

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides reporting requirements for certain unauthorized releases of hazardous materials. Specifies that reporting requirements under the Hazardous Material Information Development, Preparedness and Response Act (Right-to-Know Law) apply to releases from a "facility", which is defined as the physical premises where hazardous materials are manufactured, used, or stored.

Existing law, contained in the Right-to-Know Law and associated administrative rules also provides for the reporting of unauthorized releases from natural gas pipelines, and the Right-to-Know Law specifies a reportable quantity of 1,000 pounds for such releases.

New law includes natural gas pipelines in the definition of "facility" under the Right-to-Know Law and articulates that natural gas pipelines are to be considered "facilities" under the Right-to-Know Law rather than treated as "transport vehicles" under existing law regarding hazardous materials transportation and motor carrier safety.

Prior law defined "owner or operator" under the Right-to-Know Law as a person or entity engaged in operations with hazardous materials "at a facility".

New law defines "owner or operator" under the Right-to-Know Law as a person or entity engaged in operations with hazardous materials "in a facility" to be consistent with the new law definition of "facility" that includes pipelines.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 30:2363(7) and (13))