a fee imposed by the board;
 20 (A) under this section; and
 21 (B) in effect on January 1, 1993;
 22 whichever is greater.
 23 (b) The board shall do the following:
 24 (1) Set the amount of fees imposed under this section after a
 25 public hearing.
 26 (2) Give public notice of the hearing.
 27 (c) If solid waste has been subject to a district fee under this
 28 section, the total amount of the fee that was paid shall be credited
 29 against a district fee to which the solid waste may later be subject
 30 under this section.
 31 (d) Except as provided in section 4 of this chapter, fees imposed
 32 under this chapter shall be imposed uniformly on public facilities and
 33 on privately owned or operated facilities throughout the district.
 34 (e) A resolution adopted by a board that establishes fees under this
 35 chapter may contain a provision that authorizes the board to impose a
 36 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per day because
 37 of:
 38 (1) nonpayment of fees; or
 39 (2) noncompliance with a condition in the resolution.
 40 (f) A board may not impose fees for material used as alternate
 41 daily cover pursuant to a permit issued by the department under ~~329~~

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1 ~~IC 10-20-13: the rules adopted by the board.~~

2 SECTION 246. IC 13-22-2-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2: The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and~~
4 ~~IC 13-14-9 to implement this chapter through IC 13-22-8;~~
5 ~~IC 13-22-11.5; and IC 13-22-13 through IC 13-22-14.~~

6 SECTION 247. IC 13-22-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
7 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The board ~~shall adopt rules~~
9 ~~under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-8 to~~ **may** develop criteria for
10 determining hazardous waste. In developing ~~those~~ **criteria for**
11 **determining hazardous waste**, the board shall determine whether any
12 waste to be or being disposed of meets any of the following conditions:

- 13 (1) Presents immediate or persistent hazards to humans or
14 wildlife.
- 15 (2) Is resistant to natural degradation or detoxification.
- 16 (3) Is bioconcentrative, flammable, reactive, toxic, corrosive, or
17 infectious in addition to any other harmful characteristics.

18 (b) The board shall do the following:

- 19 (1) Compile and maintain a listing of wastes that have been
20 determined to be hazardous:
 - 21 (A) under the criteria described in subsection (a); or
 - 22 (B) by regulation of the United States Environmental
23 Protection Agency.

24 (2) Issue the listing by adopting rules under IC 4-22-2.

25 ~~(c)~~ **(3)** The board shall Consider actions taken by adjoining states
26 and the federal government for purposes of uniform criteria
27 relating to the listing and delisting of waste under this section.

28 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The commissioner may exclude a waste produced at a
29 particular generating facility from the listing under subsection (b) if the
30 person seeking exclusion of the waste demonstrates to the satisfaction
31 of the commissioner that the waste does not meet any of the criteria
32 under which the waste was listed as a hazardous waste and:

- 33 (1) the person seeking exclusion has already obtained exclusion
34 of the waste from the listing maintained under 40 CFR 261 by
35 the United States Environmental Protection Agency; or
- 36 (2) if the department has received authority from the United
37 States Environmental Protection Agency to delist waste under 40
38 CFR 260.20 and 260.22, the person petitions the commissioner
39 to consider the removal of a waste from the listing, and the
40 commissioner follows the authorized procedure for delisting.

41 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** The department shall establish a procedure by which a

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1 person may petition the commissioner to consider the removal of a
2 specific waste from the lists maintained under subsection (b).

3 SECTION 248. IC 13-22-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall
5 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-8 on the proper and safe
6 transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.
7 Whenever possible, the rules adopted under this section must allow for
8 variation in Indiana with regard to population density, climate, and
9 geology.

10 (b) Rules adopted under this section concerning incinerators used
11 as hazardous waste facilities may establish requirements more stringent
12 than the requirements for hazardous waste incinerators established by
13 regulations adopted by the Administrator of the United States
14 Environmental Protection Agency under the following statutes:

15 (1) The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42
16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).

17 (2) The federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), as
18 ~~amended by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990~~
19 ~~(P.L.101-549)~~; **amended.**

20 SECTION 249. IC 13-22-2-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
21 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 6: The board shall do the following:~~

22 ~~(1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 setting standards~~
23 ~~for closure and postclosure monitoring and maintenance plans.~~

24 ~~(2) Include in the rules a requirement for prior notice of closure~~
25 ~~and a time limit for completion of closure.~~

26 SECTION 250. IC 13-22-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
27 SECTION 151, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The board ~~shall adopt rules under~~
29 ~~IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 setting~~ **may set** standards for corrective
30 action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from any solid
31 waste management unit at a hazardous waste facility. ~~The Any~~
32 standards **adopted by the board** must require that corrective action be
33 taken beyond the facility boundary where necessary to protect human
34 health and the environment, unless the owner or operator of the facility
35 concerned demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that,
36 despite the best efforts of the owner or operator, the owner or operator
37 is unable to obtain the necessary permission to undertake that action.
38 The rules adopted under this section apply to the following:

39 (1) All facilities operating under permits issued under
40 IC 13-22-3. ~~or IC 13-7-8.5 (before its repeal).~~

41 (2) All landfills, surface impoundments, and waste piles,

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1 including any new units, replacements of existing units, and
 2 lateral expansions of existing units, that receive hazardous waste
 3 after July 26, 1982.

4 SECTION 251. IC 13-22-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Before allowing
 6 the operation of a landfill for the disposal of hazardous waste, the
 7 commissioner and all the owners of the land upon which the landfill is
 8 located must execute and record a restrictive covenant upon the land
 9 involved. The department shall file the instrument imposing the
 10 restrictive covenant for record in the recorder's office in the county in
 11 which the landfill is located.

12 (b) The covenant must state that:

13 (1) the land has been or may be used as a landfill for disposal of
 14 hazardous waste; and

15 (2) neither the property owners, agents, or employees, nor any of
 16 their heirs, successors, lessees, or assignees, may engage in
 17 filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining on the
 18 property following the completion and closure of the landfill
 19 without authorization of the commissioner.

20 (c) Before the commissioner grants an authorization for the
 21 activities prohibited in the covenant, the commissioner shall ~~review~~
 22 **consider** the following:

23 (1) The original design of the landfill.
 24 (2) The type of operation.
 25 (3) The hazardous waste deposited there.
 26 (4) The state of decomposition of the hazardous wastes.

27 SECTION 252. IC 13-22-7.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.172-2005,
 28 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a person that transports:
 30 (1) a chemical munition ~~referred to in 329 IAC 3-1-6-3, as in~~
 31 ~~effect on January 1, 2005; as defined in IC 13-11-2-25; or~~
 32 (2) hazardous waste derived from the bulk neutralization and
 33 destruction of the agent VX referred to in IC 13-11-2-25(6).

34 SECTION 253. IC 13-22-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 35 SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt
 37 rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 on standards of financial
 38 responsibility for the following:
 39 (1) Closure.
 40 (2) Postclosure monitoring at hazardous waste facilities.
 41 (3) Any required corrective action at those facilities.

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1 (b) ~~The Any~~ rules adopted under this section must reflect the
 2 provisions for financial responsibility prescribed by section 2 of this
 3 chapter.

4 SECTION 254. IC 13-22-11-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 1: (a) The office shall do the following:

6 (1) Continuously gather information on secondary material
 7 utilization or waste reduction practices and technology from
 8 sources within and outside Indiana.

9 (2) Provide information and advice on secondary material
 10 utilization or waste reduction in response to a request from a
 11 business or business organization that is active in Indiana.

12 (b) In the absence of a request, the office may, at the direction of
 13 the commissioner, present advice on secondary material utilization or
 14 waste reduction to a business that:

15 (1) is active in Indiana; and

16 (2) in the judgment of the commissioner, could:

17 (A) significantly reduce;

18 (B) eliminate; or

19 (C) avoid;

20 the generation and disposal of hazardous waste through waste
 21 reduction or secondary material utilization under IC 13-22-11-5.

22 The office shall study the information to be presented with advice
 23 under this subsection.

24 SECTION 255. IC 13-22-11-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 2: In directing the office to present advice to
 26 businesses under section 1(b) of this chapter, the commissioner shall
 27 establish a priority among types of businesses according to the
 28 following:

29 (1) The degree or magnitude of waste reduction that could be
 30 achieved by a type of business, in comparison to the waste
 31 reduction that could be achieved by other businesses.

32 (2) The financial and technical feasibility of the waste reduction
 33 practices and technologies available to various types of
 34 businesses.

35 (3) The statewide waste reduction impact likely to be achieved
 36 through presenting advice to a type of business due to the
 37 prevalence of that type of business in Indiana.

38 (4) Any other factors that, in the judgment of the commissioner,
 39 may affect the overall effectiveness of the office in promoting
 40 waste reduction in Indiana.

41 SECTION 256. IC 13-23-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2012,

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1 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. ~~(a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2,
3 IC 13-14-8, and IC 13-14-9 for the establishment and operation of the
4 program established under section 1 of this chapter.~~

5 ~~(b)~~ **(a) The Any rules adopted by the board establishing and
6 operating the program established under section 1 of this chapter**
7 must not be less stringent than the regulations adopted by the
8 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency
9 under Section 9003 of the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as
10 amended (42 U.S.C. 6991b, as amended).

