

AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) Task Force Act.

Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

"FGD" means flue gas desulfurization and other technologies that can be used to lower sulfur dioxide emissions.

"Task Force" means the FGD Task Force

Section 10. The FGD Task Force.

(a) The FGD Task Force is hereby created to increase the amount of Illinois Basin coal use in generation units. The FGD Task Force shall identify and evaluate the costs, benefits, and barriers of new and modified FGD, or other post-combustion sulfur dioxide emission control technologies, and other capital improvements, that would be necessary for generation units to comply with the sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) while improving the ability of those generation units to meet the effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) for wastewater discharges and enhancing the marketability of the generation units' FGD byproducts.

(b) The membership of the Task Force shall be as follows:

(1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(3) Two members of the House of appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(5) Three members appointed by the Governor, two with expertise in Illinois coal, coal mining, emission reduction, or energy production; and one representative of an electricity generator that owns multiple coal-fueled electric generation plants with FGD or similar technologies.

(6) The Director of Natural Resources, or his or her designee.

(7) The Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, or his or her designee.

(c) Task Force members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing their duties.

(d) The Task Force shall report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2017.

Section 15. Administrative support. The Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force.

Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1, 2019.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.