

Subject Environmental Permits

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Summary

Current law requires the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, before issuing a permit to a facility located within a specified portion of south Minneapolis, to analyze and consider the cumulative level of past and current environmental pollution from all sources on the geographic area in which the permitted facility's emissions are likely to be deposited. House File 3058 expands this requirement to apply to permits issued throughout the seven-county metropolitan area.

The bill specifies that the cost of conducting the analysis be recovered from air quality permit fees paid by permitted facilities, which is also made the source of support for a new position in the agency designed to interface with community residents affected by air emissions from those facilities.