11 ~~(c)~~ **(b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) section 1 of this
12 chapter must include the following:**

- 13 (1) Requirements for maintaining:
 - 14 (A) a leak detection system;
 - 15 (B) an inventory control system coupled with tank testing;
 - 16 or
 - 17 (C) a comparable system or method;
 18 designed to identify releases in a manner consistent with the
 19 protection of human health and the environment.
- 20 (2) Requirements for maintaining records of any:
 - 21 (A) monitoring;
 - 22 (B) leak detection system;
 - 23 (C) inventory control system or tank testing; or
 - 24 (D) comparable system.
- 25 (3) Requirements for reporting of:
 - 26 (A) any releases; and
 - 27 (B) corrective action taken in response to a release.
- 28 (4) Requirements for ordering or taking corrective action in
 29 response to a release.
- 30 (5) Requirements for closure of underground storage tanks to
 31 prevent future releases of regulated substances into the
 32 environment.
- 33 (6) Requirements for maintaining evidence of financial
 34 responsibility for:
 - 35 (A) taking corrective action; and
 - 36 (B) compensating third parties for bodily injury and
 37 property damage caused by sudden and nonsudden
 38 accidental releases arising from the operation of an
 39 underground storage tank.
- 40 (7) Standards of performance for new underground storage
 41 tanks.

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- 1 (8) Requirements for the following:
- 2 (A) Providing notice to the department of the existence of
- 3 operational and nonoperational underground storage tanks,
- 4 as required under 42 U.S.C. 6991a(a).
- 5 (B) Providing the information required on the form
- 6 prescribed under 42 U.S.C. 6991a(b)(2).
- 7 (C) Providing notice, by any person who sells a tank
- 8 intended to be used as an underground storage tank, to the
- 9 purchaser of that tank of the owner's notification
- 10 requirements established by this article and 42 U.S.C.
- 11 6991a(a).
- 12 (9) Requirements for the delivery prohibition program
- 13 prescribed under 42 U.S.C. 6991k, including:
- 14 (A) notice to owners or operators when an underground
- 15 storage tank is declared ineligible for delivery, deposit, or
- 16 acceptance of a regulated substance; and
- 17 (B) procedures to enforce the delivery prohibition that
- 18 include the use of a temporary emergency order under
- 19 IC 4-21.5-4 for violations of section 4(a) of this chapter.
- 20 SECTION 257. IC 13-23-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
- 21 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall, under rules adopted
- 23 by the board under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9, establish a certification
- 24 program for persons who supervise, manage, or direct underground
- 25 storage tank or aboveground storage tank:
- 26 (1) installation or retrofitting;
- 27 (2) testing;
- 28 (3) cathodic protection procedures; or
- 29 (4) decommissioning.
- 30 (b) A person may be certified by the department if the person
- 31 submits evidence to the department that the person has successfully
- 32 completed:
- 33 (1) the International Fire Code Institute Council examination; or
- 34 (2) another appropriate examination approved by the department.
- 35 (c) The department may create a supplemental educational library
- 36 concerning proper installation and closure of underground storage
- 37 tanks or aboveground storage tanks, which includes the American
- 38 Petroleum Institute's series, "An Education and Certification Program
- 39 for Underground Storage Tank Professionals" and "API 653
- 40 Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector Certification Program".
- 41 SECTION 258. IC 13-23-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) To obtain a
2 certificate under section 1 of this chapter, a person must:

- 3 (1) take an examination that is approved;
4 (2) achieve a passing score on the examination that is
5 established; and
6 (3) pay any reasonable fees necessary to offset the costs incurred
7 by the **state fire marshal department** in administering the
8 examination and certification procedures that are established;

9 under rules adopted by the **fire prevention and building safety**
10 **commission; board.**

11 (b) An examination described under subsection (a) must cover the
12 following subjects:

- 13 (1) Relevant rules adopted by the
14 ~~(A) board and~~
15 ~~(B) fire prevention and building safety commission;~~
16 concerning underground storage tanks.
17 (2) Any other subjects approved under rules adopted by the fire
18 prevention and building safety commission.

19 (c) The **fire prevention and building safety commission board**
20 shall adopt rules establishing the following:

- 21 (1) The number of times a person who fails an examination
22 described under this section may take the examination again.
23 (2) The period of time a person who fails an examination
24 described under this section must wait before taking the
25 examination again.

26 (d) The **state fire marshal department** may, under rules adopted
27 by the **fire prevention and building safety commission; board**, certify
28 a person:

- 29 (1) under section 1 of this chapter; and
30 (2) by ~~reciprocity; equivalency;~~

31 if the person is licensed or certified by another state that has
32 certification requirements that are substantially similar to the
33 requirements established under this section.

34 SECTION 259. IC 13-23-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The rules adopted
36 under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(e)(6)~~ **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6)** may allow evidence of
37 financial responsibility in one (1) or a combination of the following
38 forms:

- 39 (1) Insurance.
40 (2) Guarantee.
41 (3) Surety bond.

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- 1 (4) Letter of credit.
- 2 (5) Qualification as a self-insurer.
- 3 (6) Any other method satisfactory to the commissioner and the
- 4 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection
- 5 Agency.

6 SECTION 260. IC 13-23-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The rules adopted
 8 under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(e)(6)~~ **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6)** may require the use of
 9 certain policy provisions or contract terms, including provisions or
 10 terms concerning the following:

- 11 (1) The minimum amount of coverage required for various
- 12 classes and categories of underground storage tanks established
- 13 under section 4 of this chapter.
- 14 (2) Conditions or defenses that are necessary or unacceptable in
- 15 establishing evidence of financial responsibility.

16 SECTION 261. IC 13-23-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The rules adopted
 18 under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(e)(6)~~ **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6)** may require a minimum
 19 amount of coverage for particular classes or categories of underground
 20 storage tanks containing petroleum. Minimum coverage amounts
 21 established under this subsection must be at least one million dollars
 22 (\$1,000,000) for each occurrence, with an appropriate aggregate
 23 amount.

24 (b) The board may by rule set minimum coverage amounts lower
 25 than the amount set forth in subsection (a) for underground storage
 26 tanks containing petroleum that are:

- 27 (1) not located at facilities engaged in the production, refining,
- 28 or marketing of petroleum; and
- 29 (2) not used to handle substantial quantities of petroleum.

30 (c) In adopting rules establishing classes and categories of
 31 underground storage tanks containing petroleum for purposes of this
 32 section, the board may consider the following factors:

- 33 (1) The:
 - 34 (A) size, type, location, storage, and handling capacity of
 - 35 underground storage tanks in the class or category; and
 - 36 (B) volume of petroleum handled by those tanks.
- 37 (2) The:
 - 38 (A) likelihood of release; and
 - 39 (B) potential extent of damage from any release;
 - 40 from underground storage tanks in the class or category.
- 41 (3) The economic impact of the limits on the owners and

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- 1 operators of each class or category, particularly relating to the
- 2 small business segment of the petroleum marketing industry.
- 3 (4) The availability of methods of financial responsibility in
- 4 amounts greater than the amount established by this section.
- 5 (5) Any other factors that the board considers pertinent.

6 SECTION 262. IC 13-23-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.96-2016,
 7 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in
 9 the ELTF not currently needed to meet the obligations of the ELTF in
 10 the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
 11 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the ELTF. ~~At least~~
 12 ~~one (1) time each year, the treasurer of state shall provide the financial~~
 13 ~~assurance board a report detailing the investments made under this~~
 14 ~~section.~~

15 SECTION 263. IC 13-23-8-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 16 SECTION 344, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The administrator shall pay
 18 ELTF claims that are:

- 19 (1) for costs related to eligible releases;
- 20 (2) submitted by eligible parties; and
- 21 (3) submitted in accordance with IC 13-23-8 and IC 13-23-9.
- 22 (b) **The administration may allow** an eligible party ~~may to~~ assign
 23 the **eligible party's** right to receive payment of an ELTF claim to
 24 another person.
- 25 (c) Not more than forty-five (45) business days after an ELTF
 26 claim is submitted, the administrator shall do one (1) of the following:
 27 (1) Approve the ELTF claim and, under IC 13-23-9-2(c),
 28 forward the ELTF claim to the state comptroller for payment.
 29 (2) Send to the claimant a written notice that:
 30 (A) states that a correction, a clarification, or additional
 31 information is needed before the ELTF claim can be
 32 approved; and
 33 (B) provides a clear explanation:
 34 (i) of the correction, clarification, or additional
 35 information that is needed; and
 36 (ii) of why it is needed.
 37 (3) Deny the claim and provide the claimant with a statement of
 38 the reasons for the denial under IC 13-23-9-2(b).

39 SECTION 264. IC 13-23-9-1.7, AS AMENDED BY
 40 P.L.149-2024, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.7. (a) The administrator may pay

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1 an ELTF claim for fifty percent (50%) of the costs of decommissioning
2 or replacing an underground petroleum storage tank, provided that:

- 3 (1) the applicant is the owner of the tank;
- 4 (2) such decommissioning or replacement is necessary, in the
5 judgment of the administrator, to protect human health and the
6 environment considering the age, obsolescence, and level of
7 deterioration of the tank; and

- 8 (3) the costs:
 - 9 (A) are reasonable and cost effective; and
 - 10 (B) result from or reimburse the claimant for work
11 performed decommissioning the tank or replacing the tank
12 with a new aboveground storage tank as defined in
13 IC 13-11-2-0.4 or underground storage tank as defined in
14 IC 13-11-2-241.

