FIRST REGULAR SESSION

[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 29.380, 259.010, 259.020, 259.030, 259.050, 259.070, 259.080, 259.100, 259.190, 259.210, 260.200, 260.225, 260.235, 260.250, 260.320, 260.325, 260.330, 260.335, 260.345, 260.395, 260.500, 444.600, 444.773, 621.250, 640.115, 643.075, 643.078, 644.011, 644.016, 644.051, 644.056, and 644.145, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-six new sections relating to the department of natural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 29.380, 259.010, 259.020, 259.030, 259.050, 259.070, 259.080,

- 2 259.100, 259.190, 259.210, 260.200, 260.225, 260.235, 260.250, 260.320, 260.325, 260.330,
- 3 260.335, 260.345, 260.395, 260.500, 444.600, 444.773, 621.250, 640.115, 643.075, 643.078,
- 4 644.011, 644.016, 644.051, 644.056, and 644.145, RSMo, are repealed and thirty-six new
- 5 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 29.380, 259.010, 259.020, 259.030,
- 6 259.050, 259.052, 259.070, 259.080, 259.100, 259.190, 259.210, 260.200, 260.225, 260.235,
- 7 260.250, 260.320, 260.324, 260.325, 260.330, 260.335, 260.345, 260.395, 260.500, 444.600,
- 8 444.773, 444.980, 621.250, 640.115, 643.075, 643.078, 643.650, 644.011, 644.016, 644.051,
- 9 644.056, and 644.145, to read as follows:
 - 29.380. 1. The state auditor shall have the authority to audit solid waste management
- 2 districts created under section 260.305 in the same manner as the auditor may audit any agency
- 3 of the state.
- 4 2. Beginning August 28, [2012] **2015**, the state auditor [shall conduct an audit of each
- 5 solid waste management district created under section 260.305 and thereafter shall may conduct

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 6 audits of [each] solid waste management [district] districts as he or she deems necessary. The
- 7 state auditor may request reimbursement from the district for the costs of conducting the audit.
- 8 If the auditor requests such reimbursement, the solid waste management district shall
- 9 reimburse the auditor for the costs of conducting the audit and the moneys shall be
- 10 deposited in the petition audit revolving trust fund created under section 29.230. Such
- 11 reimbursement shall be limited to two percent of the solid waste management district's
- 12 annual monetary allocation.

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259.010. There shall be a "State Oil and Gas Council" composed of the following members in accordance with the provisions of section 259.020:

- (1) [One member from the division of geology and land survey] **The state geologist**;
- 4 (2) One member from the department of economic development;
 - (3) One member from the Missouri public service commission;
 - (4) One member from the clean water commission;
- 7 (5) One member from the Missouri University of Science and Technology petroleum 8 engineering program;
 - (6) One member from the Missouri Independent Oil and Gas Association; and
- 10 (7) Two members from the public.
 - 259.020. The member entities in section 259.010 shall be represented on the council by the executive head of each respective entity, except that:
 - (1) The Missouri University of Science and Technology shall be represented by a professor of petroleum engineering employed at the university;
- 5 (2) The Missouri Independent Oil and Gas Association shall be represented by a 6 designated member of the association; and
 - (3) The public members shall be appointed to the council by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Both public members shall have an interest in and knowledge of the oil and gas industry, **and** both shall be residents of Missouri[, and at least one shall also be a resident of a county of the third or fourth classification]. The executive head of any member state agency, the professor of petroleum engineering at the Missouri University of Science and
- 12 Technology and the member from the Missouri Independent Oil and Gas Association may from
- 13 time to time authorize any member of the state agency's staff, another professor of petroleum
- 14 engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology or another member of the
- 15 Missouri Independent Oil and Gas Association, respectively, to represent it on the council and
- 16 to fully exercise any of the powers and duties of the member representative.
- 259.030. 1. The council shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from the members of the council [other than the representative of the division of geology and land survey]. A

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19 chairman and vice chairman may serve more than a one-year term, if so elected by the members 20 of the council.

2. The state geologist shall act as administrator for the council and shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

259.050. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words mean:

- (1) "Certificate of clearance" means a permit prescribed by the council for the transportation or the delivery of oil or gas or product and issued or registered in accordance with the rule, regulation, or order requiring such permit;
 - (2) "Council", the state oil and gas council established by section 259.010;
 - (3) "Department", the department of natural resources;
 - (4) "Field", the general area underlaid by one or more pools;
- 8 [(4)] (5) "Gas", all natural gas and all other fluid hydrocarbons which are produced at 9 the wellhead and not hereinbelow defined as oil;
 - [(5)] (6) "Illegal gas" means gas which has been produced from any well within this state in excess of the quantity permitted by any rule, regulation, or order of the council;
- [(6)] (7) "Illegal oil" means oil which has been produced from any well within the state in excess of the quantity permitted by any rule, regulation, or order of the council;
 - [(7)] (8) "Illegal product" means any product derived in whole or in part from illegal oil or illegal gas;
 - [(8)] (9) "Noncommercial gas well", a gas well drilled for the sole purpose of furnishing gas for private domestic consumption by the owner and not for resale or trade;
 - [(9)] (10) "Oil", crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons regardless of gravity which are produced at the wellhead in liquid form and the liquid hydrocarbons known as distillate or condensate recovered or extracted from gas, other than gas produced in association with oil and commonly known as casinghead gas. The term shall also include hydrocarbons that do not flow to a wellhead but are produced by other means, including those contained in oil-shale and oil-sand;
 - [(10)] (11) "Owner", the person who has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil or gas he produced therefrom either for himself or others or for himself and others;
 - [(11)] (12) "Pool", an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of oil or gas or both; each zone of a structure which is completely separated from any other zone in the same structure is a "pool", as that term is used in this chapter;
 - [(12) "Producer", the owner of a well or wells capable of producing oil or gas or both;]
- 31 (13) "Product", any commodity made from oil or gas and includes refined crude oil, 32 crude tops, topped crude, processed crude, processed crude petroleum, residue from crude

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33 petroleum, cracking stock, uncracked fuel oil, fuel oil, treated crude oil, residuum, gas oil,

- 34 casinghead gasoline, natural-gas gasoline, kerosene, [benzine] benzene, wash oil, waste oil,
- 35 blended gasoline, lubricating oil, blends or mixtures of oil with one or more liquid products or
- 36 by-products derived from oil or gas, and blends or mixtures of two or more liquid products or
- 37 by-products derived from oil or gas whether [hereinabove] herein enumerated or not;
 - (14) "Reasonable market demand" means the demand for oil or gas for reasonable current requirements for consumption and use within and without the state, together with such quantities as are reasonably necessary for building up or maintaining reasonable working stocks and reasonable reserves of oil or gas or product;
 - (15) "Waste" means and includes:
- 43 (a) Physical waste, as that term is generally understood in the oil and gas industry, but 44 not including unavoidable or accidental waste;
 - (b) The inefficient, excessive, or improper use of, or the unnecessary dissipation of, reservoir energy;
 - (c) The location, spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas well or wells in a manner which causes, or tends to cause, reduction in the quantity of oil or gas ultimately recoverable from a pool under prudent and proper operations, or which causes or tends to cause unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of oil or gas;
- 51 (d) The inefficient storing of oil;
 - (e) The production of oil or gas in excess of transportation or marketing facilities or in excess of reasonable market demand; and
- (f) Through negligence, the unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of oil or gas resulting from evaporation, seepage, leakage or deliberate combustion;
 - (16) "Well", any hole drilled in the earth for or in connection with the exploration, discovery, or recovery of oil or gas, or for or in connection with the underground storage of gas in natural formation, or for or in connection with the disposal of salt water, nonusable gas or other waste accompanying the production of oil or gas.
- 259.052. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Oil and Gas Resources Fund" which shall consist of all gifts, donations, transfers, moneys appropriated by the general assembly, permit application fees collected under section 259.080, operating fees, closure fees, late fees, severance fees, and bequests to the fund. The fund shall be administered by the department of natural resources.
- 2. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other

funds are invested. Any interest and moneys on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

- 3. After appropriation by the general assembly, the money in such fund shall be expended by the department to administer the provisions of chapter 259, and to collect, process, manage, interpret, and distribute geologic and hydrologic resource information pertaining to oil and gas potential, and not for any other purpose.
- 259.070. 1. The council has the duty of administering the provisions of this chapter. The council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter of the year and upon the call of the chairperson.
- 2. The council shall conduct a review of the statutes and rules and regulations under this chapter on a biennial basis. Based on such review, the council, if necessary, shall recommend changes to the statutes under this chapter and shall amend rules and regulations accordingly.
- 3. (1) The council shall have the power and duty to form an advisory committee to the council for the purpose of reviewing the statutes and rules and regulations under subsection 2 of this section. The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the council when necessary to amend current statutes and rules and regulations under this chapter and shall review any proposed new or amended statute or regulation before such proposed statute or regulation is considered by the council.
- (2) The advisory committee shall be made up of representatives from the [division of geology and land survey] **department**, the oil and gas industry and any council member desiring to be on such advisory committee. The advisory committee shall meet prior to each calendar quarter meeting of the council, if necessary for the purposes set forth under this subsection, and present any recommendations to the council at such calendar quarter meeting. The council shall designate one of its members to serve as the chairperson of the advisory committee.
- (3) The advisory committee may make recommendations to the council on appropriate fees or other funding mechanisms to support the oil and gas program efforts of the [division of geology and land survey] **department**.
- 4. The council, acting through the department, has the duty and authority to make such investigations as it deems proper to determine whether waste exists or is imminent or whether other facts exist which justify action.
- 5. The council, acting through the [office of the state geologist] **department**, has the authority:
 - (1) To require through the issuance of appropriate orders:
- 28 (a) Identification of ownership of oil or gas wells, producing leases, tanks, plants, structures, and facilities for the refining or intrastate transportation of oil and gas;

(b) The making and filing of all mechanical well logs and the filing of directional surveys if taken, and the filing of reports on well location, drilling and production, and the filing free of charge of samples and core chips and of complete cores less tested sections, when requested in the office of the state geologist within six months after the completion or abandonment of the well;

- (c) The drilling, casing, operation, and plugging of wells in such manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas out of one stratum into another; the intrusion of water into oil or gas stratum; the pollution of fresh water supplies by oil, gas, or highly mineralized water; to prevent blowouts, cavings, seepages, and fires; and to prevent the escape of oil, gas, or water into workable coal or other mineral deposits;
- (d) The furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety, conditioned upon the full compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the council prescribed to govern the production of oil and gas on state and private lands within the state of Missouri; provided that, in lieu of a bond with a surety, an applicant may furnish to the council his own personal bond, on conditions as described in this paragraph, secured by a certificate of deposit or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to that of the required surety bond or secured by some other financial instrument on conditions as above described or as provided by council regulations;
- (e) That the production from wells be separated into gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons, and that each be accurately measured by such means and upon such standards as may be prescribed by the council;
- (f) The operation of wells with efficient gas-oil and water-oil ratios, and to fix these ratios;
- (g) Certificates of clearance in connection with the transportation or delivery of any native and indigenous Missouri produced crude oil, gas, or any product;
- (h) Metering or other measuring of any native and indigenous Missouri-produced crude oil, gas, or product in pipelines, gathering systems, barge terminals, loading racks, refineries, or other places; and
- (i) That every person who produces, sells, purchases, acquires, stores, transports, refines, or processes native and indigenous Missouri-produced crude oil or gas in this state shall keep and maintain within this state complete and accurate records of the quantities thereof, which records shall be available for examination by the council or its agents at all reasonable times and that every such person file with the council such reports as it may prescribe with respect to such oil or gas or the products thereof;
 - (2) To regulate pursuant to rules adopted by the council:
- (a) The release and forfeiture of bonds required under paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of subsection 5 of this section;

67 **(b)** The drilling, producing, and plugging of wells, and all other operations for the production of oil or gas;

- [(b)] (c) The [shooting and chemical] treatment of wells;
- [(c)] (d) The spacing of wells;

