

Subject Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Program

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Summary

House File 1421 requires the commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to undertake activities to improve the performance of the agency's petroleum tank release cleanup program by addressing recommendations made by the Office of the Legislative Auditor in its report on the program issued in February 2021.

The bill requires the commissioner to:

- define what conditions are necessary to declare a remediation site as posing low risks to public health;
- develop guidelines directing staff to consider future uses of a site in making remediation decisions;
- develop measures of program performance and evaluate the program periodically;
- examine establishing technical qualifications for contractors remediating contaminated sites; and
- make consultants more accountable for the quality of their work.