15 (b) **Subject to subsection (c)**, the expenses described in
16 subsection (a) that are paid from the ELTF in a state fiscal year may not
17 exceed:

- 18 (1) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each year for claims
19 submitted by applicants owning not more than twelve (12)
20 underground petroleum storage tanks;
- 21 (2) seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000)
22 each year for claims submitted by applicants owning more than
23 twelve (12) but not more than one hundred (100) underground
24 petroleum storage tanks; and
- 25 (3) two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) each
26 year for claims submitted by applicants owning more than one
27 hundred (100) underground petroleum storage tanks.

28 (c) At the end of each state fiscal year, any funds that were
29 allocated for the decommissioning or replacement of underground
30 petroleum storage tanks, as described in subsection (b), but that were
31 not spent shall roll over to the next state fiscal year and be used to
32 decommission or replace underground petroleum storage tanks within
33 the same category as allocated in the prior state fiscal year pursuant to
34 subsection (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3).

35 SECTION 265. IC 13-23-9-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
36 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4. If the administrator denies an ELTF claim under this
37 chapter, the claimant may appeal the denial under IC 4-21.5 to the
38 office of administrative law proceedings under IC 4-15-10.5.~~

39 SECTION 266. IC 13-23-11-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
40 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of the following ~~nine (9)~~

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- 1 **ten (10) members:**
- 2 (1) The administrator or the administrator's designee.
- 3 (2) One (1) member nominated by the treasurer of state in
- 4 consultation with the commissioner of the department of state
- 5 revenue.
- 6 (3) One (1) member representing the independent petroleum
- 7 wholesale distributor-marketer industry. ~~In making this~~
- 8 ~~appointment, the governor may consider the recommendation of~~
- 9 ~~the Indiana petroleum marketers and convenience store~~
- 10 ~~association.~~
- 11 (4) One (1) member representing the petroleum refiner-supplier
- 12 industry. ~~In making this appointment, the governor may consider~~
- 13 ~~the recommendation of the Indiana petroleum council.~~
- 14 (5) One (1) member of the financial lending community who has
- 15 experience with loan guaranty programs.
- 16 (6) One (1) member representing the convenience store operator
- 17 industry or independent petroleum retail distributor-marketer
- 18 industry. ~~In making this appointment, the governor may consider~~
- 19 ~~the recommendation of the Indiana petroleum marketers and~~
- 20 ~~convenience store association.~~
- 21 (7) One (1) member representing environmental interests.
- 22 (8) One (1) member representing an environmental consulting
- 23 firm that performs work involving underground storage tank or
- 24 aboveground storage tank corrective actions.
- 25 (9) One (1) member representing the property and casualty
- 26 insurance industry.
- 27 **(10) One (1) member representing airports.**
- 28 (b) The governor shall appoint the members specified in
- 29 subsection (a)(2) through ~~(a)(9)~~ **(a)(10)** for terms of ~~two (2)~~ **four (4)**
- 30 years.
- 31 **(c) The governor may consider nomination and**
- 32 **recommendations for members appointed under subsection (a)(2)**
- 33 **through (a)(10) from representative constituencies.**
- 34 SECTION 267. IC 13-23-11-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) If an appointed
- 36 member of the board is not able to serve the member's full term, the
- 37 governor shall appoint an individual to serve for the remainder of the
- 38 unexpired term.
- 39 (b) The term of an appointed member of the board continues until
- 40 the member's successor has been appointed. ~~and qualified.~~
- 41 **(c) No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive**
- 42 **terms.**

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1 SECTION 268. IC 13-23-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. ~~The board, at the~~
3 ~~board's first meeting of each year, shall elect~~ **The governor may**
4 **designate** from among the board's members a chairperson and other
5 officers necessary to transact business.

6 SECTION 269. IC 13-23-11-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2014,
7 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The board must have a quorum to transact
9 business. Five (5) members constitute a quorum.

10 (b) An affirmative vote of the majority of members present is
11 required for the board to take action.

12 ~~(c) The board shall meet upon:~~
13 ~~(1) the request of the chairperson; or~~
14 ~~(2) the written request of three (3) of the board's members.~~

15 ~~(d) A meeting must be held not later than fourteen (14) days after~~
16 ~~a request is made.~~

17 SECTION 270. IC 13-23-11-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
18 SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:

20 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9 necessary to do
21 the following:

22 (A) Carry out the duties of the board under this article.

23 (B) Establish standards and procedures under which:
24 (i) eligible parties may submit ELTF claims; and
25 (ii) the administrator of the ELTF may pay ELTF
26 claims.

27 (C) Establish standards for determining the reasonableness
28 and cost effectiveness of corrective action for purposes of
29 reimbursement from the ELTF under IC 13-23-9-1.5(a)(1).

30 (D) Establish standards for priorities in the payment of
31 ELTF claims, including a priority for claims associated with
32 releases from USTs and ASTs that pose an immediate and
33 significant threat to the environment.

34 (E) Provide reimbursement from the petroleum storage tank
35 excess liability trust fund for fifty percent (50%) of costs of
36 decommissioning or replacing underground petroleum
37 storage tanks that meet the criteria under IC 13-23-9-1.7.

38 (F) Establish procedures to reopen ELTF eligibility and
39 funding for a release previously granted "no further action"
40 (NFA) status by the department should either the
41 department or the owner of the underground petroleum

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1 storage tank or aboveground petroleum storage tank
2 subsequently decide to permanently decommission the use
3 of the site as ~~a~~ **an underground petroleum or**
4 **aboveground petroleum** facility and undertake the
5 investigation and remediation of any residual contamination
6 arising from the site's former use as ~~a~~ **an underground**
7 **petroleum or aboveground petroleum** facility. Before
8 reopening ELTF eligibility and funding, the administrator
9 may require that the applicant provide information
10 regarding the planned future use of the site.

11 (2) Take testimony and receive a written report at every meeting
12 of the board from the administrator or the administrator's
13 designee regarding the financial condition and operation of the
14 ELTF, including:

15 (A) a ~~detailed~~ breakdown of contractual and administrative
16 expenses the department is claiming from the ELTF under
17 IC 13-23-7-1(a)(4); and

18 (B) a claims statistics report consisting of:

19 (i) the status and amounts of claims submitted to the
20 ELTF; and

21 (ii) ELTF claims payments made.

22 ~~Testimony shall be taken and a written report shall be received~~
23 ~~under this subdivision at every meeting of the board. However,~~
24 ~~the testimony and written report are not required more than one~~
25 ~~(1) time during any thirty (30) day period.~~

26 (3) Consult with the department on administration of the ELTF
27 in developing uniform policies and procedures for revenue
28 collection and claims administration of the ELTF.

29 (b) The department shall consult with the board on administration
30 of the ELTF. The consultation must include evaluation of alternative
31 means of administering the ELTF in a cost effective and efficient
32 manner.

33 (c) ~~At each meeting of the board, the department shall provide the~~
34 ~~board with a written report on the financial condition and operation of~~
35 ~~the ELTF.~~

36 SECTION 271. IC 13-23-11-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
38 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 1,**
39 **2031.**

40 SECTION 272. IC 13-23-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.220-2014,
41 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. If the total amount of the fees owed under this
 2 article exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), the fee payer has the option
 3 of paying the annual fees in four (4) equal installment payments. ~~The~~
 4 ~~department shall establish a payment schedule to implement this~~
 5 ~~section.~~

6 SECTION 273. IC 13-23-13-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
 7 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The commissioner, under rules adopted under
 9 IC 13-23-1-2, may undertake corrective action with respect to any
 10 release of a regulated substance into the environment from an
 11 underground storage tank or aboveground storage tank if:

12 (1) that action is necessary, in the judgment of the commissioner,
 13 to protect human health and the environment; and

14 (2) at least one (1) of the following conditions exists:

15 (A) A person cannot be found not later than ninety (90)
 16 days after a suspected or confirmed release is identified (or
 17 a shorter time necessary to protect human health and the
 18 environment) who is:

19 (i) an owner or operator of the underground storage
 20 tank or aboveground storage tank;

21 (ii) subject to the rules concerning corrective action;
 22 and

23 (iii) capable of properly carrying out corrective action
 24 with respect to the release.

25 (B) An existing situation requires prompt action by the
 26 commissioner under this section to protect human health
 27 and the environment.

28 (C) The cost of corrective action at the site of an
 29 underground storage tank exceeds the amount of financial
 30 responsibility required under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(c)(6);~~
 31 **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6)**, IC 13-23-4-4, and IC 13-23-4-5 and,
 32 considering the class or category of underground storage
 33 tank from which the release occurred, expenditures by the
 34 state are necessary to ensure an effective corrective action.

35 (D) The owner or operator of the underground storage tank
 36 or aboveground storage tank has failed or refused to comply
 37 with an order of the commissioner or a judgment of a court
 38 of competent jurisdiction under section 1 of this chapter to
 39 take corrective action with respect to the release.

40 SECTION 274. IC 13-23-13-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. In determining the

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1 equities for seeking the recovery of costs under section 8 of this
2 chapter, the commissioner may consider the following:

3 (1) The amount of financial responsibility required to be
4 maintained under ~~IC 13-23-1-2(c)(6)~~. **IC 13-23-1-2(b)(6)**.

5 (2) The factors considered in establishing that amount for
6 underground storage tanks containing petroleum under
7 IC 13-23-4-4.

