96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3070

Introduced 2/8/2010, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/17.10 new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that if a carcinogenic volatile organic compound is detected in the finished water of a community water system at a certain level, then the owner or operator of that system must submit a response plan that meets certain requirements to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Requires the Agency to approve, and the owner or operator to implement, the plan. Upon completion of the plan, requires the owner or operator to submit a response completion report to the Agency. Provides that any action taken by the Agency to disapprove or modify a plan or report may be appealed to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Defines "carcinogen", "community water system", "finished water", "maximum contaminant level", "method detection limit", and "volatile organic compound". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

CORRECTIONAL BUDGET AND IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

AN ACT concerning safety. 1

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

- 4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by 5 adding Section 17.10 as follows:
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(415 ILCS 5/17.10 new)

7 Sec. 17.10. Carcinogenic volatile organic compounds in 8 community water systems.

9 (a) (1) Findings. The General Assembly finds that carcinogenic volatile organic compounds have been detected in a 10 number of community water systems in this State. The General 11 12 Assembly further finds that it is in the best interest of the people of the State of Illinois to require owners and operators 13 14 of community water systems to remove carcinogenic volatile organic compounds from finished water before their maximum 15 16 contaminant levels are exceeded.

17 (2) Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to prevent carcinogenic volatile organic compounds from exceeding their 18 maximum contaminant levels in the finished water of community 19 20 water systems by requiring owners and operators of community 21 water systems to take appropriate action when carcinogenic 22 volatile organic compounds are detected in finished water. 23

(b) For purposes of this Section:

| 1 | (1) "Carcinogen" means carcinogen as defined in | | | |
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| 2 | Section 58.2 of this Act. | | | |
| 3 | (2) "Community water system", "finished water", | | | |
| 4 | "maximum contaminant level", "method detection limit", and | | | |
| 5 | "volatile organic compound" shall have the meanings | | | |
| 6 | ascribed to them in rules adopted by the Board at Part 611 | | | |
| 7 | of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. | | | |
| 8 | (c) If a carcinogenic volatile organic compound is detected | | | |
| 9 | in the finished water of a community water system at a | | | |
| 10 | concentration that equals or exceeds 50 percent of the | | | |
| 11 | carcinogenic volatile organic compound's maximum contaminant | | | |
| 12 | level, the owner or operator of the community water system | | | |
| 13 | must, within 45 days, submit to the Agency a response plan | | | |
| 14 | designed to (i) prevent an exceedence of the maximum | | | |
| 15 | contaminant level in the finished water and (ii) reduce the | | | |
| 16 | concentration of the carcinogenic volatile organic compound so | | | |
| 17 | that it does not exceed the applicable method detection limit | | | |
| 18 | in the finished water. | | | |
| 19 | (1) Upon Agency approval of the plan, with or without | | | |
| 20 | modifications, the owner or operator of the community water | | | |
| 21 | system must implement the plan. The owner or operator must | | | |
| 22 | submit status reports on the plan's implementation in | | | |

accordance with a schedule approved by the Agency. Upon

completion of the plan the owner or operator must submit to

the Agency for review and approval a response completion

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| 1 | (2) Any action by | the Agen | ncy to disapprove or modify a |
| 2 | plan or report require | ed under t | this Section shall be subject |
| 3 | to appeal to the Board | l in accor | rdance with the procedures of |
| 4 | Section 40 of this Act | <u>.</u> | |
| 5 | Section 99. Effective | e date. | This Act takes effect upon |
| 6 | becoming law. | | |