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Abstract: Requires certain facilities to implement a fence-line air monitoring system.

Proposed law requires on or before July 1, 2017, the owner or operator of each facility install and continuously operate a fence-line air monitoring system at both the property boundary of the facility closest to the nearest residential community and the downwind property boundary of the facility. Proposed law provides for the criteria pollutants the system shall monitor.

Proposed law defines "facility" as any stationary source or any group of stationary sources that are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, which are under common control of the same person or persons and are defined as a major source under the federal Clean Air Act, present law, any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to either law, or emits one-half ton per year or more of hydrogen sulfide.

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

Proposed law requires facility owners or operators to maintain records of all fence-line air monitoring system data for 10 years and report this data to the Dept. of Environmental Quality on a semiannual basis beginning on or before July 1, 2017. Proposed law requires the data be collected and stored such that exceedances of public health standards can be pinpointed to the date, location, and type of pollution.

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

(Adds R.S. 30:2067)