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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 3135 specifies additional responsibilities with respect to emergency planning and preparedness for railroad and pipeline owners who transport oil and hazardous substances through Minnesota.

Section

- 1 [115E.01] **Subd. 7a. Listed sensitive area.** Definition.
- 2 [115E.01] **Subd. 7b. Local incident commander.** Definition.
- 3 [115E.01] **Subd. 11d. Unit train.** Definition.
- 4 [115E.042] **Subd. 1. Application.** Requires owners of unit trains and pipelines to comply with this section.
Subd. 2. Training. Requires a railroad to offer, by June 30, 2016, specific training to each fire department along the route of a unit train and refresher training every three years thereafter.
Subd. 3. Coordination. Requires a railroad or pipeline company to meet annually or more often with each city or county emergency manager and a senior fire department officer in areas along the route of a unit train or pipeline.
Subd. 4. Response capabilities, time limits, drills. Makes a railroad or pipeline company responsible for deploying sufficient equipment and resources to a discharge site following a discharge. Specifies what resources are required to be deployed at a discharge site at various time periods after a discharge.

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Subd. 5. Prevention and response plans; approval. Requires a railroad or pipeline company to submit a response plan under section 115E.04, that also complies with this section, that must be approved by the commissioner of pollution control prior to the company's beginning operations in this state. A company already operating in this state must modify its plan to comply with this section by June 30, 2015. Plans must be updated and submitted for approval every three years.

- 5 [115E.08] Subd. 3a. Railroad and pipeline preparedness; pollution control.** Lists the pollution control agency's duties with respect to environmental protection activities related to railroad and pipeline preparedness.