8 SECTION 275. IC 13-23-16-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2023,
9 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. If the department receives a report concerning:

11 (1) the discovery of released regulated substances at an
12 underground storage tank or aboveground storage tank site or in
13 the surrounding area under ~~329 IAC 9-4-1(1)~~; **40 CFR 280.50**;
14 or

15 (2) a spill or overfill under ~~329 IAC 9-4-4(a)~~; **40 CFR 280.53**;
16 the department shall, not more than seven (7) days after receiving the
17 report, provide notice of the release, spill, or overfill to the county
18 health officer of each county in which the release, spill, or overfill
19 occurred.

20 SECTION 276. IC 13-23-16-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.221-2007,
21 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. Not more than seven (7) days after receiving a
23 notice from the department under section 2 of this chapter, a county
24 health officer shall **make a reasonable effort to** do the following:

25 (1) Publish notice of the release, spill, or overfill in a newspaper
26 **or other media** of general circulation in the county health
27 officer's county.

28 (2) Provide any other notice of the release, spill, or overfill the
29 county health officer considers necessary or appropriate.

30 SECTION 277. IC 13-23-16-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.221-2007,
31 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. Notice provided by a county health officer
33 under section 3 of this chapter must include:

34 (1) the same information reported to the department under ~~329~~
35 ~~IAC 9-4-1(1)~~ or ~~329 IAC 9-4-4(a)~~; **40 CFR 280.50 or 40 CFR**
36 **280.53**; and

37 (2) any other information the county health officer considers
38 necessary or appropriate.

39 SECTION 278. IC 13-24-1-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
40 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1. (a) The commissioner may issue an order under:~~

41 ~~(1) IC 13-14-2-7;~~

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1 (2) IC 4-21.5-4; or
2 (3) IC 4-21.5-3-6;
3 to require an owner or operator or a responsible person to undertake
4 removal or remedial action with respect to a release of petroleum at a
5 petroleum facility.

6 (b) If the commissioner determines that the removal or remedial
7 action will be done properly and promptly by the owner, operator, or
8 responsible person, the commissioner may enter into an agreed order
9 with the owner, operator, or responsible person to implement necessary
10 removal or remedial action.

11 (c) If the commissioner and the owner or operator or the
12 responsible party fail to agree on the appropriate and necessary
13 removal or remedial action to be taken, the dispute shall be resolved
14 under IC 4-21.5.

15 SECTION 279. IC 13-24-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Remedial action
17 undertaken or required under section 1 or 2 of this chapter may include
18 an exposure assessment.

19 (b) The cost of:
20 (1) an exposure assessment;
21 (2) a removal; or
22 (3) a remedial action;
23 undertaken under section 2 of this chapter may be recovered under
24 section 4 of this chapter.

25 SECTION 280. IC 13-24-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) To allow the
27 commissioner to take or to assess the need for removal or remedial
28 action under section 1, 2 or 3 of this chapter or to enforce this chapter,
29 an owner, an operator, or a responsible party of a facility, upon the
30 request of an officer, an employee, or a designated representative of the
31 department, shall:

32 (1) furnish information relating to the facility or the facility's
33 associated equipment or contents;
34 (2) conduct testing of the facility or the facility's associated
35 equipment or contents;
36 (3) conduct testing of:
37 (A) soils;
38 (B) air;
39 (C) surface water; or
40 (D) ground water;
41 surrounding the facility if the testing, using methods that are

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1 similar to but do not exceed federal standards, confirms a release
 2 of petroleum, or if other evidence exists that gives cause for
 3 reasonable suspicion that a release has occurred;
 4 (4) allow, at reasonable times, the officer, employee, or
 5 designated representative to have access to and to copy records
 6 that relate to the release at the facility; and
 7 (5) allow the officer, employee, or designated representative to
 8 have access for response, removal, or remedial action under
 9 section 2 of this chapter.
 10 (b) For the reasons described under subsection (a), an officer, an
 11 employee, or a designated representative of the department may enter,
 12 at reasonable times, a site where a facility is located or where
 13 petroleum may be present because of a release from a facility to do the
 14 following:
 15 (1) Inspect and obtain samples of petroleum contained in the
 16 facility from any person.
 17 (2) Conduct testing of:
 18 (A) the facility;
 19 (B) the facility's associated equipment or contents; or
 20 (C) surrounding:
 21 (i) soils;
 22 (ii) air;
 23 (iii) surface water; or
 24 (iv) ground water.
 25 (3) Take removal or remedial action under section 2 of this
 26 chapter.
 27 (c) An action authorized under this section shall be commenced
 28 and completed with reasonable promptness.
 29 SECTION 281. IC 13-24-1-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 30 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 8: IC 4-21-5 applies to:~~
 31 ~~(1) determinations;~~
 32 ~~(2) notices;~~
 33 ~~(3) hearings; and~~
 34 ~~(4) appeal determinations;~~
 35 ~~under this chapter.~~
 36 SECTION 282. IC 13-25-2-6.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. (a) The department
 38 shall work with interested stakeholders, including the federal
 39 government, the general public, members of the general assembly, and
 40 businesses, to evaluate the feasibility of simplifying and expediting
 41 notification under IC 13-25-2-6. Options to be evaluated include:

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- 1 (1) connecting persons required to provide notice under
- 2 IC 13-25-2-6 with the National Response Center; and
- 3 (2) recommending any appropriate changes in federal law.
- 4 (b) The department shall implement an option evaluated under
- 5 subsection (a) if the option:
- 6 (1) is practical to implement;
- 7 (2) is technically feasible;
- 8 (3) is economically feasible;
- 9 (4) is protective of human health and the environment; and
- 10 (5) would adequately serve persons required to provide notice
- 11 under IC 13-25-2-6.

12 (c) The department shall provide a toll free long distance
 13 telephone line through which a person required to provide notice under
 14 IC 13-25-2-6 may contact ~~the office described in IC 13-13-3-1 of this~~
 15 ~~chapter.~~ **the department.**

16 SECTION 283. IC 13-25-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
 17 SECTION 154, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules
 19 establishing criteria for determining the commissioner's priorities in
 20 selecting hazardous substance response sites. ~~Until these rules have~~
 21 ~~been adopted, the commissioner shall give priority to those sites~~
 22 ~~presenting a significant threat to public health and environment.~~

23 SECTION 284. IC 13-25-4-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) After a response
 25 is initiated under:

- 26 (1) section 9 of this chapter; or
- 27 (2) IC 13-24-1;
- 28 **the state department** may impose a lien on the property on which the
- 29 response is undertaken **or impose a restrictive covenant on property**
- 30 **where remediation objectives set forth in IC 13-25-5-8.5 have not**
- 31 **been met.** The lien may secure the payment to the state of an amount
- 32 of money equal to the amount expended from the fund under section
- 33 1(a)(3) of this chapter to finance the response.

34 (b) **The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14-9**
 35 **to set forth procedures to allow the department to impose:**

- 36 (1) **a lien; or**
- 37 (2) **a restrictive covenant;**
- 38 **as described in this section.**

39 SECTION 285. IC 13-25-4-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 12. ~~For a lien arising under section 11 of this~~
 41 ~~chapter to be perfected, notice of the lien must be filed in the office of~~

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1 the county recorder of the county in which the real property subject to
2 the lien is located. Before notice of a lien may be filed in the office of
3 the county recorder, the department shall provide notice of the
4 intention to file the lien as provided by section 19 of this chapter.

5 SECTION 286. IC 13-25-4-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 13: The department shall provide notice of the
7 filing of a lien to the owner of the property if the owner can be
8 identified. If the owner of record cannot be identified, the department
9 shall notify the tenant or other person having control of the property.

10 SECTION 287. IC 13-25-4-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 14: When a notice of a lien arising under section
12 11 of this chapter is presented to the county recorder for filing, the
13 county recorder shall enter the lien appropriately in the entry book and
14 in the miscellaneous record. The entries made under this section must
15 show the following:

- 16 (1) The date of filing;
- 17 (2) The book and page number or instrument number;
- 18 (3) The name of the person named in the notice;
- 19 (4) A legal description of the property if appropriate;
- 20 (5) A serial number or other identifying number given in the
21 notice.

22 SECTION 288. IC 13-25-4-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 15: (a) Subject to subsection (b), when a
24 certificate of discharge of a lien arising under section 11 of this chapter
25 or IC 13-7-8.7-10.7 (before its repeal) is:

- 26 (1) issued by an employee or a designated agent of the
27 department; and
- 28 (2) presented for filing in the office of the county recorder of the
29 county where the notice of lien was filed;

30 the county recorder shall record the certificate of discharge as a release
31 of the lien.

32 (b) To be recorded under this section, the certificate must refer to
33 the county recorder's book and page number or instrument number
34 under which the lien was recorded.

35 SECTION 289. IC 13-25-4-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 16: When recording a release of a lien under
37 section 15 of this chapter, the county recorder shall inscribe, in the
38 margin of each entry made to record the lien under section 14 of this
39 chapter, a reference to the place where the release is recorded.

40 SECTION 290. IC 13-25-4-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17: Upon:

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1 (1) the recording of the certificate of discharge as a release under
 2 section 15 of this chapter; and
 3 (2) the inscribing of the references to the release under section
 4 16 of this chapter;
 5 a certificate of discharge of a lien arising under section 11 of this
 6 chapter operates as a full discharge and satisfaction of the lien unless
 7 the references to the release inscribed under section 15 of this chapter
 8 specifically note the release as a partial lien release.