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- [(d)] (e) Operations to increase ultimate recovery such as cycling of gas, the maintenance of pressure, and the introduction of gas, water, or other substances into producing formations; and
 - [(e)] (f) Disposal of highly mineralized water and oil field wastes;
 - (3) To limit and to allocate the production of oil and gas from any field, pool, or area;
 - (4) To classify wells as oil or gas wells for purposes material to the interpretation or enforcement of this chapter;
 - (5) To promulgate and to enforce rules, regulations, and orders to effectuate the purposes and the intent of this chapter;
 - (6) To make rules, regulations, or orders for the classification of wells as oil wells or dry natural gas wells; or wells drilled, or to be drilled, for geological information; or as wells for secondary recovery projects; or wells for the disposal of highly mineralized water, brine, or other oil field wastes; or wells for the storage of dry natural gas, or casinghead gas; or wells for the development of reservoirs for the storage of liquid petroleum gas;
 - (7) To detail such personnel and equipment or enter into such contracts as it may deem necessary for carrying out the plugging of or other remedial measures on wells which have been abandoned and not plugged according to the standards for plugging set out in the rules and regulations promulgated by the council pursuant to this chapter. Members of the council, the department, or authorized representatives may, with the consent of the owner or person in possession, enter any property for the purpose of investigating, plugging, or performing remedial measures on any well, or to supervise the investigation, plugging, or performance of remedial measures on any well. A reasonable effort to contact the owner or the person in possession of the property to seek his permission shall be made before members of the council, the **department,** or authorized representatives enter the property for the purposes described in this paragraph. If the owner or person in possession of the property cannot be found or refuses entry or access to any member of the council, the department, or to any authorized representative presenting appropriate credentials, the council or the department may request the attorney general to initiate in any court of competent jurisdiction an action for injunctive relief to restrain any interference with the exercise of powers and duties described in this subdivision. Any entry authorized under this subdivision shall be construed as an exercise of the police power for the protection of public health, safety and general welfare and shall not be construed as an act of condemnation of property nor of trespass thereon. Members of the council [and], the

department, or authorized representatives shall not be liable for any damages necessarily resulting from the entry upon land for purposes of investigating, plugging, or performing remedial measures or the supervision of such activity. However, if growing crops are present, arrangements for timing of such remedial work may be agreed upon between the state and landowner in order to minimize damages;

- (8) To develop such facts and make such investigations or inspections as are consistent with the purposes of this chapter. [Members of the council] **The department** or **its** authorized representatives may, with the consent of the owner or person in possession, enter upon any property for the purposes of inspecting or investigating any condition which the [council] **department** shall have probable cause to believe is subject to regulation under this chapter, the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto or any permit issued by the [council] **department**. If the owner or person in possession of the property refuses entry or access for purposes of the inspections or investigations described, the [council] **department** or authorized representatives shall make application for a search warrant. Upon a showing of probable cause in writing and under oath, a suitable restricted search warrant shall be issued by any judge having jurisdiction for purposes of enabling inspections authorized under this subdivision. The results of any inspection or investigation pursuant to this subdivision shall be reduced to writing with a copy furnished to the owner, person in possession, or operator;
- (9) To cooperate with landowners with respect to the conversion of wells drilled for oil and gas to alternative use as water wells as follows: the state geologist shall determine the feasibility of the conversion of a well drilled under a permit for oil and gas for use as a water well and shall advise the landowner of modifications required for conversion of the well in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of this chapter. If such conversion is carried out, release of the operator from legal liability or other responsibility shall be required and the expense of the conversion shall be borne by the landowner.
- 6. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this chapter shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.
- 259.080. **1.** It shall be unlawful to commence operations for the drilling of a well for oil or gas, or to commence operations to deepen any well to a different geological formation, **or to commence injection activities for enhanced recovery of oil or gas or for disposal of fluids, without first giving the state geologist notice of intention to drill or intention to inject** and first obtaining a permit from the state geologist under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the council.
- 2. The department of natural resources may conduct a comprehensive review, and propose a new fee structure, or propose changes to the oil and gas fee structure, which may include but need not be limited to permit application fees, operating fees, closure fees, and

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late fees, and an extraction or severance fee. The comprehensive review shall include stakeholder meetings in order to solicit stakeholder input from each of the following groups: oil and gas industry representatives, the advisory committee, and any other interested parties. Upon completion of the comprehensive review, the department shall submit a proposed fee structure or changes to the oil and gas fee structure with stakeholder agreement to the oil and gas council. The council shall review such recommendations at the forthcoming regular or special meeting, but shall not vote on the fee structure until a subsequent meeting. If the council approves, by vote of two-thirds majority, the fee structure recommendations, the council shall authorize the department to file a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the recommended fee structure, and after considering public comments may authorize the department to file the final order of rulemaking for such rule with the joint committee on administrative rules under sections 536.021 and 536.024 no later than December first of the same year. If such rules are not disapproved by the general assembly in the manner set out in this section, they shall take effect on January first of the following year, at which point the existing fee structure shall expire. Any regulation promulgated under this subsection shall be deemed beyond the scope and authority provided in this subsection, or detrimental to permit applicants, if the general assembly, within the first sixty calendar days of the regular session immediately following the filing of such regulation, disapproves the regulation by concurrent resolution. If the general assembly so disapproved any regulation filed under this subsection, the department and the council shall not implement the proposed fee structure and shall continue to use the previous fee structure. The authority of the council to further revise the fee structure as provided in this subsection shall expire on August 28, 2025.

3. Failure to pay the fees, or any portion thereof, established under this section or to submit required reports, forms or information by the due date shall result in the imposition of a late fee established by the council. The department may issue an administrative order requiring payment of unpaid fees or may request that the attorney general bring an action in the appropriate circuit court to collect any unpaid fee, late fee, interest, or attorney's fees and costs incurred directly in fee collection. Such action may be brought in the circuit court of Cole County, or, in the case of well fees, in the circuit court of the county in which the well is located.

259.100. 1. The council shall set spacing units as follows:

(1) When necessary to prevent waste, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, or to protect correlative rights, the council shall establish spacing units for a pool. Spacing units when established shall be of uniform size and shape for the entire pool, except that when found to be necessary for any of the purposes above mentioned, the council is authorized to divide any pool

6 into zones and establish spacing units for each zone, which units may differ in size and shape 7 from those established in any other zone;

- (2) The size and shape of spacing units are to be such as will result in the efficient and economical development of the pool as a whole;
- (3) An order establishing spacing units for a pool shall specify the size and shape of each unit and the location of the permitted well thereon in accordance with a reasonably uniform spacing plan. Upon application, if the state geologist finds that a well drilled at the prescribed location would not produce in paying quantities, or that surface conditions would substantially add to the burden or hazard of drilling such well, the [state geologist] **department** is authorized to enter an order permitting the well to be drilled at a location other than that prescribed by such spacing order; however, the state geologist shall include in the order suitable provisions to prevent the production from the spacing unit of more than its just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool;
- (4) An order establishing **spacing** units for a pool shall cover all lands determined or believed to be underlaid by such pool, and may be modified by the [state geologist] **department** from time to time to include additional areas determined to be underlaid by such pool. When found necessary for the prevention of waste, or to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells or to protect correlative rights, an order establishing spacing units in a pool may be modified by the state geologist to increase the size of spacing units in the pool or any zone thereof, or to permit the drilling of additional wells on a reasonable uniform plan in the pool, or any zone thereof. Orders of the [state geologist] **department** may be appealed to the council within thirty days.
- 2. [The provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to noncommercial gas wells.
- 3.] Applicants seeking a permit for a noncommercial gas well shall file a bond [or other instrument of credit acceptable to the council equal to the greater of three hundred dollars or one dollar and fifty cents per well foot] under paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of subsection 5 of section 259.070 and meet the following conditions and procedures: an owner of a noncommercial gas well with drilling rights may apply for the establishment of a drilling unit [containing no less than three acres,] with a well set back of one hundred sixty-five feet on which a well no deeper than eight hundred feet in depth may be drilled. An owner of a noncommercial gas well may apply to the [council] department for a variance to establish a [drilling] spacing unit [of less than three acres and/or less than one hundred sixty-five feet], to set back distances, or both.
- 259.190. 1. Illegal oil, illegal gas, and illegal product are declared to be contraband and are subject to seizure and sale as herein provided; seizure and sale to be in addition to any and all other remedies and penalties provided in this chapter for violations relating to illegal oil,

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4 illegal gas, or illegal product. Whenever the council believes that any oil, gas or product is illegal, the council, acting by the attorney general, shall bring a civil action in rem in the circuit court of the county where such oil, gas, or product is found, to seize and sell the same, or the council may include such an action in rem for the seizure and sale of illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product in any suit brought for an injunction or penalty involving illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product. Any person claiming an interest in oil, gas, or product affected by any such action shall have the right to intervene as an interested party in such action.

- 2. Actions for the seizure and sale of illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product shall be strictly in rem, and shall proceed in the name of the state as plaintiff against the illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal products as defendant. No bond or similar undertaking shall be required of the plaintiff. Upon the filing of the petition for seizure and sale, the attorney general shall issue a notice, with a copy of the complaint attached thereto, which shall be served in the manner provided for service of original notices in civil actions, upon any and all persons having or claiming any interest in the illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal products described in the petition. Service shall be completed by the filing of an affidavit by the person making the service, stating the time and manner of making such service. Any person who fails to appear and answer within the period of thirty days shall be forever barred by the judgment based on such service. If the court, on a properly verified petition, or affidavits, or oral testimony, finds that grounds for seizure and for sale exist, the court shall issue an immediate order of seizure, describing the oil, gas, or product to be seized and directing the sheriff of the county to take such oil, gas, or product into his custody, actual or constructive, and to hold the same subject to the further order of the court. The court, in such order of seizure, may direct the sheriff to deliver the oil, gas, or product seized by him under the order to an agent appointed by the court as the agent of the court; such agent to give bond in an amount and with such surety as the court may direct, conditioned upon his compliance with the orders of the court concerning the custody and disposition of such oil, gas, or product.
- 3. Any person having an interest in oil, gas, or product described in an order of seizure and contesting the right of the state to the seizure and sale thereof may, prior to the sale thereof as herein provided, obtain the release thereof, upon furnishing bond to the sheriff, approved by the court, in an amount equal to one hundred fifty percent of the market value of the oil, gas, or product to be released, and conditioned as the court may direct upon redelivery to the sheriff of such product released or upon payment to the sheriff of the market value thereof as the court may direct, if and when ordered by the court, and upon full compliance with the further orders of the court.
- 4. If the court, after a hearing upon a petition for the seizure and sale of oil, gas, or product, finds that such oil, gas, or product is contraband, the court shall order the sale thereof by the sheriff in the same manner and upon the same notice of sale as provided by law for the

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sale of personal property on execution of judgment entered in a civil action except that the court may order that the illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product be sold in specified lots or portions and at specified intervals. Upon such sale, title to the oil, gas, or product sold shall vest in the purchaser free of the claims of any and all persons having any title thereto or interest therein at or prior to the seizure thereof, and the same shall be legal oil, legal gas, or legal product, as the case may be, in the hands of the purchaser.

5. All proceeds derived from the sale of illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product, as above provided, after payment of costs of suit and expenses incident to the sale, and all amounts obtained by the council from the forfeiture of [surety or personal] bonds required under paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of subsection 5 of section 259.070, [and any money recovered under subsection 1 of section 259.200] shall be paid to the state treasurer and credited to the "Oil and Gas Remedial Fund", which is hereby created. The money in the oil and gas remedial fund may be used by the [council] department to pay for the plugging of, or other remedial measures on, wells [and to pay the expenses incurred by the council in performing the duties imposed on it by this chapter. Any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year not exceeding fifty thousand dollars is exempt from the provisions of section 33.080 relating to transfer of unexpended balances to the ordinary revenue funds]. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

259.210. 1. Whenever it appears that any person is violating or threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, or any rule, regulation, or order of the council, the council [shall] or the department may request that the attorney general bring suit against such person in the circuit court of any county where the violation occurs or is threatened, to restrain such person from continuing the violation or from carrying out the threat of violation. In any such suit, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant to the council, without bond or other undertaking, such prohibitory and mandatory injunctions as the facts may warrant, including temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, temporary, preliminary, or final orders restraining the movement or disposition of any illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product, any of which the court may order to be impounded or placed in the custody of an agent appointed by the court.

