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Garofalo HB No. 854

Abstract: Prohibits the court from proceeding to trial against a party admitting liability for environmental damage until the department has filed the approved feasible plan for evaluation or remediation with the court.

<u>Present law</u> provides procedures for civil actions for the remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and, once a plan has been submitted to the department, prohibits the court from proceeding to trial against a party who has admitted liability for environmental damage until the department has filed the approved feasible plan for evaluation or remediation of the environmental damage with the court.

(Amends R.S. 30:29(C)(1))