9 SECTION 291. IC 13-25-4-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 18: A lien created under section 11 of this chapter
 11 or IC 13-7-8.7-10.7 (before its repeal) continues until the earlier of the
 12 following:

- 13 (1) The full discharge and satisfaction of the lien.
- 14 (2) The expiration of a ten (10) year period from the date of the
 15 creation of the lien unless an action to foreclose the lien is
 16 pending.

17 SECTION 292. IC 13-25-4-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 19: (a) At least thirty (30) days before notice of a
 19 lien arising under this chapter may be filed under section 12 of this
 20 chapter, the department must send a written notice:

- 21 (1) to the owner of the real property that would be subject to the
 22 lien; or
- 23 (2) if the owner of record cannot be identified, to the tenant or
 24 other person having control of the real property;

25 of the date on which the state intends to impose a lien under section 11
 26 of this chapter.

27 (b) The department shall provide the county recorder of the county
 28 in which the real property that would be subject to the lien is located
 29 with a copy of the written notice described in subsection (a).

30 SECTION 293. IC 13-25-4-20 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 20: (a) Before the date on which the state intends
 32 to impose a lien on real property under section 11 of this chapter, the
 33 owner of the real property may request that a hearing be conducted
 34 under IC 4-21.5. A hearing conducted under this section and IC 4-21.5
 35 shall be limited to determining if there is probable cause to believe
 36 that:

- 37 (1) a removal or a remedial action was conducted on the real
 38 property under:
 - 39 (A) this chapter; or
 - 40 (B) IC 13-24-1; and
- 41 (2) if the removal or the remedial action was conducted under

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1 this chapter; the owner of the real property would be subject to
 2 liability under 42 U.S.C. 9607 (Section 107 of the federal
 3 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
 4 Liability Act):

5 (b) For the purposes of a hearing conducted under this section and
 6 IC 4-21.5; an administrative law judge is the ultimate authority:

7 SECTION 294. IC 13-25-4-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 21. If an owner requests a hearing under section
 9 20 of this chapter; the state may not impose a lien on the owner's real
 10 property under section 11 of this chapter until the commissioner
 11 determines after the hearing that there is probable cause to believe that:

12 (1) a removal or a remedial action was conducted on the real
 13 property under this chapter or IC 13-24-1; and

14 (2) if the removal or the remedial action was conducted under
 15 this chapter; the owner of the real property would be subject to
 16 liability under 42 U.S.C. 9607 (Section 107 of the federal
 17 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
 18 Liability Act):

19 SECTION 295. IC 13-25-4-22 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 22. If the department provides a county recorder
 21 with a copy of a written notice under section 19(b) of this chapter; the
 22 department shall retrieve the copy of the written notice from the county
 23 recorder on the date a lien is imposed on the real property described in
 24 the written notice. However:

25 (1) if:
 26 (A) a hearing is not held under section 20 of this chapter
 27 and IC 4-21.5; and
 28 (B) a lien is not imposed:

29 (i) on the real property described in the notice; and
 30 (ii) by the date indicated in the notice;

31 the department shall retrieve the copy of the notice on the day
 32 after the date the lien was to be imposed on the real property; or

33 (2) if:
 34 (A) a hearing is held under section 20 of this chapter and
 35 IC 4-21.5; and

36 (B) a lien is not imposed on the real property described in
 37 the notice;

38 the department shall retrieve the copy of the notice on the day
 39 after the date the commissioner determines that a lien may not be
 40 imposed on the real property:

41 SECTION 296. IC 13-25-5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) If an applicant's
 2 application is rejected under section 5 of this chapter **because the**
 3 **application is incomplete**, the applicant may ~~do the following:~~

4 ~~(1) Appeal the department's decision under IC 4-21.5.~~

5 ~~(2) If the application is rejected because the application is not~~
 6 ~~complete~~, submit a completed application without submitting an
 7 additional application fee.

8 (b) If an applicant's application is rejected and the applicant:

9 (1) does not appeal the rejection; or

10 (2) loses an appeal concerning the rejection;

11 the department shall refund the unexpended part of the applicant's
 12 application fee.

13 SECTION 297. IC 13-25-5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before the
 15 department evaluates a proposed voluntary remediation work plan, the
 16 applicant who submitted the work plan and the commissioner must
 17 enter into a voluntary remediation agreement that sets forth the terms
 18 and conditions of the evaluation and the implementation of the work
 19 plan. A voluntary remediation agreement must include the following:

20 (1) Provisions for the following:

21 (A) A requirement that the department provide the applicant
 22 with an itemized list of estimated costs the department may
 23 incur under this chapter.

24 (B) The recovery of all reasonable costs that:

25 (i) are incurred by the department in the review and
 26 oversight of the work plan;

27 (ii) are attributable to the voluntary remediation
 28 agreement; and

29 (iii) exceed the fee submitted by the applicant under
 30 section 2 of this chapter.

31 (C) A schedule of payments to be made by the applicant to
 32 the department to recover the costs to the department.

33 (2) A mechanism to resolve disputes arising from the evaluation,
 34 analysis, and oversight of the implementation of the work plan,
 35 including any of the following:

36 (A) Arbitration.

37 (B) Adjudication under IC 4-21.5.

38 (C) A dispute resolution procedure provided under the
 39 Indiana Rules of Court.

40 (3) A provision concerning the indemnification of the parties.

41 (4) A provision concerning retention of records.

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- 1 (5) A timetable for the department to do the following:
- 2 (A) Reasonably review and evaluate the adequacy of the
- 3 work plan.
- 4 (B) Make a determination concerning the approval or
- 5 rejection of the work plan.
- 6 (6) A provision concerning applicable interagency coordination.
- 7 (7) A provision specifying the proposed remediation objectives
- 8 to be achieved on the site, as described in section 8.5 of this
- 9 chapter.
- 10 (8) ~~The A~~ requirement that the applicant submit to the
- 11 department a proposed voluntary remediation work plan
- 12 ~~(A) not later than one hundred eighty (180) days~~ **one (1)**
- 13 **year** after the date the voluntary remediation agreement is
- 14 signed. ~~or~~
- 15 ~~(B) after a longer period if the extension is agreed to by the~~
- 16 ~~department and the applicant.~~
- 17 (9) Any other conditions considered necessary by the
- 18 commissioner or the applicant concerning the effective and
- 19 efficient implementation of this chapter.
- 20 (b) If an agreement is not reached between an applicant and the
- 21 commissioner within a reasonable time after good faith negotiations
- 22 have begun between the applicant and the commissioner:
- 23 (1) the applicant or the commissioner may withdraw from the
- 24 negotiations; and
- 25 (2) the department shall refund the unexpended part of the
- 26 applicant's application fee.
- 27 SECTION 298. IC 13-25-5-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) Before the
- 29 commissioner approves or rejects a proposed voluntary remediation
- 30 work plan under section 10 of this chapter, the commissioner must:
- 31 (1) notify local government units located in a county affected by
- 32 the proposed voluntary remediation work plan of the work plan;
- 33 (2) provide that a copy of the proposed voluntary remediation
- 34 work plan be ~~placed in at least one (1) public library in a county~~
- 35 ~~affected by the work plan;~~ **published electronically on the**
- 36 **department's website;** and
- 37 (3) publish a notice requesting comments concerning the
- 38 proposed voluntary remediation work plan.
- 39 (b) A comment period of at least thirty (30) days must follow
- 40 publication of a notice under this section. During a comment period,
- 41 interested persons may do the following:

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- 1 (1) Submit written comments to the commissioner concerning
- 2 the proposed voluntary remediation work plan.
- 3 (2) Request a public hearing concerning the proposed voluntary
- 4 remediation work plan.
- 5 (c) If the commissioner receives at least one (1) written request,
- 6 the commissioner may hold a public hearing in the geographical area
- 7 affected by the proposed voluntary remediation work plan on the
- 8 question of whether to approve or reject the work plan. The
- 9 commissioner shall consider all written comments and public
- 10 testimony.

11 SECTION 299. IC 13-25-5-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. **(a)** If an applicant
 13 who submitted an approved voluntary remediation work plan proceeds
 14 with the work plan, the department or a person under contract with the
 15 department shall do the following:

- 16 (1) Oversee and review the implementation of the voluntary
- 17 remediation work plan.
- 18 (2) Make regular reports to the commissioner concerning the
- 19 remediation.

20 **(b) Upon submission of a report to the commissioner, the**
 21 **commissioner may evaluate the remedial action every two (2) years**
 22 **to verify the action is achieving project goals. If project goals are**
 23 **not met, the commissioner may require modification of the**
 24 **voluntary remediation work plan.**

25 **(c) If the parties are unable to agree to a modification as**
 26 **provided for in subsection (b) within one hundred eighty (180)**
 27 **days, the commissioner or applicant may withdraw the project**
 28 **from the voluntary remediation work program. Projects**
 29 **withdrawn from the voluntary remediation work program may be**
 30 **referred to the state clean-up program.**

31 SECTION 300. IC 13-25-5-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) If the
 33 commissioner determines that an applicant has successfully completed
 34 a voluntary remediation work plan approved under this chapter, the
 35 commissioner shall certify that the work plan has been completed by
 36 issuing the applicant a certificate of completion.

37 (b) The issuance of a certificate of completion under this section
 38 is a final agency action for purposes of IC 4-21.5.

39 (c) A person who receives a certificate under this section shall
 40 attach a copy of the certificate to the recorded deed that concerns the
 41 property on which the remediation took place.