2. If the council shall fail to bring suit to enjoin a violation or a threatened violation of any provision of this chapter, or any rule, regulation, or order of the council, within ten days after receipt of written request to do so by any person who is or will be adversely affected by such

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14 violation, the person making such request may bring suit in his own behalf to restrain such

- 15 violation or threatened violation in any court in which the council might have brought suit. The
- 16 council shall be made a party defendant in such suit in addition to the person violating or
- 17 threatening to violate a provision of this chapter, or a rule, regulation, or order of the council, and
- 18 the action shall proceed and injunctive relief may be granted to the council or the petitioner
- 19 without bond in the same manner as if suit had been brought by the council.
 - 260.200. 1. The following words and phrases when used in sections 260.200 to 260.345 shall mean:
 - (1) "Alkaline-manganese battery" or "alkaline battery", a battery having a manganese dioxide positive electrode, a zinc negative electrode, an alkaline electrolyte, including alkaline-manganese button cell batteries intended for use in watches, calculators, and other electronic products, and larger-sized alkaline-manganese batteries in general household use;
 - (2) "Applicant", a person or persons seeking or holding a facility permit;
 - (3) "Bioreactor", a municipal solid waste disposal area or portion of a municipal solid waste disposal area where the controlled addition of liquid waste or water accelerates both the decomposition of waste and landfill gas generation;
- 11 (4) "Button cell battery" or "button cell", any small alkaline-manganese or 12 mercuric-oxide battery having the size and shape of a button;
 - (5) "City", any incorporated city, town, or village;
 - (6) "Clean fill", uncontaminated soil, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, asphaltic concrete, cinderblocks, brick, minimal amounts of wood and metal, and inert solids as approved by rule or policy of the department for fill, reclamation or other beneficial use;
 - (7) "Closure", the permanent cessation of active disposal operations, abandonment of the disposal area, revocation of the permit or filling with waste of all areas and volumes specified in the permit and preparing the area for long-term care;
 - (8) "Closure plan", plans, designs and relevant data which specify the methods and schedule by which the operator will complete or cease disposal operations, prepare the area for long-term care, and make the area suitable for other uses, to achieve the purposes of sections 260.200 to 260.345 and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (9) "Conference, conciliation and persuasion", a process of verbal or written communications consisting of meetings, reports, correspondence or telephone conferences between authorized representatives of the department and the alleged violator. The process shall, at a minimum, consist of one offer to meet with the alleged violator tendered by the department. During any such meeting, the department and the alleged violator shall negotiate in good faith to eliminate the alleged violation and shall attempt to agree upon a plan to achieve compliance;

30 (10) "Construction and demolition waste", waste materials from the construction and demolition of residential, industrial, or commercial structures, but shall not include materials defined as clean fill under this section;

- (11) "Demolition landfill", a solid waste disposal area used for the controlled disposal of demolition wastes, construction materials, brush, wood wastes, soil, rock, concrete and inert solids insoluble in water;
 - (12) "Department", the department of natural resources;
 - (13) "Director", the director of the department of natural resources;
- (14) "Disclosure statement", a sworn statement or affirmation, in such form as may be required by the director of the department of natural resources, which includes:
 - (a) The full names and business address of key personnel;
- (b) The full name and business address of any entity, other than a natural person, that collects, transfers, processes, treats, stores, or disposes of solid waste in which all key personnel holds an equity interest of seven percent or more;
- (c) A description of the business experience of all key personnel listed in the disclosure statement;
- 46 (d) For the five-year period ending on the date the sworn disclosure statement or 47 affirmation is signed by key personnel:
 - a. A listing organized by issuing federal, state, or county or county-equivalent regulatory body of all environmental permits or licenses for the collection, transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of solid waste issued to or held by any key personnel;
 - b. A listing and explanation of notices of violation which shall by rule be defined, prosecutions, or other administrative enforcement actions resulting in an adjudication or conviction;
 - c. A listing of license or permit suspensions, revocations, or denials issued by any state, the federal government or a county or county equivalent, which are pending or have concluded with a finding of violation or entry of a consent agreement regarding an allegation of civil or criminal violation of law, regulation or requirement relating to the collection, transfer, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of solid waste or violation of the environmental statutes of other states or federal statutes:
 - d. An itemized list of all felony convictions under the laws of the state of Missouri or the equivalent thereof under the laws of any other jurisdiction; and a listing of any findings of guilt for any crimes or criminal acts an element of which involves restraint of trade, price-fixing, intimidation of the customers of another person or for engaging in any other acts which may have the effect of restraining or limiting competition concerning activities regulated pursuant to this chapter or similar laws of other states or the federal government including, but not limited to, racketeering or violation of antitrust laws of any key personnel;

- 67 (15) "District", a solid waste management district established under section 260.305;
 - (16) "Financial assurance instrument", an instrument or instruments, including, but not limited to, cash or surety bond, letters of credit, corporate guarantee or secured trust fund, submitted by the applicant to ensure proper closure and postclosure care and corrective action of a solid waste disposal area in the event that the operator fails to correctly perform closure and postclosure care and corrective action requirements, except that the financial test for the corporate guarantee shall not exceed one and one-half times the estimated cost of closure and postclosure. The form and content of the financial assurance instrument shall meet or exceed the requirements of the department. The instrument shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the attorney general;
 - (17) "Flood area", any area inundated by the one hundred year flood event, or the flood event with a one percent chance of occurring in any given year;
 - (18) "Household consumer", an individual who generates used motor oil through the maintenance of the individual's personal motor vehicle, vessel, airplane, or other machinery powered by an internal combustion engine;
 - (19) "Household consumer used motor oil collection center", any site or facility that accepts or aggregates and stores used motor oil collected only from household consumers or farmers who generate an average of twenty-five gallons per month or less of used motor oil in a calendar year. This section shall not preclude a commercial generator from operating a household consumer used motor oil collection center;
 - (20) "Household consumer used motor oil collection system", any used motor oil collection center at publicly owned facilities or private locations, any curbside collection of household consumer used motor oil, or any other household consumer used motor oil collection program determined by the department to further the purposes of sections 260.200 to 260.345;
 - (21) "Infectious waste", waste in quantities and characteristics as determined by the department by rule, including isolation wastes, cultures and stocks of etiologic agents, blood and blood products, pathological wastes, other wastes from surgery and autopsy, contaminated laboratory wastes, sharps, dialysis unit wastes, discarded biologicals known or suspected to be infectious; provided, however, that infectious waste does not mean waste treated to department specifications;
 - (22) "Key personnel", the applicant itself and any person employed by the applicant in a managerial capacity, or empowered to make discretionary decisions with respect to the solid waste operations of the applicant in Missouri, but shall not include employees exclusively engaged in the physical or mechanical collection, transfer, transportation, treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of solid waste and such other employees as the director of the department of natural resources may designate by regulation. If the applicant has not previously conducted solid waste operations in Missouri, the term also includes any officer, director, partner of the

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104 applicant, or any holder of seven percent or more of the equity or debt of the applicant. If any 105 holder of seven percent or more of the equity or debt of the applicant or of any key personnel is 106 not a natural person, the term includes all key personnel of that entity, provided that where such 107 entity is a chartered lending institution or a reporting company under the federal Securities 108 Exchange Act of 1934, the term does not include key personnel of such entity. Provided further 109 that the term means the chief executive officer of any agency of the United States or of any 110 agency or political subdivision of the state of Missouri, and all key personnel of any person, 111 other than a natural person, that operates a landfill or other facility for the collection, transfer, 112 treatment, processing, storage, or disposal of nonhazardous solid waste under contract with or 113 for one of those governmental entities;

- (23) "Lead-acid battery", a battery designed to contain lead and sulfuric acid with a nominal voltage of at least six volts and of the type intended for use in motor vehicles and watercraft;
- (24) "Major appliance", clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, conventional ovens, ranges, stoves, woodstoves, air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers:
- (25) "Mercuric-oxide battery" or "mercury battery", a battery having a mercuric-oxide positive electrode, a zinc negative electrode, and an alkaline electrolyte, including mercuric-oxide button cell batteries generally intended for use in hearing aids and larger size mercuric-oxide batteries used primarily in medical equipment;
- (26) "Minor violation", a violation which possesses a small potential to harm the environment or human health or cause pollution, was not knowingly committed, and is not defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as other than minor;
- (27) "Motor oil", any oil intended for use in a motor vehicle, as defined in section 301.010, train, vessel, airplane, heavy equipment, or other machinery powered by an internal combustion engine;
 - (28) "Motor vehicle", as defined in section 301.010;
- (29) "Operator" and "permittee", anyone so designated, and shall include cities, counties, other political subdivisions, authority, state agency or institution, or federal agency or institution;
- (30) "Permit modification", any permit issued by the department which alters or modifies the provisions of an existing permit previously issued by the department;
- (31) "Person", any individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, trust, institution, city, county, other political subdivision, authority, state agency or institution, or federal agency or institution, or any other legal entity;
- 138 (32) "Plasma arc technology", a process that converts electrical energy into thermal 139 energy. This electric arc is created when an ionized gas transfers electric power between two or 140 more electrodes:

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- 141 (33) "Postclosure plan", plans, designs and relevant data which specify the methods and 142 schedule by which the operator shall perform necessary monitoring and care for the area after 143 closure to achieve the purposes of sections 260.200 to 260.345 and the regulations promulgated 144 thereunder;
- 145 (34) "Recovered materials", those materials which have been diverted or removed from 146 the solid waste stream for sale, use, reuse or recycling, whether or not they require subsequent 147 separation and processing;
- 148 (35) "Recycled content", the proportion of fiber in a newspaper which is derived from postconsumer waste;
- 150 (36) "Recycling", the separation and reuse of materials which might otherwise be 151 disposed of as solid waste;
 - (37) "Resource recovery", a process by which recyclable and recoverable material is removed from the waste stream to the greatest extent possible, as determined by the department and pursuant to department standards, for reuse or remanufacture;
 - (38) "Resource recovery facility", a facility in which recyclable and recoverable material is removed from the waste stream to the greatest extent possible, as determined by the department and pursuant to department standards, for reuse or remanufacture;
- 158 (39) "Sanitary landfill", a solid waste disposal area which accepts commercial and residential solid waste;
 - (40) "Scrap tire", a tire that is no longer suitable for its original intended purpose because of wear, damage, or defect;
 - (41) "Scrap tire collection center", a site where scrap tires are collected prior to being offered for recycling or processing and where fewer than five hundred tires are kept on site on any given day;
 - (42) "Scrap tire end-user facility", a site where scrap tires are used as a fuel or fuel supplement or converted into a usable product. Baled or compressed tires used in structures, or used at recreational facilities, or used for flood or erosion control shall be considered an end use;
- 168 (43) "Scrap tire generator", a person who sells tires at retail or any other person, firm, corporation, or government entity that generates scrap tires;
 - (44) "Scrap tire processing facility", a site where tires are reduced in volume by shredding, cutting, or chipping or otherwise altered to facilitate recycling, resource recovery, or disposal;
- 173 (45) "Scrap tire site", a site at which five hundred or more scrap tires are accumulated, 174 but not including a site owned or operated by a scrap tire end-user that burns scrap tires for the 175 generation of energy or converts scrap tires to a useful product;
- 176 (46) "Solid waste", garbage, refuse and other discarded materials including, but not 177 limited to, solid and semisolid waste materials resulting from industrial, commercial,

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agricultural, governmental and domestic activities, but does not include hazardous waste as defined in sections 260.360 to 260.432, recovered materials, overburden, rock, tailings, matte, slag or other waste material resulting from mining, milling or smelting;

- (47) "Solid waste disposal area", any area used for the disposal of solid waste from more than one residential premises, or one or more commercial, industrial, manufacturing, recreational, or governmental operations;
- 184 (48) "Solid waste fee", a fee imposed pursuant to sections 260.200 to 260.345 and may 185 be:
 - (a) A solid waste collection fee imposed at the point of waste collection; or
- (b) A solid waste disposal fee imposed at the disposal site;
 - (49) "Solid waste management area", a solid waste disposal area which also includes one or more of the functions contained in the definitions of recycling, resource recovery facility, waste tire collection center, waste tire processing facility, waste tire site or solid waste processing facility, excluding incineration;
 - (50) "Solid waste management project", a targeted project that meets statewide waste reduction and recycling priorities, and for which no solid waste management district grant applicant has applied to perform, and for which no qualified applicants have applied to perform such project by a competitive bid issued by the solid waste management district for the completion of such project;
 - (51) "Solid waste management system", the entire process of managing solid waste in a manner which minimizes the generation and subsequent disposal of solid waste, including waste reduction, source separation, collection, storage, transportation, recycling, resource recovery, volume minimization, processing, market development, and disposal of solid wastes;
 - [(51)] **(52)** "Solid waste processing facility", any facility where solid wastes are salvaged and processed, including:
 - (a) A transfer station; or
- 204 (b) An incinerator which operates with or without energy recovery but excluding waste 205 tire end-user facilities; or
 - (c) A material recovery facility which operates with or without composting;
 - (d) A plasma arc technology facility;
- [(52)] (53) "Solid waste technician", an individual who has successfully completed training in the practical aspects of the design, operation and maintenance of a permitted solid waste processing facility or solid waste disposal area in accordance with sections 260.200 to 260.345;
- [(53)] (54) "Tire", a continuous solid or pneumatic rubber covering encircling the wheel of any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, or a trailer as defined in

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214 chapter 301, except farm tractors and farm implements owned and operated by a family farm or 215 family farm corporation as defined in section 350.010;

- [(54)] (55) "Used motor oil", any motor oil which, as a result of use, becomes unsuitable for its original purpose due to loss of original properties or the presence of impurities, but used motor oil shall not include ethylene glycol, oils used for solvent purposes, oil filters that have been drained of free flowing used oil, oily waste, oil recovered from oil tank cleaning operations, oil spilled to land or water, or industrial nonlube oils such as hydraulic oils, transmission oils, quenching oils, and transformer oils;
- [(55)] (56) "Utility waste landfill", a solid waste disposal area used for fly ash waste, bottom ash waste, slag waste and flue gas emission control waste generated primarily from the combustion of coal or other fossil fuels;
- [(56)] (57) "Yard waste", leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden vegetation and Christmas trees. The term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.
- 227 2. For the purposes of this section and sections 260.270 to 260.279 and any rules in place 228 as of August 28, 2005, or promulgated under said sections, the term "scrap" shall be used 229 synonymously with and in place of waste, as it applies only to scrap tires.
 - 260.225. 1. The department shall administer sections 260.200 to 260.345 to maximize the amount of recovered materials and to minimize disposal of solid waste in sanitary landfills. The department shall, through its rules and regulations, policies and programs, encourage to the maximum extent practical, the use of alternatives to disposal. To accomplish these objectives, the department shall:
 - (1) Administer the state solid waste management program pursuant to the provisions of sections 260.200 to 260.345;
 - 8 (2) Cooperate with appropriate federal, state, and local units of government of this or any other state, and with appropriate private organizations in carrying out its authority under sections 260.200 to 260.345;
 - (3) Promulgate and adopt, after public hearing, such rules and regulations relating to solid waste management systems as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of sections 260.200 to 260.345;
 - (4) Develop a statewide solid waste management plan in cooperation with local governments, regional planning commissions, districts, and appropriate state agencies;
 - (5) Provide technical assistance to cities, counties, districts, and authorities;
 - (6) Develop and conduct a mandatory solid waste technician training course of study;
 - 18 (7) Conduct and contract for research and investigations in the overall area of solid waste 19 storage, collection, recycling, recovery, processing, transportation and disposal, including, but 20 not limited to, new and novel procedures;

