
DIGEST

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Abstract: Modifies the evaluation and determination of solid waste permitted capacity and limits increases above the total permitted capacity to 15% of the existing total permitted capacity, unless an emergency or natural disaster requires otherwise.

Present law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality to evaluate the volume and types of solid waste managed in the state, determine available permitted capacity for safe management of solid waste, and ensure that sufficient available permitted capacity exists to manage solid waste resulting from a declared emergency. Proposed law retains present law, and adds that the declared emergency can be related to a natural disaster in addition to an emergency.

Present law provides that permitted capacity must be considered along with other relevant factors in permitting for solid waste. Proposed law removes present law.

Proposed law prohibits the secretary from issuing permits or licenses that would increase the total permitted capacity by more than 15%, unless the limit could significantly impede or prevent the protection of human health and the environment during the response to an emergency or natural disaster.

(Amends R.S. 30:2162(B); Adds R.S. 30:2162(C))