42 **(d) If the commissioner determines that an applicant has not**

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1 **successfully completed a voluntary remediation work plan**
2 **approved under this chapter, the commissioner shall notify the**
3 **applicant of this determination under IC 4-21.5.**

4 SECTION 301. IC 13-25-5-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 17. If the commissioner determines that an~~
6 ~~applicant has not successfully completed a voluntary remediation work~~
7 ~~plan approved under this chapter, the commissioner shall notify the~~
8 ~~applicant of this determination under IC 4-21.5.~~

9 SECTION 302. IC 13-26-2-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. Upon the
11 determination of the department that a sufficient petition has been filed
12 in accordance with this chapter, the commissioner shall appoint a
13 hearing officer. ~~who does not have to be a state employee.~~ If the
14 ~~hearing officer is not a full-time state employee, the hearing officer is~~
15 ~~entitled to be paid reasonable:~~

- 16 (1) ~~expenses; and~~
- 17 (2) ~~per diem;~~

18 ~~for each day or part of a day in actual attendance at a meeting or~~
19 ~~hearing or in performance of duties. The reasonable per diem and~~
20 ~~expenses are valid claims against the department.~~

21 SECTION 303. IC 13-26-8-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2018,
22 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to the addition of
24 territory to a regional sewage or solid waste district other than at the
25 request of an eligible entity described in section 1 of this chapter. This
26 section does not apply to a regional water district.

27 (b) To add territory to a district already established, the board of
28 the district must file with the department a motion adopted by the board
29 requesting the addition of territory to the district. If the motion is for
30 the addition of territory to a regional sewage district, the board, not
31 later than ten (10) days after filing the motion with the department,
32 must also file a copy of the motion in the office of:

- 33 (1) the executive of each governmental entity having territory
34 within the territory proposed to be added to the regional sewage
35 district; and
- 36 (2) the executive of a city or town having:
 - 37 (A) a municipal sewage works under IC 36-9-23; or
 - 38 (B) a public sanitation department under IC 36-9-25;

39 if the territory proposed to be added to the regional sewage
40 district includes territory within the extraterritorial jurisdiction
41 of the municipal sewage works or public sanitation department.

42 (c) Except as provided under subsections (d) and (e), if a motion

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1 is filed with the department under subsection (b):
 2 (1) the same procedure must be used to add territory to the
 3 district as is provided for the establishment of a district under
 4 IC 13-26-2; and
 5 (2) the department shall proceed in the same manner that is set
 6 forth in IC 13-26-2, IC 13-26-4, IC 13-26-6, and IC 13-26-7.
 7 (d) Not more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date a
 8 motion is filed with the department under subsection (b) to add
 9 territory to a district already established, if a petition is filed with the
 10 department that is signed by a majority of the freeholders within the
 11 area proposed to be added and indicating that the freeholders are
 12 opposed to the addition of the area by the district:
 13 (1) the department may not proceed under subsection (c); and
 14 (2) the territory may not be added to the district.
 15 (e) For purposes of subsection (c):
 16 ~~(1) the commissioner is not required to appoint a hearing officer~~
 17 ~~under IC 13-26-2-5;~~
 18 ~~(2) (1) the board shall:~~
 19 (A) provide the notice of; and
 20 (B) conduct;
 21 the hearing required under IC 13-26-2-6; and
 22 ~~(3) (2) instead of making findings and recommendations under~~
 23 ~~IC 13-26-2-8, the board shall submit documentary evidence to~~
 24 ~~the commissioner to prove the:~~
 25 (A) notice was provided; and
 26 (B) hearing was conducted;
 27 by the board as required under subdivision ~~(2): (1).~~
 28 SECTION 304. IC 13-27-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 29 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1: A division of pollution prevention is established~~
 30 ~~within the department.~~
 31 SECTION 305. IC 13-27-2-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 32 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2: The commissioner shall appoint an assistant~~
 33 ~~commissioner to head the division.~~
 34 SECTION 306. IC 13-27-2-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 35 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: The commissioner shall hire employees of the~~
 36 ~~division.~~
 37 SECTION 307. IC 13-27-2-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4: (a) The commissioner may appoint liaison advisory~~
 39 ~~panels to assist the division in the functions of the division. Individual~~
 40 ~~panels must include members representing different areas of interest in~~
 41 ~~and potential support of pollution prevention and environmentally~~

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1 related technical assistance, including the following:

- 2 (1) Industry.
- 3 (2) Education.
- 4 (3) Environmental and public interest groups.
- 5 (4) State government.
- 6 (5) Local government officials associated with state programs for
- 7 pollution prevention.
- 8 (6) Organized labor.

9 (b) A member of a liaison advisory panel is not entitled to the
10 minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member
11 is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as
12 provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in
13 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies
14 and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration
15 and approved by the budget agency.

16 SECTION 308. IC 13-27-2-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
17 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: The commissioner and the assistant commissioner,
18 through coordinated effort, shall do the following:

- 19 (1) Periodically review state environmental programs and
- 20 projects for their ability and progress in promoting multimedia
- 21 industrial pollution prevention.
- 22 (2) Assist the division of air, the division of water, and the
- 23 division of solid and hazardous waste management in
- 24 identifying, within planned and existing regulatory programs of
- 25 the department, obstacles to pollution prevention and
- 26 opportunities to promote and assist in pollution prevention,
- 27 including the following:
 - 28 (A) Encouraging regulatory flexibility to afford businesses
 - 29 the opportunity to develop or implement pollution
 - 30 prevention technologies and practices.
 - 31 (B) Performing pollution prevention impact analyses of
 - 32 administrative rules before proposed rules are published
 - 33 and before final adoption.
 - 34 (C) Exploring permanent funding for the program.
- 35 (3) Promote increased coordination between the divisions of the
- 36 department and between the department and other governmental
- 37 regulatory programs with responsibilities and duties relating to
- 38 toxic materials and environmental wastes, including, to the
- 39 fullest extent possible, the following:
 - 40 (A) Joint planning processes.
 - 41 (B) Joint research and studies.

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- 1 (C) Joint public hearings.
- 2 (D) Joint hazard assessments.
- 3 (E) Joint environmental and workplace impact statements.
- 4 (F) Joint pollution prevention impact analyses for existing
- 5 and proposed administrative rules.
- 6 (4) Develop policies and programs to reduce the following by
- 7 means of industrial pollution prevention:
- 8 (A) Generation of municipal wastes.
- 9 (B) Generation of household hazardous wastes and
- 10 pollutants.
- 11 (C) Use of toxic materials in consumer products.
- 12 (5) Provide general information about, and actively publicize the
- 13 advantages of and developments in, pollution prevention and the
- 14 requirements of this article.
- 15 (6) Assist businesses that seek information, guidance, planning
- 16 assistance, or recommendations for pollution prevention by
- 17 providing technical information to those businesses at
- 18 production or commercial locations.
- 19 (7) Work with existing environmental regulatory programs to
- 20 make use of existing information gathering systems that may
- 21 assist the division in assessing the progress of pollution
- 22 prevention statewide.
- 23 (8) Grant or deny applications for pollution prevention grants
- 24 under section 10 of this chapter.
- 25 (9) Provide source reduction and recycling technical assistance
- 26 and administer the Indiana recycling grants program established
- 27 under IC 13-20-22-2.
- 28 SECTION 309. IC 13-27-2-5.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.1. The department may do the**
- 31 **following:**
- 32 (1) Periodically review state environmental programs and
- 33 projects for their ability and progress in promoting
- 34 multimedia industrial pollution prevention.
- 35 (2) Assist the department in removing obstacles to pollution
- 36 prevention.
- 37 (3) Develop and implement pollution prevention and
- 38 environmental recognition programs to incentivize:
- 39 (A) communities;
- 40 (B) salvage facilities;
- 41 (C) marinas;
- 42 (D) companies; and

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1 (E) other entities;
 2 that exceed environmental regulatory requirements.
 3 (4) Assist businesses that seek:
 4 (A) information;
 5 (B) guidance;
 6 (C) planning assistance; or
 7 (D) recommendations;
 8 for pollution prevention by providing technical information
 9 to those businesses.
 10 (5) Work with existing environmental regulatory programs
 11 to make use of existing information gathering systems that
 12 may assist the department in assessing the progress of
 13 pollution prevention.
 14 (6) Provide source reduction and recycling technical
 15 assistance and administer the Indiana recycling grants
 16 program established under IC 13-20-22-2.
 17 SECTION 310. IC 13-27-2-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 2026]. Sec. 6: The division shall assist other governmental regulatory
 19 programs in devising:
 20 (1) standards;
 21 (2) administrative rules; and
 22 (3) permits;
 23 based on goals and principles of pollution prevention:
 24 SECTION 311. IC 13-27-2-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 25 1, 2026]. Sec. 7: To facilitate the use and coordination of reporting
 26 requirements; the commissioner may seek unified reporting and
 27 permitting authority from the United States Environmental Protection
 28 Agency with respect to federal toxic material; waste management; and
 29 pollution control laws and regulations in effect on January 1, 1990;
 30 including the following:
 31 (1) The federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.);
 32 (2) The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et
 33 seq.);
 34 (3) The federal Toxic or Hazardous Substance Control Act (15
 35 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);
 36 (4) The federal Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et
 37 seq.);
 38 (5) The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response,
 39 Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);
 40 SECTION 312. IC 13-27-2-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) To:
 42 (1) promote pollution prevention statewide by all industries and