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- 21 (8) Subject to appropriation by the general assembly, establish criteria for awarding 22 state-funded solid waste management [planning] grants to cities, counties, and districts, allocate 23 funds, and monitor the proper expenditure of funds;
 - (9) Issue such permits and orders and conduct such inspections as may be necessary to implement the provisions of sections 260.200 to 260.345 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.200 to 260.345;
 - (10) Initiate, conduct and support research, demonstration projects, and investigations with applicable federal programs pertaining to solid waste management systems;
 - (11) Contract with cities, counties, districts and other persons to act as its agent in carrying out the provisions of sections 260.200 to 260.345 under procedures and conditions as the department shall prescribe.
 - 2. The department shall prepare model solid waste management plans suitable for rural and urban areas which may be used by districts, counties and cities. In preparing the model plans, the department shall consider the findings and recommendations of the study of resource recovery conducted pursuant to section 260.038, and other relevant information. The plans shall conform with the requirements of section 260.220 and section 260.325 and shall:
 - (1) Emphasize waste reduction and recycling;
 - (2) Provide for economical waste management through regional **and district** cooperation;
 - (3) Be designed to achieve a reduction of forty percent in solid waste disposed, by weight, by January 1, 1998;
 - (4) Establish a means to measure the amount of reduction in solid waste disposal;
 - (5) Provide for the elimination of small quantities of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste, from the solid waste stream; and
 - (6) Be designed to guide planning in districts, cities and counties including cities and counties not within a district.
 - 3. The model plan shall be distributed to the executive board of each solid waste district and to counties and cities not within a district by December 1, 1991.
- 4. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of sections 260.200 to 260.345 shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.
- 5. In coordination with other appropriate state agencies, including, but not limited to, the division of commerce and industrial development, the office of administration, the environmental improvement and energy resource authority, and the public service commission, the department shall perform the following duties in order to promote resource recovery in the state in ways which are economically feasible:

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- 57 (1) Identify markets for recovered materials and for energy which could be produced 58 from solid waste and household hazardous waste;
 - (2) Provide technical assistance pertaining to all aspects of resource recovery to cities, counties, districts, industries and other persons;
- 61 (3) Identify opportunities for resource recovery programs in state government and initiate 62 actions to implement such programs;
 - (4) Expand state contracts for procurement of items made from recovered materials;
 - (5) Initiate recycling programs within state government;
 - (6) Provide a clearinghouse of consumer information regarding the need to support resource recovery, utilize and develop new resource recovery programs around existing enterprises, request and purchase recycled products, participate in resource conservation activities and other relevant issues;
 - (7) Identify barriers to resource recovery and resource conservation, and propose remedies to these barriers; and
 - (8) Initiate activities with appropriate state and local entities to develop markets for recovered materials.

260.235. Any person aggrieved by a forfeiture of any financial assurance instrument, civil or administrative penalty or denial, suspension or revocation of a permit required by section 260.205 or a modification to a permit issued under section 260.205 or any disapproval of the plan required by section 260.220, may appeal such decision as provided in [section] sections 621.250[, subject to judicial review as provided by law] and 640.013 by filing a petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision. The notice of the department shall be effected by certified mail and shall set forth the reasons for such forfeiture, disapproval, denial, suspension, civil penalty or revocation. The department may seek an 8 injunction in the circuit court in which the facility is located requiring the facility for which the transfer of ownership has been denied, or the permit or modification of the permit has been 10 denied, suspended or revoked, to cease operations from the date ordered by the court until such 11 12 time as the appeal is resolved or obtain a performance bond in the amount and manner as 13 prescribed by rule. The department's action seeking an injunction shall be based on the seriousness of the threat to the environment which continued operation of the facility poses. A bond may be required in order to stay the effect of the department's action until the appeal is 15 resolved, in which case such bond shall remain in place until the appeal is resolved. If the 17 department's decision is upheld, the bond shall be forfeited and placed in a separate subaccount of the solid waste management fund. Once the administrative hearing commission has 18 19 reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall make a final decision on 20 the forfeiture of any financial assurance instrument, civil or administrative penalty, denial,

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21 suspension, revocation, or modification of a permit or disapproval of the plan required by section 260.220. The administrative hearing commission shall mail copies of its final 22 decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision 23 24 shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals 25 district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the solid waste 26 processing facility or disposal area is located or is to be located shall have original 27 jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative 28 remedies are exhausted.

260.250. 1. After January 1, 1991, major appliances, waste oil and lead-acid batteries shall not be disposed of in a solid waste disposal area. After January 1, 1992, yard waste shall not be disposed of in a solid waste disposal area, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. After August 28, 2007, yard waste may be disposed of in a municipal solid waste disposal area or portion of a municipal solid waste disposal area provided that:

- (1) The department has approved the municipal solid waste disposal area or portion of a solid waste disposal area to operate as a bioreactor under 40 CFR Part 258.4; and
- 8 (2) The landfill gas produced by the bioreactor shall be used for the generation of electricity. 9
 - 2. After January 1, 1991, waste oil shall not be incinerated without energy recovery.
- 3. Each solid waste management district[, county and city] shall address the recycling, 12 reuse and handling of aluminum containers, glass containers, newspapers, textiles, whole tires, plastic beverage containers and steel containers in its solid waste management plan consistent 14 with sections 260.250 to 260.345.
- 260.320. 1. The executive board shall meet within thirty days after the selection of the initial members. The time and place of the first meeting of the board shall be designated by the 2 council. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. At its first meeting the board shall elect a chairman from its members and select a secretary, treasurer and such officers or employees as it deems expedient or necessary for the accomplishment of its purposes. The secretary and treasurer need not be members of the board.
- 2. The executive board may adopt, alter or repeal its own bylaws, rules and regulations governing the manner in which its business may be transacted, including procedures for the replacement of persons who habitually fail to attend board meetings, and may establish its fiscal year, adopt an official seal, apply for and accept grants, gifts or appropriations from any public or private sector, make all expenditures which are incidental and necessary to carry out its 12 purposes and powers, and take such action, enter into such agreements and exercise all other powers and functions necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties and purposes of sections 260.200 to 260.345.
 - 3. The executive board shall:

16 (1) Review and comment upon applications for permits submitted pursuant to section 17 260.205, for solid waste processing facilities and solid waste disposal areas which are to be 18 located within the region or, if located in an adjacent region, which will impact solid waste 19 management practices within the region;

- (2) Prepare and recommend to the council a solid waste management plan for the district;
- 21 (3) Identify illegal dump sites and provide all available information about such sites to 22 the appropriate county prosecutor and to the department;
 - (4) Establish an education program to inform the public about responsible **solid** waste management practices;
 - (5) Establish procedures to minimize the introduction of small quantities of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste, into the solid waste stream;
 - (6) Assure adequate capacity to manage waste which is not otherwise removed from the solid waste stream; and
 - (7) Appoint one or more geographically balanced advisory committees composed of the representatives of commercial generators, representatives of the solid waste management industry, and two citizens unaffiliated with a solid waste facility or operation to assess and make recommendations on solid waste management.
 - 4. The executive board may enter into contracts with any person **or entity** for services related to any component of the solid waste management system. Bid specifications for solid waste management services shall be designed to meet the objectives of sections 260.200 to 260.345, encourage small businesses to engage and compete in the delivery of **solid** waste management services and to minimize the long-run cost of managing solid waste. Bid specifications shall enumerate the minimum components and minimum quantities of waste products which shall be recycled by the successful bidder. The board shall divide the district into units to maximize access for small businesses when it requests bids for solid waste management services, **but in no case shall a district executive board perform solid waste management projects that compete with a qualified private enterprise**.
 - 5. No person shall serve as a member of the council or of the executive board who is a stockholder, officer, agent, attorney or employee or who is in any way pecuniarily interested in any business which engages in any aspect of solid waste management regulated under sections 260.200 to 260.345; provided, however, that such member may own stock in a publicly traded corporation which may be involved in **solid** waste management as long as such holdings are not substantial.
 - 260.324. 1. Any person or entity that applies for a grant under section 260.335 shall not be disqualified from receiving such grant on the basis that there exists a familial relationship between the applicant and any member of the solid waste management district

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4 executive board within the fourth degree by consanguinity or affinity. For applicants with a familial relationship with any member of the solid waste management district executive board within the fourth degree by consanguinity or affinity, the solid waste management district executive board shall only approve such grant application if approved by a vote of two-thirds of the solid waste management district executive board.

- 2. If a person, who by virtue of his or her membership on a solid waste management district executive board, does not abstain from a vote to award a solid waste management district grant to any person or entity providing solid waste management services who is a relative within the fourth degree by consanguinity or affinity, the person shall forfeit membership on the solid waste management district executive board and the solid waste management district council.
- 260.325. 1. The executive board of each district shall submit to the department a plan which has been approved by the council for a solid waste management system serving areas within its jurisdiction and shall, from time to time, submit officially adopted revisions of its plan as it deems necessary or the department may require. In developing the district's solid waste management plan, the board shall consider the model plan distributed to the board pursuant to section 260.225. Districts may contract with a licensed professional engineer or as provided in chapter 70 for the development and submission of a joint plan.
- 2. The board shall hold at least one public hearing in each county in the district when it prepares a proposed plan or substantial revisions to a plan in order to solicit public comments on the plan.
- 3. The solid waste management plan shall be submitted to the department within eighteen months of the formation of the district. The plan shall be prepared and submitted according to the procedures specified in section 260.220 and this section.
 - 4. Each plan shall:
- 15 (1) Delineate areas within the district where solid waste management systems are in 16 existence;
- 17 (2) Reasonably conform to the rules and regulations adopted by the department for 18 implementation of sections 260.200 to 260.345;
- (3) Delineate provisions for the collection of recyclable materials or collection points for recyclable materials; 20
- 21 (4) Delineate provisions for the collection of compostable materials or collection points 22 for compostable materials;
 - (5) Delineate provisions for the separation of household waste and other small quantities of hazardous waste at the source or prior to disposal;
- 25 (6) Delineate provisions for the orderly extension of solid waste management services 26 in a manner consistent with the needs of the district, including economic impact, and in a manner

which will minimize degradation of the waters or air of the state, prevent public nuisances or health hazards, promote recycling and waste minimization and otherwise provide for the safe and sanitary management of solid waste;

- (7) Take into consideration existing comprehensive plans, population trend projections, engineering and economics so as to delineate those portions of the district which may reasonably be expected to be served by a solid waste management system;
- (8) Specify how the district will achieve a reduction in solid waste placed in sanitary landfills through waste minimization, reduction and recycling;
- (9) Establish a timetable, with milestones, for the reduction of solid waste placed in a landfill through waste minimization, reduction and recycling;
- (10) Establish an education program to inform the public about responsible waste management practices;
- (11) Establish procedures to minimize the introduction of small quantities of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste, into the solid waste stream;
- (12) Establish a time schedule and proposed method of financing for the development, construction and operation of the planned solid waste management system together with the estimated cost thereof;
- (13) Identify methods by which rural households that are not served by a regular solid waste collection service may participate in waste reduction, recycling and resource recovery efforts within the district; and
 - (14) Include such other reasonable information as the department shall require.
- 5. The board shall review the district's solid waste management plan at least every twenty-four months for the purpose of evaluating the district's progress in meeting the requirements and goals of the plan, and shall submit plan revisions to the department and council.
- 6. In the event any plan or part thereof is disapproved, the department shall furnish any and all reasons for such disapproval and shall offer assistance for correcting deficiencies. The executive board shall within sixty days revise and resubmit the plan for approval or request a hearing in accordance with section 260.235. Any plan submitted by a district shall stand approved one hundred twenty days after submission unless the department disapproves the plan or some provision thereof.
- 7. The director may institute appropriate action under section 260.240 to compel submission of plans in accordance with sections 260.200 to 260.345 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.200 to 260.345.
- 8. [The provisions of section 260.215 to the contrary notwithstanding, any county within a region which on or after January 1, 1995, is not a member of a district shall by June 30, 1995, submit a solid waste management plan to the department of natural resources. Any county which

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83 84 withdraws from a district and all cities within the county with a population over five hundred shall submit a solid waste plan or a revision to an existing plan to the department of natural resources within one hundred eighty days of its decision not to participate. The plan shall meet the requirements of section 260.220 and this section.

