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Section

1 Prairie Island nuclear plant monitoring network work group.

Subd. 1. Establishment; membership. Requires the commissioner of health to convene a work group, by July 1, 2010, to make recommendations regarding a monitoring network to measure radioactive emissions from the Prairie Island nuclear plant and spent-fuel storage. Provides membership of the working group. Requires the Department of Health to provide support to the working group and requires a professional facilitator to assist the work group.

Subd. 2. Charge. Requires the work group to design a monitoring network to measure radio active emissions from the Prairie Island nuclear plant and spent-fuel storage. Specifies aspects that must be included in the monitoring network design.

Subd. 3. Report. Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2011, on the work group's recommendations.

2 Development of monitoring network for thermal discharges from Prairie Island nuclear plant. (a) Requires the commissioner of health to contract with the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Laboratory or other independent experts to develop a plan to monitor thermal discharge from the Prairie Island nuclear plant to the Mississippi River. Requires that the plan include recommendations on monitors and the capital and operating costs of the recommended network.

(b) Requires a report to the legislature by November 15, 2010, and specifies requirements for the report.

3 Transfer; appropriation. (a) Requires a blank transfer from the public utility that owns the Prairie Island nuclear plant to the commissioner of health for the special revenue fund.

(b) Appropriates from the special revenue fund an amount sufficient to cover the costs of

the work group and the contract required in sections 1 and 2.

- 4 **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date for sections 1 to 3.