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1 companies; and
 2 (2) assist in obtaining information on the progress of multimedia
 3 reduction of environmental wastes and related environmental
 4 policies and programs;
 5 the commissioner ~~shall~~ **may** establish and operate a state information
 6 clearinghouse for pollution prevention.
 7 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ **may** use the clearinghouse established
 8 under this section to do the following:
 9 (1) Collect and compile the following:
 10 (A) Information from organizations receiving grants under
 11 this article.
 12 (B) Information from the published technical literature.
 13 (2) Mount active outreach and educational programs to further
 14 the development and adoption of principles and techniques of
 15 pollution prevention.
 16 (c) The clearinghouse established under this section must include
 17 data on the operation and effectiveness of industry pollution prevention
 18 programs. The ~~division~~ **department** shall permit and facilitate free use
 19 of this data by businesses, governmental agencies, and the general
 20 public. A business may not be required to submit information of a
 21 proprietary nature to the clearinghouse or to a governmental program
 22 funded under this article.
 23 (d) ~~The division shall provide information for the clearinghouse~~
 24 ~~established under this section:~~
 25 SECTION 313. IC 13-27-2-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 10: (a) The commissioner may award grants to~~
 27 ~~support—and sustain pollution prevention, including clean~~
 28 ~~manufacturing through reductions in the use of toxic materials in~~
 29 ~~production and commerce:~~
 30 (b) ~~Subject to subsection (a), the commissioner may award grants~~
 31 ~~for any purpose the commissioner considers appropriate, including the~~
 32 ~~following:~~
 33 (1) ~~Grants to nonprofit organizations to establish free or low cost~~
 34 ~~technical assistance programs:~~
 35 (2) ~~Grants to assist:~~
 36 (A) ~~trade associations that represent manufacturers;~~
 37 (B) ~~business organizations;~~
 38 (C) ~~labor organizations; and~~
 39 (D) ~~educational institutions;~~
 40 ~~in developing training materials and making those training~~
 41 ~~materials available to workers for in-plant use that will foster~~

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1 clean manufacturing:
 2 (3) Grants to assist:
 3 (A) industry;
 4 (B) business organizations;
 5 (C) educational institutions;
 6 (D) labor organizations; and
 7 (E) local units of government;
 8 in establishing programs or materials to train and assist
 9 personnel in developing methods to measure and plan for
 10 pollution prevention:
 11 (4) Grants to assist industry or business organizations, local units
 12 of government, and educational institutions in creating programs
 13 to train and certify:
 14 (A) environmental auditors;
 15 (B) engineers; and
 16 (C) industrial hygienists;
 17 to identify, evaluate, and implement pollution prevention
 18 measures and alternatives in audits, plans, and programs.
 19 (5) Grants to any organization for generic research and
 20 development, pilot tests, and demonstration projects that:
 21 (A) involve commonly used manufacturing processes or
 22 materials; and
 23 (B) will produce results that will be of use to manufacturers
 24 other than manufacturers that may be involved in the
 25 research and development, pilot tests, or demonstration
 26 projects:
 27 (c) The commissioner may require that a grantee provide matching
 28 money for a grant awarded under this section.
 29 (d) Grant money awarded under this section may not be spent for
 30 capital improvements or equipment.
 31 (e) The money for grants awarded under this section must come
 32 from money appropriated to the department for the purposes of this
 33 section.
 34 SECTION 314. IC 13-27-2-10.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10.1. (a) The commissioner may**
 37 **award grants to support and sustain pollution prevention,**
 38 **including clean manufacturing through reductions in the use of**
 39 **toxic materials in production and commerce.**
 40 **(b) The commissioner may require that a grantee provide**
 41 **matching money for a grant awarded under this section.**
 42 **(c) Grant money awarded under this section may not be spent**

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1 **for capital improvements or equipment.**

2 **(d) The money for grants awarded under this section must**
3 **come from money appropriated to the department for the purposes**
4 **of this section.**

5 SECTION 315. IC 13-27-2-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 11. The division shall sponsor pilot projects to~~
7 ~~develop and demonstrate innovative techniques for clean~~
8 ~~manufacturing. The results of pilot projects sponsored under this~~
9 ~~section shall be made available for use by the public. However,~~
10 ~~information about a pilot project that is considered proprietary by a~~
11 ~~manufacturer involved in the pilot project may not be disclosed to the~~
12 ~~public.~~

13 SECTION 316. IC 13-27-2-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 13. The commissioner may:~~

15 ~~(1) order all hearings and investigations necessary for the~~
16 ~~administration of this article; and~~

17 ~~(2) advise and assist other governmental units on matters of~~
18 ~~planning or program administration within the scope of the~~
19 ~~commissioner's powers, duties, and objectives under this article.~~

20 SECTION 317. IC 13-27-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. Programs
22 implemented by the ~~division:~~ **department:**

23 (1) must encourage pollution prevention; and

24 (2) may not discourage the use of recycling or treatment
25 techniques determined to be acceptable for pollution that has not
26 been prevented.

27 SECTION 318. IC 13-28-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
28 1, 2026]. (Office of Voluntary Compliance).

29 SECTION 319. IC 13-28-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The voluntary
31 compliance fund is established for the purpose of providing money for
32 the following:

33 (1) ~~Starting, operating, and staffing the office of~~ **Implementing**
34 ~~voluntary compliance established by IC 13-28-1-1. and~~
35 **technical assistance activities.**

36 (2) Costs of voluntary compliance programs established under
37 this article.

38 SECTION 320. IC 13-28-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,
39 SECTION 128, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The assistance program
41 established under this chapter shall do the following:

42 (1) ~~Designate an individual to serve as a liaison and ombudsman~~

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1 ~~to the regulated community~~ to Assist the regulated community
2 with specific regulatory or permit matters pending with the
3 department.
4 (2) Provide assistance to new and existing businesses and small
5 municipalities in identifying:
6 (A) applicable environmental rules and regulations; and
7 (B) permit requirements;
8 that apply to new and existing businesses and small
9 municipalities.
10 (3) Develop and distribute educational materials regarding:
11 (A) environmental requirements;
12 (B) compliance methods;
13 (C) voluntary environmental audits;
14 (D) pollution control technologies; and
15 (E) other compliance issues;
16 including standardized forms and procedures for completing
17 permit applications.
18 (4) Provide public outreach and training sessions in cooperation
19 with representatives of the business and municipal communities
20 regarding existing and future state and federal environmental
21 requirements.
22 (5) Develop and operate a clearinghouse to respond to inquiries
23 from businesses and municipalities concerning applicable
24 environmental rules, regulations, and requirements.
25 (6) Provide technical assistance concerning pollution control
26 techniques to local and state governmental entities and
27 businesses and distribute educational materials regarding
28 pollution prevention developed by the ~~pollution prevention~~
29 ~~division established by IC 13-27-2-1.~~ **department.**
30 (7) Provide administrative and technical support for the
31 compliance advisory panel established by IC 13-13-7.1-1.
32 (8) Conduct other activities as required to:
33 (A) improve regulatory compliance; and
34 (B) promote cooperation and assistance in meeting
35 environmental requirements.
36 (b) The assistance program may ~~establish~~ **provide** limited onsite
37 assistance to provide compliance information **and technical assistance**
38 to a small business or small municipality, subject to the confidentiality
39 provisions of section 4 of this chapter. The assistance program may use
40 money from the environmental management special fund to implement
41 this subsection. The assistance program may limit the number of

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1 inspections per year and restrict onsite assistance to specific programs.

2 SECTION 321. IC 13-28-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. As part of the technical and**
5 **compliance assistance program, the department shall establish a**
6 **small business stationary source technical assistance program as**
7 **required under Section 507 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.**
8 **7661f).**

9 SECTION 322. IC 13-28-4-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018,
10 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The department shall maintain statistics on
12 the use of environmental audit reports in department compliance and
13 enforcement activities, including statistics on:

- 14 (1) ~~the number of times the reports are disclosed to the~~
15 ~~department;~~
16 (2) ~~the number and types of violations disclosed to the~~
17 ~~department through the reports; and~~
18 (3) ~~the civil penalties collected for the violations. and~~
19 (4) ~~the time necessary for the violations to be corrected.~~

20 The department shall report annually to the interim study committee on
21 environmental affairs established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an electronic
22 format under IC 5-14-6 on the use of environmental audit reports.

23 (b) The department shall propose an enforcement policy, pursuant
24 to IC 13-14-1-11.5, that provides relief from civil penalties for a
25 voluntary disclosure that results from an internal environmental audit.
26 In developing this enforcement policy, the department shall consider
27 similar policies implemented by:

- 28 (1) the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and
29 (2) states contiguous to Indiana.