- 9.] Funds may, upon appropriation, be made available to [cities, counties and] districts[,] under section 260.335, for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this section.
- [10.] 9. Based upon the financial assistance amounts set forth in this section, the district executive board shall arrange for an independent financial [audits] statement audit of the records and accounts of its operations by a certified public accountant or a firm of certified public accountants. Districts receiving [two] more than eight hundred thousand dollars [or more] of financial assistance annually shall have annual independent financial statement audits [and]; districts receiving [less than] between two hundred fifty thousand dollars and eight hundred thousand dollars of financial assistance annually shall have a biennial independent financial [audits at least once every two years. The state auditor may examine the findings of such audits and may conduct audits of the districts] statement audit for the two-year period. All other districts shall be monitored biennially by the department and, based upon the findings within the monitoring report, may be required to arrange for an independent financial statement audit for the biennial monitoring period under review. Subject to limitations caused by the availability of resources, the department shall conduct a performance audit of grants to each district at least once every [three] five years, or as deemed necessary by the department based upon district grantee performance.

260.330. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of this section, effective October 1, 1990, each operator of a solid waste sanitary landfill shall collect a charge equal to one dollar and fifty cents per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted and each 3 operator of the solid waste demolition landfill shall collect a charge equal to one dollar per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted. Each operator shall submit the charge, less 5 collection costs, to the department of natural resources for deposit in the "Solid Waste Management Fund" which is hereby created. On October 1, 1992, and thereafter, the charge 8 imposed herein shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage as the increase in the general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department 10 of Labor or its successor agency. No annual adjustment shall be made to the charge imposed 11 under this subsection during October 1, 2005, to October 1, [2017] 2027, except an adjustment 12 13 amount consistent with the need to fund the operating costs of the department and taking into 14 account any annual percentage increase in the total of the volumetric equivalent of solid waste 15 accepted in the prior year at solid waste sanitary landfills and demolition landfills and solid waste

to be transported out of this state for disposal that is accepted at transfer stations. No annual increase during October 1, 2005, to October 1, [2017] 2027, shall exceed the percentage increase measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor or its successor agency and calculated on the percentage of revenues dedicated under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 260.335. Any such annual adjustment shall only be made at the discretion of the director, subject to appropriations. Collection costs shall be established by the department and shall not exceed two percent of the amount collected pursuant to this section.

- 2. The department shall, by rule and regulation, provide for the method and manner of collection.
- 3. The charges established in this section shall be enumerated separately from the disposal fee charged by the landfill and may be passed through to persons who generated the solid waste. Moneys [shall be] transmitted to the department shall be no less than the amount collected less collection costs and in a form, manner and frequency as the department shall prescribe. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, moneys in the account shall not lapse to general revenue at the end of each biennium. Failure to collect the charge does not relieve the operator from responsibility for transmitting an amount equal to the charge to the department.
- 4. The department may examine or audit financial records and landfill activity records and measure landfill usage to verify the collection and transmittal of the charges established in this section. The department may promulgate by rule and regulation procedures to ensure and to verify that the charges imposed herein are properly collected and transmitted to the department.
- 5. Effective October 1, 1990, any person who operates a transfer station in Missouri shall transmit a fee to the department for deposit in the solid waste management fund which is equal to one dollar and fifty cents per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted. Such fee shall be applicable to all solid waste to be transported out of the state for disposal. On October 1, 1992, and thereafter, the charge imposed herein shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage as the increase in the general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor or its successor agency. No annual adjustment shall be made to the charge imposed under this subsection during October 1, 2005, to October 1, [2017] 2027, except an adjustment amount consistent with the need to fund the operating costs of the department and taking into account any annual percentage increase in the total of the volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted in the prior year at solid waste sanitary landfills and demolition landfills and solid waste to be transported out of this state for disposal that is accepted at transfer stations. No annual increase during October 1, 2005, to October 1,

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6. Each political subdivision which owns an operational solid waste disposal area may designate, pursuant to this section, up to two free disposal days during each calendar year. On any such free disposal day, the political subdivision shall allow residents of the political subdivision to dispose of any solid waste which may be lawfully disposed of at such solid waste disposal area free of any charge, and such waste shall not be subject to any state fee pursuant to this section. Notice of any free disposal day shall be posted at the solid waste disposal area site and in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision no later than fourteen days prior to the free disposal day.

260.335. 1. Each fiscal year eight hundred thousand dollars from the solid waste management fund shall be made available, upon appropriation, to the department and the environmental improvement and energy resources authority to fund activities that promote the 4 development and maintenance of markets for recovered materials. Each fiscal year up to two hundred thousand dollars from the solid waste management fund may be used by the department 5 upon appropriation for grants to solid waste management districts for district grants and district operations. Only those solid waste management districts that are allocated fewer funds under 7 subsection 2 of this section than if revenues had been allocated based on the criteria in effect in this section on August 27, 2004, are eligible for these grants. An eligible district shall receive 10 a proportionate share of these grants based on that district's share of the total reduction in funds for eligible districts calculated by comparing the amount of funds allocated under subsection 2 11 12 of this section with the amount of funds that would have been allocated using the criteria in 13 effect in this section on August 27, 2004. The department and the authority shall establish a joint interagency agreement with the department of economic development to identify state priorities 14 for market development and to develop the criteria to be used to judge proposed projects. 15 Additional moneys may be appropriated in subsequent fiscal years if requested. The authority 17 shall establish a procedure to measure the effectiveness of the grant program under this

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subsection and shall provide a report to the governor and general assembly by January fifteenth of each year regarding the effectiveness of the program.

- 2. All remaining revenues deposited into the fund each fiscal year after moneys have been made available under subsection 1 of this section shall be allocated as follows:
- (1) Thirty-nine percent of the revenues shall be dedicated, upon appropriation, to the elimination of illegal solid waste disposal, to identify and prosecute persons disposing of solid waste illegally, to conduct solid waste permitting activities, to administer grants and perform other duties imposed in sections 260.200 to 260.345 and section 260.432. In addition to the thirty-nine percent of the revenues, the department may receive any annual increase in the charge during October 1, 2005, to October 1, [2014] 2027, under section 260.330 and such increases shall be used solely to fund the operating costs of the department;
- (2) Sixty-one percent of the revenues, except any annual increases in the charge under section 260.330 during October 1, 2005, to October 1, [2014] 2027, which shall be used solely to fund the operating costs of the department, shall be allocated [through grants, upon appropriation, to participating cities, counties, and to solid waste management districts. Revenues to be allocated under this subdivision shall be divided as follows: forty percent shall be allocated based on the population of each district in the latest decennial census, and sixty percent shall be allocated based on the amount of revenue generated within each district. For the purposes of this subdivision, revenue generated within each district shall be determined from the previous year's data. No more than fifty percent of the revenue allocable under this subdivision may be allocated to the districts upon approval of the department for implementation of a solid waste management plan and district operations, and at least fifty percent of the revenue allocable to the districts under this subdivision shall be allocated to the cities and counties of the district or to persons or entities providing solid waste management, waste reduction, recycling and related services in these cities and counties. Each district shall receive a minimum of seventy-five thousand dollars under this subdivision. After August 28, [2005] 2015, each district shall receive a minimum of ninety-five thousand dollars under this subdivision for district grants and district operations. Each district receiving moneys under this subdivision shall expend such moneys pursuant to a solid waste management plan required under section 260.325, and only in the case that the district is in compliance with planning requirements established by the department. Moneys shall be awarded based upon grant applications. The following criteria may be considered to establish the order of district grant priority:
- (a) Grants to facilities of organizations employing individuals with disabilities under sections 178.900 to 178.960 or sections 205.968 to 205.972;
- (b) Grants for proposals that will promote and maximize the sharing of district resources;

54 (c) Grants for proposals which provide methods of recycling and solid waste 55 reduction; and

(d) All other grants.

Any allocated district moneys remaining in any fiscal year due to insufficient or inadequate grant applications [may] shall be reallocated [pursuant to this subdivision] for grant applications in subsequent years or for solid waste management projects other than district operations, including a district's next request for solid waste management project proposals. Any allocated district moneys remaining after a period of five years shall revert to the credit of the solid waste management fund created under section 260.330;

- (3) Except for the amount up to one-fourth of the department's previous fiscal year expense, any remaining unencumbered funds generated under subdivision (1) of this subsection in prior fiscal years shall be reallocated under this section;
- (4) Funds may be made available under this subsection for the administration and grants of the used motor oil program described in section 260.253;
- (5) The department and the environmental improvement and energy resources authority shall conduct sample audits of grants provided under this subsection.
- 3. In addition to the criteria listed in this section, the advisory board created in section 260.345 shall recommend criteria to be used to allocate grant moneys to districts, cities and counties. These criteria shall establish a priority for proposals which provide methods of solid waste reduction and recycling. The department shall promulgate criteria for evaluating grants by rule and regulation. Projects of cities and counties located within a district which are funded by grants under this section shall conform to the district solid waste management plan.
- 4. The funds awarded to the districts[, counties and cities] pursuant to this section shall be used for the purposes set forth in sections 260.300 to 260.345, and shall be used in addition to existing funds appropriated by counties and cities for solid waste management and shall not supplant county or city appropriated funds.
- 5. Once grants are approved by the solid waste management district, the district shall submit to the department the appropriate forms associated with the grant application and any supporting information to verify that appropriate public notice procedures were followed, that grant proposals were reviewed and ranked by the district, and that only eligible costs as set forth in regulations are to be funded. Within thirty days, the department shall review the grant application. If the department finds any deficiencies, or needs more information in order to evaluate the grant application, the department shall notify the district in writing. The district shall have an additional thirty days to respond to the department's request and to submit any additional information to the department.

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Within thirty days of receiving additional information, the department shall either approve or deny the grant application. If the department takes no action, the grant application shall be deemed approved. The department, in conjunction with the solid waste advisory board, shall review the performance of all grant recipients to ensure that grant moneys were 94 appropriately and effectively expended to further the purposes of the grant, as expressed in the recipient's grant application. The grant application shall contain specific goals and 96 implementation dates, and grant recipients shall be contractually obligated to fulfill same. The 97 department may require the recipient to submit periodic reports and such other data as are necessary, both during the grant period and up to five years thereafter, to ensure compliance with this section. The department may audit the records of any recipient to ensure compliance with this section. Recipients of grants under sections 260.300 to 260.345 shall maintain such records as required by the department. If a grant recipient fails to maintain records or submit reports as required herein, refuses the department access to the records, or fails to meet the department's performance standards, the department may withhold subsequent grant payments, if any, and may compel the repayment of funds provided to the recipient pursuant to a grant.

- 6. The department shall provide for a security interest in any machinery or equipment purchased through grant moneys distributed pursuant to this section.
- 7. If the moneys are not transmitted to the department within the time frame established by the rule promulgated, interest shall be imposed on the moneys due the department at the rate of ten percent per annum from the prescribed due date until payment is actually made. These interest amounts shall be deposited to the credit of the solid waste management fund.
- 260.345. 1. A state "Solid Waste Advisory Board" is created within the department of natural resources. The advisory board shall be composed of the chairman of the executive board 3 of each of the solid waste management districts or his or her designee, and other members as provided in this section. Up to five additional members shall be appointed by the **program** director of the solid waste management program of which two members shall represent the solid waste management industry and have an economic interest in or activity with any solid waste facility or operation, one member may represent the solid waste composting or recycling industry businesses, and the remaining members shall be public members who have demonstrated interest in solid waste management issues and shall have no economic interest in 10 or activity with any solid waste facility or operation but may own stock in a publicly traded corporation which may be involved in waste management as long as such holdings are not 11 12 substantial. Beginning January 1, 2016, the advisory board shall [advise] prepare an annual report due on or before January first advising the department regarding: 13
 - (1) The efficacy of its technical assistance program;
 - (2) Solid waste management problems experienced by solid waste management districts;

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16 (3) The effects of proposed rules and regulations upon solid waste management within 17 the districts;

- (4) Criteria to be used in awarding grants pursuant to section 260.335;
- (5) Waste management issues pertinent to the districts;
- 20 (6) The development of improved methods of solid waste minimization, recycling and resource recovery; [and] 21
 - (7) Unfunded solid waste management projects; and
 - (8) Such other matters as the advisory board may determine.
 - 2. The advisory board shall also prepare a report on the subjects listed in subdivisions (1) to (8) of subsection 1 of this section for any standing, statutory, interim, or select committee or task force of the general assembly having jurisdiction over solid waste. If a report is so prepared, it shall be delivered to the chair and vice-chair of each committee or task force having such jurisdiction. Such a report shall not be generated and distributed on more than an annual basis.
 - 3. The advisory board shall hold regular meetings on a quarterly basis. A special meeting of the advisory board may occur upon a majority vote of all advisory board members at a regular quarterly meeting. Reasonable written notice of all meetings shall be given by the director of the solid waste management program to all members of the advisory board. A majority of advisory board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All actions of the advisory board shall be taken at regular quarterly meetings open to the public.
 - 260.395. 1. After six months from the effective date of the standards, rules and regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to section 260.370, it shall be unlawful for any person to transport any hazardous waste in this state without first obtaining a hazardous waste transporter license. Any person transporting hazardous waste in this state shall file an application for a license pursuant to this subsection which shall:
- (1) Be submitted on a form provided for this purpose by the department and shall furnish the department with such equipment identification and data as may be necessary to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that equipment engaged in such transportation of hazardous waste, and other equipment as designated in rules and regulations pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430, is adequate to provide protection of the health of humans and the environment and 10 to comply with the provisions of any federal hazardous waste management act and sections 260.350 to 260.430 and the standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430. If approved by the department, this demonstration of protection may be satisfied by providing certification that the equipment so identified meets and will be operated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Missouri public service commission and the federal

