

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6707**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 459**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 6, 2025  
**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 4, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Niemeyer  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the Environmental Rules Board may adopt rules establishing requirements for the reclamation and reuse of treated wastewater.

This bill requires certain entities to: (1) conduct an annual public water system cybersecurity vulnerability assessment; (2) annually provide the Office of Technology with the name and contact information of any individual who will act as the primary reporter of a cybersecurity incident; (3) submit an annual certification to the Department of Environmental Management via a secured portal verifying certain information; and (4) when an actual or suspected cybersecurity breach occurs, report the incident to the Office of Technology.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill will increase workload for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Office of Technology, state owned treatment works, and the Environmental Rules Board (if the Board opts to adopt rules regarding standards for the reclamation and reuse of treated wastewater). The bill's requirements should be able to be implemented by each state entity using existing staffing and resources.

**Additional Information:** A publicly owned treatment works entity is a treatment works, as defined by Section 212(2) of the Clean Water Act, that is owned by the state or a municipality. The term also means the municipality, as defined by Section 502(4) of the Clean Water Act, that has jurisdiction over the indirect discharges to and the discharges from such a treatment works.

Community water systems include cities, counties, regulated utilities, regional water systems, and other entities where water connections are accessible year-round to residents, as defined in the bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill's requirements will increase workload for community water systems and locally owned treatment works, but should be able to be implemented using existing staffing and

resources.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Office of Technology; Indiana Department of Environmental Management; state owned treatment works; Environmental Rules Board.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Community water systems; locally owned treatment works.

**Information Sources:** 327 IAC 5-1.5-48.

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