30 SECTION 323. IC 13-28-5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
31 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 2: The program must provide the following:~~

- 32 (1) ~~Education, training, and information on permit and~~
33 ~~compliance requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.~~
34 ~~7401 et seq.);~~
35 (2) ~~Standardized forms and procedures for completing permit~~
36 ~~applications;~~
37 (3) ~~An ombudsman for small businesses.~~

38 SECTION 324. IC 13-28-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
39 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: The ombudsman described in section 2 of this chapter~~
40 ~~shall assist as necessary each small business that applies for assistance~~
41 ~~with the following:~~

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1 (1) Specific regulatory matters pending before the department.
2 (2) Permit applications.
3 SECTION 325. IC 13-28-5-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]. Sec. 4. The department may establish the technical and
5 environmental compliance assistance program required by this chapter
6 as part of the technical and compliance assistance program established
7 under IC 13-28-3.
8 SECTION 326. IC 13-29-1-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 13. The board shall adopt under IC 4-22-2 and
10 IC 13-14-9 the rules necessary to implement this chapter.
11 SECTION 327. IC 13-30-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A citizen, a
13 partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association,
14 or a public officer or agency, as a condition precedent to maintaining
15 an action, must give notice in writing by registered or certified mail to:
16 (1) the department of natural resources;
17 (2) (1) the department; and
18 (3) (2) the attorney general.
19 (b) The attorney general shall promptly notify all state
20 administrative agencies having jurisdiction over or control of the
21 pollution, impairment, destruction, or protection of the environment for
22 which relief is sought.
23 SECTION 328. IC 13-30-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,
24 SECTION 158, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. A person may not do any of the
26 following:
27 (1) Discharge, emit, cause, allow, or threaten to discharge, emit,
28 cause, or allow any contaminant or waste, including any noxious
29 odor, either alone or in combination with contaminants from
30 other sources, into:
31 (A) the environment; or
32 (B) any publicly owned treatment works;
33 in any form that causes or would cause pollution that violates or
34 would violate rules, standards, or discharge or emission
35 requirements adopted by the board under the environmental
36 management laws.
37 (2) Increase the quantity or strength of a discharge of
38 contaminants into the waters or construct or install a sewer or
39 sewage treatment facility or a new outlet for contaminants into
40 the waters of Indiana without prior approval of the department.
41 (3) Deposit any contaminants upon the land in a place and

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- 1 manner that creates or would create a pollution hazard that
- 2 violates or would violate a rule adopted by the board.
- 3 (4) Deposit or cause or allow the deposit of any contaminants or
- 4 solid waste upon the land, except through the use of sanitary
- 5 landfills, incineration, composting, garbage grinding, or another
- 6 method acceptable to the board.
- 7 (5) Dump or cause or allow the open dumping of garbage or of
- 8 any other solid waste in violation of rules adopted by the board.
- 9 (6) Dispose of solid waste in, upon, or within the limits of or
- 10 adjacent to a public highway, state park, state nature preserve, or
- 11 recreation area or in or immediately adjacent to a lake or stream,
- 12 except:
- 13 (A) in proper containers provided for sanitary storage of the
- 14 solid waste; or
- 15 (B) as a part of a sanitary landfill operation or other land
- 16 disposal method approved by the department.
- 17 (7) Construct, install, operate, conduct, or modify, without prior
- 18 approval of the department, any equipment or facility of any type
- 19 that may:
- 20 (A) cause or contribute to pollution; or
- 21 (B) be designed to prevent pollution.
- 22 However, the commissioner or the board may approve
- 23 experimental uses of any equipment, facility, or pollution control
- 24 device that is considered necessary for the further development
- 25 of the state of the art of pollution control.
- 26 (8) Conduct any salvage operation or open dump by open
- 27 burning or burn, cause, or allow the burning of any solid waste
- 28 in a manner that violates either:
- 29 (A) the air pollution control laws; or
- 30 (B) the rules adopted by the board.
- 31 (9) Commence construction of a proposed hazardous waste
- 32 facility without having first:
- 33 (A) filed an application for; and
- 34 (B) received;
- 35 a permit from the department.
- 36 (10) Commence or engage in the operation of a hazardous waste
- 37 facility without having first obtained a permit from the
- 38 department.
- 39 (11) Deliver any hazardous waste to a hazardous waste facility
- 40 that:
- 41 (A) is not approved; or

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- 1 (B) does not hold a permit from the department.
- 2 (12) Cause or allow the transportation of a hazardous waste
- 3 without a manifest if a manifest is required by law.
- 4 (13) Violate any:
- 5 (A) condition;
- 6 (B) limitation; or
- 7 (C) stipulation;
- 8 placed upon a certificate of environmental compatibility by the
- 9 hazardous waste facility site approval authority or any other
- 10 provision of IC 13-22-10.
- 11 (14) Apply or allow the application of used oil to any ground
- 12 surface, except for purposes of treatment in accordance with a
- 13 permit issued by the department under any of the following:
- 14 (A) IC 13-15. ~~except IC 13-15-9.~~
- 15 (B) IC 13-17-11.
- 16 (C) IC 13-18-18.
- 17 (D) IC 13-20-1.
- 18 (15) Commence construction of a solid waste incinerator without
- 19 first obtaining a permit from the department under IC 13-20-8.
- 20 (16) Commence operation of a solid waste incinerator without
- 21 first obtaining the approval of the department under IC 13-20-8.
- 22 SECTION 329. IC 13-30-7-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 23 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 6: A business required to correct a violation that is~~
- 24 ~~subject to section 4 of this chapter may elect to resolve an enforcement~~
- 25 ~~action in the same manner as a business required to correct a violation~~
- 26 ~~that is not subject to section 4 of this chapter.~~
- 27 SECTION 330. IC 13-30-10-1.5, AS AMENDED BY
- 28 P.L.181-2018, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. (a) Except as
- 30 provided in subsection (b), a person regulated under IC 13-22 who
- 31 knowingly:
- 32 (1) transports hazardous waste to an unpermitted facility;
- 33 (2) treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste without a
- 34 permit issued by the department under IC 13-22; or
- 35 (3) transports, treats, stores, disposes, recycles, or causes to be
- 36 transported used oil regulated under rules adopted by the board
- 37 without a manifest or in violation of the standards established by
- 38 the department for the management of used oil;
- 39 commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- 40 (b) Notwithstanding the maximum fine provisions of IC 35-50-3-3,
- 41 criminal fines for a person convicted of an offense described in

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- 1 subsection (a) shall be assessable in a maximum amount of not less
- 2 than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day per violation.
- 3 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person regulated under
- 4 IC 13-17 who knowingly violates:
 - 5 (1) any applicable requirements of IC 13-17-4, IC 13-17-5,
 - 6 IC 13-17-6, ~~IC 13-17-7~~, IC 13-17-8, IC 13-17-9, IC 13-17-10, or
 - 7 IC 13-17-13 or of rules of the board implementing the chapters
 - 8 referred to in this subdivision;
 - 9 (2) any condition of a permit issued by the department under
 - 10 IC 13-17; or
 - 11 (3) any fee or filing requirement in IC 13-17, including the
 - 12 requirement to file an application for a permit under IC 13-17;
 - 13 commits a Class C misdemeanor.
 - 14 (d) Notwithstanding the maximum fine provisions of IC 35-50-3-4,
 - 15 criminal fines for a person convicted of an offense described in
 - 16 subsection (c) shall be assessable in a maximum amount of not less
 - 17 than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day per violation.
 - 18 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), a person who willfully or
 - 19 negligently violates:
 - 20 (1) any applicable standards or limitations of IC 13-18-3-2.4,
 - 21 IC 13-18-4-5, IC 13-18-12, IC 13-18-14, IC 13-18-15, or
 - 22 IC 13-18-16 or of rules of the board implementing the chapters
 - 23 referred to in this subdivision;
 - 24 (2) any condition of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
 - 25 System permit issued by the department under IC 13-18-19 or
 - 26 rules adopted by the board under IC 13-18-19;
 - 27 (3) any National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit
 - 28 filing requirement under IC 13-18-19; or
 - 29 (4) any condition of a permit issued by the department in
 - 30 accordance with the requirements of 33 U.S.C. 1344;
 - 31 commits a Class A misdemeanor.
 - 32 (f) Notwithstanding the maximum fine provisions of IC 35-50-3-2,
 - 33 criminal fines for a person convicted of an offense described in
 - 34 subsection (e) shall be assessable in a maximum amount of not less
 - 35 than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day per violation.
 - 36 (g) A person who willfully or recklessly violates any applicable
 - 37 standards or limitations of IC 13-18-8 commits a Class B misdemeanor.
 - 38 (h) A person who willfully or recklessly violates any applicable
 - 39 standards or limitations of IC 13-18-9, IC 13-18-10, or IC 13-18-10.5
 - 40 commits a Class C misdemeanor.
 - 41 (i) A person who:

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1 (1) knowingly commits any act described in subsection (a), (c),
 2 or (e); and
 3 (2) knows that commission of the act places another person in
 4 imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury;
 5 commits a Level 4 felony. However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if
 6 it results in serious bodily injury to any person, and a Level 2 felony if
 7 it results in the death of any person.
 8 (j) It shall be a defense to an offense described in subsection (i)
 9 that the person charged:
 10 (1) did not know; or
 11 (2) could not reasonably have been expected to know;
 12 that the violation would place another person in imminent danger or
 13 threat of serious bodily injury. For the purposes of subsection (i), a
 14 person is responsible only for the person's own actual awareness or
 15 actual belief, and knowledge by another person may not be attributed
 16 to the person.
 17 (k) The penalties under this section apply regardless of whether a
 18 person uses electronic submissions or paper documents to accomplish
 19 the actions described in this section.
 20 SECTION 331. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The**
 21 **legislative services agency shall prepare legislation for introduction**
 22 **in the 2027 regular session of the general assembly to make any**
 23 **necessary amendments to the Indiana Code to conform to the**
 24 **amendments made by this act.**
 25 (b) **This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**
 26 SECTION 332. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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