Department of Transportation for the transportation of the types of hazardous materials for which it will be used;

- (2) Include, as specified by rules and regulations, demonstration of financial responsibility, including, but not limited to, guarantees, liability insurance, posting of bond or any combination thereof which shall be related to the number of units, types and sizes of equipment to be used in the transport of hazardous waste by the applicant;
- (3) Include, as specified in rules and regulations, a fee payable to the state of Missouri which shall consist of an annual application fee, plus an annual use fee based upon tonnage, mileage or a combination of tonnage and mileage. The fees established pursuant to this subdivision shall be set to generate, as nearly as is practicable, six hundred thousand dollars annually. No fee shall be collected pursuant to this subdivision from railroads that pay a fee pursuant to subsection 18 of this section. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the hazardous waste fund created pursuant to section 260.391.
- 2. If the department determines the application conforms to the provisions of any federal hazardous waste management act and sections 260.350 to 260.430 and the standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430, it shall issue the hazardous waste transporter license with such terms and conditions as it deems necessary to protect the health of humans and the environment. The department shall act within ninety days after receipt of the application. If the department denies the license, it shall issue a report to the applicant stating the reason for denial of the license.
- 3. A license may be suspended or revoked whenever the department determines that the equipment is or has been operated in violation of any provision of sections 260.350 to 260.430 or any standard, rule or regulation, order, or license term or condition adopted or issued pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430, poses a threat to the health of humans or the environment, or is creating a public nuisance.
- 4. Whenever a license is issued, renewed, denied, suspended or revoked by the department, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the [department] administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision [and shall be entitled to a hearing as provided in section 260.400] as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on license issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for license issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final

decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

- 5. A license shall be issued for a period of one year and shall be renewed upon proper application by the holder and a determination by the department that the applicant is in compliance with all provisions of sections 260.350 to 260.430 and all standards, rules and regulations, orders and license terms and conditions adopted or issued pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430.
- 6. A license is not required for the transport of any hazardous waste on the premises where it is generated or onto contiguous property owned by the generator thereof, or for those persons exempted in section 260.380. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to preclude the department from inspecting unlicensed hazardous waste transporting equipment and to require that it be adequate to provide protection for the health of humans and the environment.
- 7. After six months from the effective date of the standards, rules and regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to section 260.370, it shall be unlawful for any person to construct, substantially alter or operate, including operations specified in the rules and regulations, a hazardous waste facility without first obtaining a hazardous waste facility permit for such construction, alteration or operation from the department. Such person must submit to the department at least ninety days prior to submitting a permit application a letter of intent to construct, substantially alter or operate any hazardous waste disposal facility. The person must file an application within one hundred eighty days of the filing of a letter of intent unless granted an extension by the commission. The department shall publish such letter of intent as specified in section 493.050 within ten days of receipt of such letter. The letter shall be published once each week for four weeks in the county where the hazardous waste disposal facility is proposed. Once such letter is submitted, all conditions for the permit application evaluation purposes in existence as of the date of submission shall be deemed frozen, in that no subsequent action by any person to change such conditions in an attempt to thwart a fair and impartial decision on the application for a permit shall be allowed as grounds for denial of the permit. Any person before constructing, substantially altering or operating a hazardous waste facility in this state shall file an application for a permit which shall:
- (1) Be submitted on a form provided for this purpose by the department and shall furnish the department with plans, specifications and such other data as may be necessary to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that such facility does or will provide adequate protection of the health of humans and the environment and does or will comply with the provisions of any federal hazardous waste management act and sections 260.350 to 260.430 and the standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430;

(2) Include plans, designs, engineering reports and relevant data for construction, alteration or operation of a hazardous waste facility, to be submitted to the department by a registered professional engineer licensed by this state;

- (3) Include, as specified by rules and regulations, demonstration of financial responsibility, including, but not limited to, guarantees, liability insurance, posting of bond or any combination thereof, which shall be related to type and size of facility;
- (4) Include such environmental and geologic information, assessments and studies as required by the rules and regulations of the commission;
- (5) Include a fee payable to the state of Missouri which shall not exceed one thousand dollars, which shall cover the first year of the permit, if issued, but which is not refundable. If the permit is issued for more than one year, a fee equal in amount to the first year's fee shall be paid to the state of Missouri prior to issuance of the permit for each year the permit is to be in effect beyond the first year;
- (6) The department shall supervise any field work undertaken to collect geologic and engineering data for submission with the application. The state geologist and departmental engineers shall review the geologic and engineering plans, respectively, and attest to their accuracy and adequacy. The applicant shall pay all reasonable costs, as determined by the commission, incurred by the department pursuant to this subsection.
- 8. (1) Prior to issuing or renewing a hazardous waste facility permit, the department shall issue public notice by press release or advertisement and shall notify all record owners of adjoining property by mail directed to the last known address, and the village, town or city, if any, and the county in which the hazardous waste facility is located; and, upon request, shall hold a public hearing after public notice as required in this subsection at a location convenient to the area affected by the issuance of the permit.
- (2) Prior to issuing or renewing a hazardous waste disposal facility permit the department shall issue public notice by press release and advertisement and shall notify all record owners of property, within one mile of the outer boundaries of the site, by mail directed to the last known address; and shall hold a public hearing after public notice as required in this subsection at a location convenient to the area affected by the issuance of the permit.
- 9. If the department determines that the application conforms to the provisions of any federal hazardous waste management act and sections 260.350 to 260.430 and the standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430, it shall issue the hazardous waste facility permit, with such terms and conditions and require such testing and construction supervision as it deems necessary to protect the health of humans or the environment. The department shall act within one hundred and eighty days after receipt of the application. If the department denies the permit, it shall issue a report to the applicant stating the reason for denial of a permit.

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- 10. A permit may be suspended or revoked whenever the department determines that the hazardous waste facility is, or has been, operated in violation of any provision of sections 260.350 to 260.430 or any standard, rule or regulation, order or permit term or condition adopted or issued pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430, poses a threat to the health of humans or the environment or is creating a public nuisance.
- 11. Whenever a permit is issued, renewed, denied, suspended or revoked by the department, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the [department] administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision [and shall be entitled to a hearing as provided in section 260.400] as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the hazardous waste facility is to be located or is located, shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.
- 148 12. A permit shall be issued for a fixed term, which shall not exceed ten years in the case 149 of any land disposal facility, storage facility, incinerator, or other treatment facility. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from reviewing and modifying a permit at any time 151 during its term. Review of any application for a permit renewal shall consider improvements in 152 the state of control and measurement technology as well as changes in applicable regulations. 153 Each permit issued pursuant to this section shall contain such terms and conditions as the 154 department determines necessary to protect human health and the environment, and upon proper 155 application by the holder and a determination by the department that the applicant is in 156 compliance with all provisions of sections 260.350 to 260.430 and all standards, rules and 157 regulations, orders and permit terms and conditions adopted or issued pursuant to sections 158 260.350 to 260.430.
 - 13. A hazardous waste facility permit is not required for:
- 160 (1) On-site storage of hazardous wastes where such storage is exempted by the commission by rule or regulation; however, such storage must conform to the provisions of any

federal hazardous waste management act and sections 260.350 to 260.430 and the applicable standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430 and any other applicable hazardous materials storage and spill-prevention requirements provided by law;

- (2) A publicly owned treatment works which has an operating permit pursuant to section 644.051 and is in compliance with that permit;
- (3) A resource recovery facility which the department certifies uses hazardous waste as a supplement to, or substitute for, nonwaste material, and that the sole purpose of the facility is manufacture of a product rather than treatment or disposal of hazardous wastes;
- (4) That portion of a facility engaged in hazardous waste resource recovery, when the facility is engaged in both resource recovery and hazardous waste treatment or disposal, provided the owner or operator can demonstrate to the department's satisfaction and the department finds that such portion is not intended and is not used for hazardous waste treatment or disposal.
- 14. Facilities exempted pursuant to subsection 13 of this section must comply with the provisions of subdivisions (3) to (7) of section 260.390 and such other requirements, to be specified by rules and regulations, as are necessary to comply with any federal hazardous waste management act or regulations hereunder. Generators who use such an exempted facility shall keep records of hazardous wastes transported, except by legal flow through sewer lines, to the facility and submit such records to the department in accordance with the provisions of section 260.380 and the standards, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430. Any person, before constructing, altering or operating a resource recovery facility in this state shall file an application for a certification. Such application shall include:
- (1) Plans, designs, engineering reports and other relevant information as specified by rule that demonstrate that the facility is designed and will operate in a manner protective of human health and the environment; and
- (2) An application fee of not more than five hundred dollars for a facility that recovers waste generated at the same facility or an application fee of not more than one thousand dollars for a facility that recovers waste generated at off-site sources. Such fees shall be deposited in the hazardous waste fund created in section 260.391. The department shall review such application for conformance with applicable laws, rules and standard engineering principles and practices. The applicant shall pay to the department all reasonable costs, as determined by the commission, incurred by the department pursuant to this subsection. All such funds shall be deposited in the hazardous waste fund created in section 260.391.
- 15. The owner or operator of any hazardous waste facility in existence on September 28, 1977, who has achieved federal interim status pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6925(e), and who has submitted to the department Part A of the federal facility permit application, may continue to receive and manage hazardous wastes in the manner as specified in the Part A application, and in accordance with federal interim status requirements, until completion of the administrative

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disposition of a permit application submitted pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430. The 200 department may at any time require submission of, or the owner or operator may at any time 201 voluntarily submit, a complete application for a permit pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430 202 and commission regulations. The authority to operate pursuant to this subsection shall cease one 203 hundred eighty days after the department has notified an owner or operator that an application 204 for permit pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430 must be submitted, unless within such time 205 the owner or operator submits a completed application therefor. Upon submission of a complete 206 application, the authority to operate pursuant to this subsection shall continue for such reasonable 207 time as is required to complete the administrative disposition of the permit application. If a 208 facility loses its federal interim status, or the Environmental Protection Agency requires the 209 owner or operator to submit Part B of the federal application, the department shall notify the 210 owner or operator that an application for a permit must be submitted pursuant to this subsection. 211 In addition to compliance with the federal interim status requirements, the commission shall have 212 the authority to adopt regulations requiring persons operating pursuant to this subsection to meet 213 additional state interim status requirements.

- 16. No person, otherwise qualified pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430 for a license to transport hazardous wastes or for a permit to construct, substantially alter or operate a hazardous waste facility, shall be denied such license or permit on the basis of a lack of need for such transport service or such facility because of the existence of other services or facilities capable of meeting that need; except that permits for hazardous waste facilities may be denied on determination made by the department that the financial resources of the persons applying are such that the continued operation of the sites in accordance with sections 260.350 to 260.430 cannot be reasonably assured or on determination made by the department that the probable volume of business is insufficient to ensure and maintain the solvency of then existing permitted hazardous waste facilities.
- 17. All hazardous waste landfills constructed after October 31, 1980, shall have a leachate collection system. The rules and regulations of the commission shall treat and protect all aquifers to the same level of protection. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the disposal of tailings and slag resulting from mining, milling and primary smelting operations.
- 18. Any railroad corporation as defined in section 388.010 that transports any hazardous waste as defined in section 260.360 or any hazardous substance as defined in section 260.500 shall pay an annual fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the hazardous waste fund created in section 260.391.
- 260.500. As used in sections 260.500 to 260.550, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Cleanup", all actions necessary to contain, collect, control, identify, analyze, clean 4 up, treat, disperse, remove, or dispose of a hazardous substance;

5 (2) "Cleanup costs", all costs incurred by the state or any of its political subdivisions, or their agents, or by any other person participating with the approval of the department of natural resources in the prevention or mitigation of damages from a hazardous substance emergency or the cleanup of a hazardous substance involved in a hazardous substance emergency, including a proportionate share of those costs necessary to maintain the services authorized in sections 260.500 to 260.550;

- (3) "Department", the department of natural resources;
- (4) "Director", the director of the department of natural resources;
- 13 (5) "Hazardous substance", any substance or mixture of substances that presents a danger 14 to the public health or safety or the environment and includes:
- 15 (a) Any hazardous waste identified or listed by the department pursuant to sections 16 260.350 to 260.430;
 - (b) Any element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated pursuant to Sections 101(14) and 102 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and Section 302 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, as amended; and
- 21 (c) Any hazardous material designated by the Secretary of the United States Department 22 of Transportation pursuant to the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act;
 - (d) "Hazardous substances" does not include radioactive materials, wastes, emissions or discharges that are licensed or regulated by laws of the federal government or of this state. However, such material released due to a transportation accident shall be considered a hazardous substance:
 - (6) "Hazardous substance emergency":
 - (a) Any release of hazardous substances in quantities equal to or in excess of those determined pursuant to Section 101(14) or 102 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and Section 304 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, as amended;
 - (b) Any release of petroleum including crude oil or any fraction thereof, natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas) in excess of fifty gallons for liquids or three hundred cubic feet for gases, except that the notification and reporting of any release of natural gas or natural gas mixtures by or from intrastate facilities, regardless of the quantity of such release, shall be as specified by the public service commission rather than pursuant to the notification and reporting requirements contained in, or authorized by, sections 260.500 to 260.550. Interstate natural gas pipeline facilities shall report natural gas releases to the state and the National Response Center in accordance with federal Department of Transportation regulatory requirements;

41 (c) Any release of a hazardous waste which is reportable pursuant to sections 260.350 to 260.430;

- (d) Any release of a hazardous substance which requires immediate notice pursuant to Part 171 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- (e) The department may promulgate rules and regulations identifying the substances and the quantities thereof which, if released, constitute a hazardous substance emergency;
- (7) "Person", any individual, partnership, copartnership, firm, company, public or private corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, or any agency, board, department, or bureau of the state or federal government, or any other legal entity whatever which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties;
- (8) "Person having control over a hazardous substance", any person producing, handling, storing, transporting, refining, or disposing of a hazardous substance when a hazardous substance emergency occurs, including bailees, carriers, and any other person in control of a hazardous substance when a hazardous substance emergency occurs, whether they own the hazardous substance or are operating under a lease, contract, or other agreement with the legal owner thereof;
- (9) "Release", any threatened or real emission, discharge, spillage, leakage, pumping, pouring, emptying or dumping of a substance into or onto the land, air or waters of the state unless done in compliance with the conditions of a federal or state permit, unless the substance is confined and is expected to stay confined to property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the person having control over the substance, or unless, in the case of pesticides, if application is done in accordance with the product label;
- (10) "State of Missouri basic emergency operations plan", the state plan, its annexes, and appendices as developed or maintained by the state emergency management agency for response to natural and man-made disasters in this state;
- (11) "Waters of the state", all waters within the jurisdiction of this state, including all rivers, streams, lakes and other bodies of surface and subsurface water lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the state which are not entirely confined and located completely upon lands owned, leased or otherwise controlled by a single person or by two or more persons jointly or as tenants in common [and includes waters of the United States lying within the state].
- 444.600. 1. All applications for a permit shall be filed with the director who shall promptly investigate the application and make a [recommendation to the commission] decision within thirty days after the application is received as to whether the permit should be issued or denied. If the director is not satisfied with the information supplied by the applicant, he or she shall recommend denial of the permit. The director shall promptly notify the applicant of this

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action and at the same time publish a notice of the [recommendation] decision in any newspaper with general circulation in the counties where the land is located, and shall send notice to those persons registered with the director pursuant to section 444.720. The director's decision shall be deemed to be the decision of the director of the department of natural resources and shall be subject to appeal to the administrative hearing commission as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013.

- 2. [If the recommendation of the director is to deny the permit, a hearing as provided in sections 444.500 to 444.755 shall be held by the commission if requested by the applicant within thirty days of the date of notice of the recommendation of the director.
- 3. If the recommendation of the director is for issuance of the permit, the commission may issue or deny the permit without a hearing provided the matter is passed upon at a public meeting no sooner than thirty days from the date of notice of the recommendation of the director, except that upon petition of any person aggrieved by the granting of the permit, a hearing shall be held as provided in section 444.680.
- 4. If the commission denies a permit, the applicant may petition the commission, within thirty days of notice of its action, for a hearing. If no petition is filed within the thirty day period, the decision of the commission is final and the applicant shall have no right of court review.
- 5. In any hearing held pursuant to this section the burden of proof shall be on the applicant for a permit. Any decision of the commission made pursuant to a hearing held under this section is subject to judicial review as provided in section 444.700.] Whenever a strip mine operator permit provided under section 444.540 is issued, denied, suspended, or revoked by the department of natural resources, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. For purposes of an appeal, the administrative hearing commission may consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether an interested party's health, safety, or livelihood will be unduly impaired by the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of the permit. The administrative hearing commission may also consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether the operator has demonstrated, during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the permit application, a pattern of noncompliance at other locations in Missouri that suggests a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. In determining whether a reasonable likelihood of noncompliance will exist in the future, the administrative hearing commission may look to past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, but only to the extent they suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. Such past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, in and of themselves, are an insufficient basis to suggest a reasonable likelihood of future

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444.773. 1. All applications for a permit shall be filed with the director, who shall promptly investigate the application and make a decision within six weeks after completion of the process provided in subsection 10 of section 444.772 to issue or deny the permit. If the director determines that the application has not fully complied with the provisions of section 444.772 or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to that section, the director may seek additional information from the applicant before making a decision to issue or deny the permit. The director shall consider any public comments when making the decision to issue or deny the permit. In issuing a permit, the director may impose reasonable conditions consistent with the provisions of sections 444.760 to 444.790.

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10 [2.] The director's decision shall be deemed to be the decision of the director of the department of natural resources and shall be subject to appeal to the administrative hearing commission as provided by sections 640.013 and 621.250.

[3.] 2. Whenever a surface mining operation permit provided under section 444.772 is issued, denied, suspended, or revoked by the department of natural resources, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision as provided by sections 621.250 and **640.013.** For purposes of an appeal, the administrative hearing commission may consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether an interested party's health, safety or livelihood will be unduly impaired by the issuance, denial, suspension, or **revocation** of the permit. The administrative hearing commission may also consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether the operator has demonstrated, during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the permit application, a pattern of noncompliance at other locations in Missouri that suggests a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. In determining whether a reasonable likelihood of noncompliance will exist in the future, the administrative hearing commission may look to past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, but only to the extent they suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. Such past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, in and of themselves, are an insufficient basis to suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. In addition, such past acts shall not be used as a basis to suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance unless the noncompliance has caused or has the potential to cause, a risk to human health or to the environment, or has caused or has potential to cause pollution, or was knowingly committed, or is defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as other than minor. If a hearing petitioner demonstrates or the administrative hearing commission [demonstrates] finds either present acts of noncompliance or a reasonable likelihood that the permit seeker or the operations of associated persons or corporations in Missouri will be in noncompliance in the future, such a showing will satisfy the noncompliance requirement in this subsection. In addition, such basis must be developed by multiple noncompliances of any environmental law administered by the Missouri department of natural resources at any single facility in Missouri that resulted in harm to the environment or impaired the health, safety or livelihood of persons outside the facility. For any permit seeker that has not been in business in Missouri for the past five years, the administrative hearing commission may review the record of noncompliance in any state where the applicant has conducted business during the past five years. [Once] The administrative hearing commission [has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission] shall [make a

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recommendation] **issue a recommended decision** to the commission on permit issuance [or], denial, **suspension**, or revocation.

[4.] The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance [or] denial, **suspension**, **or revocation**. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the mine **is located or** is to be located shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

444.980. Whenever a surface coal mining operation permit provided under section 444.815 or a coal exploration operation permit provided under section 444.845 is issued, denied, suspended, or revoked by the department of natural resources, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. For purposes of an appeal, the administrative hearing commission may consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether an interested party's health, safety, or livelihood will be unduly impaired by the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of the permit. The administrative hearing commission may also consider, based on competent and substantial scientific evidence on the record, whether the operator has demonstrated, during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the permit application, a pattern of noncompliance at other locations in Missouri that suggests a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. In determining whether a reasonable likelihood of noncompliance will exist in the future, the administrative hearing commission may look to past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, but only to the extent they suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. Such past acts of noncompliance in Missouri, in and of themselves, are an insufficient basis to suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance. In addition, such past acts shall not be used as a basis to suggest a reasonable likelihood of future acts of noncompliance unless the noncompliance has caused or has the potential to cause, a risk to human health or to the environment, or has caused or has potential to cause pollution, or was knowingly committed, or is defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as other than minor. If a hearing petitioner demonstrates or the administrative hearing commission finds either present acts of noncompliance or a reasonable likelihood that the permit seeker

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or the operations of associated persons or corporations in Missouri will be in noncompliance in the future, such a showing will satisfy the noncompliance requirement in this subsection. In addition, such basis must be developed by multiple noncompliances of any environmental law administered by the Missouri department of natural resources at any single facility in Missouri that resulted in harm to the environment or impaired the health, safety, or livelihood of persons outside the facility. For any permit seeker that has not been in business in Missouri for the past five years, the administrative hearing commission may review the record of noncompliance in any state where the applicant has conducted business during the past five years. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the mine is located or is to be located shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

621.250. 1. All authority to hear contested case administrative appeals granted in chapters 236, 256, 260, 444, 640, 643, and 644, and to the hazardous waste management 3 commission in chapter 260, the [land reclamation] **Missouri mining** commission in chapter 444, the safe drinking water commission in chapter 640, the air conservation commission in chapter 643, and the clean water commission in chapter 644 shall be transferred to the administrative 5 hearing commission under this chapter. The authority to render final decisions after hearing on appeals heard by the administrative hearing commission shall remain with the commissions 8 listed in this subsection. For appeals pursuant to chapter 236, chapter 256, section 260.235, or section 260.249, the administrative hearing commission shall render a final decision rather than 10 a recommended decision. The administrative hearing commission may render its recommended or final decision after hearing or through stipulation, consent order, agreed settlement or by 11 12 disposition in the nature of default judgment, judgment on the pleadings, or summary 13 determination, consistent with the requirements of this subsection and the rules and procedures 14 of the administrative hearing commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided by law, any person or entity who is a party to, or who is aggrieved or adversely affected by, any finding, order, decision, or assessment for which the

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17 authority to hear appeals was transferred to the administrative hearing commission in subsection 18 1 of this section may file a notice of appeal with the administrative hearing commission within 19 thirty days after any such finding, order, decision, or assessment is placed in the United States 20 mail or within thirty days of any such finding, order, decision, or assessment being delivered, 21 whichever is earlier. Within ninety days after the date on which the notice of appeal is filed the 22 administrative hearing commission may hold hearings, and within one hundred twenty days after 23 the date on which the notice of appeal is filed shall make a recommended decision, or a final 24 decision where applicable, in accordance with the requirements of this section and the rules and 25 procedures of the administrative hearing commission; provided, however, that the dates by which the administrative hearing commission is required to hold hearings and make a recommended 26 27 decision may be extended at the sole discretion of the permittee as either petitioner or intervenor 28 in the appeal.

- 3. Any decision by the director of the department of natural resources that may be appealed as provided in subsection 1 of this section shall contain a notice of the right of appeal in substantially the following language: "If you were adversely affected by this decision, you may be entitled to pursue an appeal before the administrative hearing commission. To appeal, you must file a petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days after the date this decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the administrative hearing commission.". Within fifteen days after the administrative hearing commission renders a recommended decision, it shall transmit the record and a transcript of the proceedings, together with the administrative hearing commission's recommended decision to the commission having authority to issue a final decision. The final decision of the commission shall be issued within one hundred eighty days of the date the notice of appeal in subsection 2 of this section is filed and shall be based only on the facts and evidence in the hearing record; provided, however, that the date by which the commission is required to issue a final decision may be extended at the sole discretion of the permittee as either petitioner or intervenor in the appeal. The commission may adopt the recommended decision as its final decision. The commission may change a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or may vacate or modify the recommended decision issued by the administrative hearing commission, only if the commission states in writing the specific reason for a change made under this subsection.
- 4. In the event the person filing the appeal prevails in any dispute under this section, interest shall be allowed upon any amount found to have been wrongfully collected or erroneously paid at the rate established by the director of the department of revenue under section 32.065.

5. Appropriations shall be made from the respective funds of the department of natural resources to cover the administrative hearing commission's costs associated with these appeals.

- 6. In all matters heard by the administrative hearing commission under this section, the burden of proof shall comply with section 640.012. The hearings shall be conducted by the administrative hearing commission in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536 and its regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 7. No cause of action or appeal arising out of any finding, order, decision, or assessment of any of the commissions listed in subsection 1 of this section shall accrue in any court unless the party seeking to file such cause of action or appeal shall have filed a notice of appeal and received a final decision in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 640.115. 1. Every municipal corporation, private corporation, company, partnership, federal establishment, state establishment or individual supplying or authorized to supply drinking water to the public within the state shall file with the department of natural resources a certified copy of the plans and surveys of the waterworks with a description of the methods of purification, treatment technology and source from which the supply of water is derived, and no source of supply shall be used without a written permit of approval issued to the continuing operating authority by the department of natural resources, or water dispensed to the public without first obtaining such written permit of approval. Prior to a change of permittee, the current permittee shall notify the department of the proposed change and the department shall perform a permit review.
- 2. Construction, extension or alteration of a public water system shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the safe drinking water commission.
- 3. Permit applicants shall show, as part of their application, that a permanent organization exists which will serve as the continuing operating authority for the management, operation, replacement, maintenance and modernization of the facility. Such continuing operating authority for all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems commencing operation after October 1, 1999, shall be required to have and maintain the managerial, technical and financial capacity, as determined by the department, to comply with sections 640.100 to 640.140.
- 4. Any community water system or nontransient, noncommunity water system against which an administrative order has been issued for significant noncompliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, sections 640.100 to 640.140 or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder shall be required to show that a permanent organization exists that serves as the continuing operating authority for the facility and that such continuing operating authority has the managerial, technical and financial capacity to comply with sections 640.100 to 640.140 and regulations promulgated thereunder. If the water system cannot show to the department's satisfaction that such continuing operating authority exists, or if the water system

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is not making substantial progress toward compliance, the water system's permit may be revoked.
The continuing operating authority may [reapply for a permit in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission] appeal such decision to the administrative hearing commission as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013.

- 5. Whenever a permit is issued, denied, suspended, or revoked by the department, any aggrieved person, by petition filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the waterworks is located, or is to be located, shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.
- 643.075. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to commence construction of any air contaminant source in this state, without a permit [therefor], if such source is of a class fixed by regulation of the commission which requires a permit [therefor].
- 4 2. Every source required to obtain a construction permit shall make application [therefor] 5 to the department [and shall submit therewith] that includes such plans and specifications as prescribed by rule. The director shall promptly investigate each application, and if he or she determines that the source meets and will meet the requirements of sections 643.010 to 643.190 and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, he or she shall issue a construction permit with such conditions as he deems necessary to ensure that the source will meet the requirements of sections 643.010 to 643.190 and the rules. An application submitted for the construction or modification 10 and operation of any regulated air contaminant source shall receive a unified construction and 11 operating permit review process under section 643.078, unless the applicant requests in writing 12 13 that the construction and operating permits be reviewed separately. If the director determines 14 that the source does not meet or will not meet the requirements of sections 643.010 to 643.190 and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, he or she shall deny the construction permit.

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- 3. Before issuing a construction permit to build or modify an air contaminant source the director shall determine if the ambient air quality standards in the vicinity of the source are being exceeded and shall determine the impact on the ambient air quality standards from the source. The director, in order to effectuate the purposes of sections 643.010 to 643.190, may deny a construction permit if the source will appreciably affect the air quality or the air quality standards are being substantially exceeded.
 - 4. The director may require the applicant as a condition to the issuance of the construction permit to provide and maintain such facilities or to conduct such tests as are necessary to determine the nature, extent, quantity or degree of air contaminants discharged into the ambient air from the proposed source.
 - 5. The director shall act within thirty days after a request for approval of an application for a construction permit. The director shall render a decision to approve or deny a construction permit within ninety days of receipt of a complete application for a class B source and within one hundred eighty-four days of receipt of a complete application for a class A source. The director shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of his action and if the construction permit is denied state the reasons [therefor] for such denial.
- 6. As provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013, any aggrieved person may appeal any permit decision made under this section, including failure to render a decision within the time period established in this section. A notice of appeal shall be filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the director's action or within thirty days from the date by which the decision should have been rendered if the director has failed to act. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation, or any condition of the permit. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, or revocation, or any condition of the permit. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the air contaminant source is located or is to be located, shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

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- 7. (1) There shall be a one hundred-dollar filing fee payable to the state of Missouri with each application before a construction permit shall be issued. No manufacturing or processing plant or operating location or other air contaminant source shall be required to pay more than one filing fee with a construction permit application. The provisions of this section shall not apply nor require the issuance of a permit wherein the proposed construction is that of a private residence.
- (2) Upon completion of the department's evaluation of the application, but before receiving a construction permit, the applicant shall reimburse the department for all reasonable costs incurred by the department whether or not a construction permit is issued by the department or withdrawn by the applicant. If the department fails to approve or deny a construction permit within the time period specified in this section, the applicant shall not be required to reimburse the department for the review of the construction permit application. The commission shall, by rule, set the hourly charge, not to exceed the actual cost thereof and not to exceed fifty dollars per hour, for review of each construction permit application. The commission may exempt any person from payment of the hourly fees under this subdivision, or may reduce such fees, upon an appeal filed with the commission by such person stating that the fee will create an unreasonable economic hardship upon such person. The commission may conduct a closed meeting and have closed records, as defined in section 610.010, for the purpose of gathering information from the person filing an appeal for the exemption. Information obtained in this meeting may be held confidential by the commission upon the request of the person filing the appeal for exemption. If the fees or any portion of the fees imposed by this section are not paid within ninety days from the date of billing there shall be imposed interest upon the unpaid amount at the rate of ten percent per annum from the date of billing until payment is actually made. A construction permit application for a portable facility may include any site at which the portable facility is expected to be used; however, a separate site permit application shall be required when the portable facility is used or expected to be used at any site which is not included in a previously approved construction permit application. Upon receipt of the application, the applicant shall be notified by the department of hourly fees and requirements put forth in this subdivision.
- (3) Applicants who withdraw their application before the department completes its evaluation shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in the evaluation.
- (4) All moneys received pursuant to this section and section 643.073 and any other moneys so designated shall be placed in the state treasury and credited to the natural resources protection fund air pollution permit fee subaccount, created in section 640.220, and shall be expended for the administration of this section and sections 643.073 and 643.078 and for no other purpose, and shall be used to supplement state general revenue and federal funds appropriated to the department. After appropriation, the moneys received pursuant to this section

and in such fund subaccount shall be expended for the administration of this section and for no other purpose. Any unexpended balance in such fund subaccount at the end of any appropriation period shall not be transferred to the general revenue fund of the state treasury and shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080. Any interest received on such deposits shall be credited to the fund subaccount.

- 8. Any person who obtains a valid permit from a city or county pursuant to the authority granted in section 643.140 shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section and shall not be liable to the department for construction permit fees imposed pursuant to subsection 7 of this section.
- 643.078. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any regulated air contaminant source after August 28, 1992, without an operating permit except as otherwise provided in sections 643.010 to 643.190.
- 2. At the option of the permit applicant, a single operating permit shall be issued for a facility having multiple air contaminant sources located on one or more contiguous tracts of land, excluding public roads, highways and railroads, under the control of or owned by the permit holder and operated as a single enterprise.
- 3. Any person who wishes to construct or modify and operate any regulated air contaminant source shall submit an application to the department for the unified review of a construction permit application under section 643.075 and an operating permit application under this section, unless the applicant requests in writing that the construction and operating permit applications be reviewed separately. The director shall complete any unified review within one hundred and eighty days of receipt of the request for a class B source. For a class A source, the unified review shall be completed within the time period established in section 502 of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661.
- 4. As soon as the review process is completed for the construction and operating permits and, if the applicant complies with all applicable requirements of sections 643.010 to 643.190 and all rules adopted thereunder, the construction permit shall be issued to the applicant. The operating permit shall be retained by the department until validated.
- 5. Within one hundred and eighty days of commencing operations, the holder of a construction permit shall submit to the director such information as is necessary to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of sections 643.010 to 643.190 and the terms and conditions of the construction permit. The operating permit retained by the department shall be validated and forwarded to the applicant if the applicant is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the construction permit and the terms and conditions of the operating permit. The holder of a construction permit may request a waiver of the one hundred and eighty day time period and the director may grant such request by mutual agreement.

6. If the director determines that an air contaminant source does not meet the terms and conditions of the construction permit and that the operation of the source will result in emissions which exceed the limits established in the construction permit, he shall not validate the operating permit. If the source corrects the deficiency, the director shall then validate the operating permit. If the source is unable to correct the deficiency, then the director and the applicant may, by mutual agreement, add such terms and conditions to the operating permit which are deemed appropriate, so long as the emissions from the air contaminant source do not exceed the limits established in the construction permit, and the director shall validate the operating permit. The director may add terms and conditions to the operating permit which allow the source to exceed the emission limits established in the construction permit. In such a case, the director shall notify the affected public and the commission shall, upon request by any affected person, hold a public hearing upon the revised operating permit application.

- 7. Except as provided in subsection 8 of this section, an operating permit shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance or validation, whichever is later, unless otherwise revoked or terminated pursuant to sections 643.010 to 643.190.
- 8. An applicant for a construction permit for an air contaminant source with valid operating permit may request that the air contaminant source be issued a new five-year operating permit. The operating permit would be issued in the manner and under the conditions provided in sections 643.010 to 643.190 and would supersede any existing operating permit for the source.
- 9. The director shall take action within thirty days after a request for validation of the operating permit and shall render a decision within one hundred twenty days of receipt of a request for issuance of an operating permit for a class B source. The director shall render a decision within the time period established in section 502 of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661, for a class A source. Any affected person may appeal any permit decision, including failure to render a decision within the time period established in this section, to the administrative hearing commission as provided by subsection 16 of this section, section 621.250, and section 640.013.
 - 10. The director may suspend, revoke or modify an operating permit for cause.
- 11. The director shall not approve an operating permit if he receives an objection to approval of the permit from the United States Environmental Protection Agency within the time period specified under Title V of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661, et seq.
- 12. The director shall enforce all applicable federal rules, standards and requirements issued under the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661, et seq., and shall incorporate such applicable standards and any limitations established pursuant to Title III into operating permits as required under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661, et seq.

- 13. Applicable standards promulgated by the commission by rule shall be incorporated by the director into the operating permit of any air contaminant source which has, on the effective date of the rule, at least three years remaining before renewal of its operating permit. If less than three years remain before renewal of the source's operating permit, such applicable standards shall be incorporated into the permit unless the permit contains a shield from such new requirements consistent with Title V of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661, et seq.
- 14. The holder of a valid operating permit shall have operational flexibility to make changes to any air contaminant source, if the changes will not result in air contaminant emissions in excess of those established in the operating permit or result in the emissions of any air contaminant not previously emitted without obtaining a modification of the operating permit provided such changes are consistent with Section 502(b)(10) of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661.
- 15. An air contaminant source with a valid operating permit which submits a complete application for a permit renewal at least six months prior to the expiration of the permit shall be deemed to have a valid operating permit until the director acts upon its permit application. The director shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of his action on the application and if the operating permit is not issued state the reasons therefor.
- 16. The applicant may appeal to the administrative hearing commission if [an] a construction, modification, or operating permit is not issued, or renewed by the department, or may appeal any condition, suspension, modification or revocation of any permit by filing [notice of appeal] a petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the notice of the director's response to the request for issuance of the construction, modification, or operating permit as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on the issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, modification, revocation, or any condition of the permit. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for the issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, modification, revocation, or any condition of the permit. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the air contaminant

source is located or is to be located shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

- 17. Any person who obtains a valid operating permit from a city or county pursuant to the authority granted in section 643.140 shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section.
 - Ambient Air Quality Standards nonattainment area currently designated as of April 1, 2015, shall develop an ambient air quality monitoring or modeling network to characterize the sulfur dioxide air quality surrounding the electric generating source. The network shall adequately monitor the ambient air quality for sulfur dioxide surrounding the entire electric generating source and shall operate for not less than twelve consecutive quarters. The owner of such electric generating source shall notify the department of the manner in which it intends to characterize by either modeling or monitoring the air quality around such source. The location of any monitoring network installed by the owner of such electric generating source within a one-hour sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards nonattainment area shall be approved by the department.
 - 2. Affected sources located in undesignated areas that elect to use monitoring to evaluate ambient air quality shall be consulted by the department on the use of existing monitors as well as the location of any new monitors intended to comprise the sulfur dioxide monitoring network. The department shall not submit its recommendation to the Environmental Protection Agency on the manner in which data will be gathered for the designation process that is inconsistent with the elections made by affected sources under this section. Where affected sources have elected to monitor under this section, the department shall submit recommendations for the designation process by the date set by a final, effective, and applicable Environmental Protection Agency requirement relating to state attainment designations and not prior.
 - 3. The department shall consider all ambient air quality monitoring network data collected under subsection 1 of this section and under any agreement authorized under this subsection prior to proposing to the commission any sulfur dioxide limitation, emission reduction requirement, or other requirement for purposes of the one-hour sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard for any electric generating source that has elected to install a monitoring network under this section, except:
 - (1) The department may propose to the commission any sulfur dioxide limitations or emission reduction requirements specifically agreed to in any voluntary agreement entered into between the department and any owner of an electric generating source that has elected to install a monitoring network under this section; and

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- (2) The department may propose to the commission any adjustments to the sulfur dioxide limitations or emission reduction requirements applicable to any electric generating source located in a sulfur dioxide nonattainment area and subject to an agreement under subdivision (1) of this subsection, as justified by an ambient air quality analysis relying on no fewer than two quarters of monitored data collected through the monitoring network allowable under subsection 1 of this section and consistent with such agreement.
- 4. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department from entering into an agreement with an owner of an electric generating source to limit or reduce sulfur dioxide emissions at such affected source that is below the source's permitted sulfur dioxide emission rate.

644.011. Whereas the pollution of the waters of this state constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates a public nuisance, is harmful to wildlife, fish and aquatic life and impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational and other legitimate uses of water, and whereas the problem of water pollution in this state is closely related to the problem of water pollution in adjoining states, and whereas this state must possess the authority required of states in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended if it is to retain control of its water pollution control programs, it is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state to conserve the waters of the state and to protect, maintain, and improve the quality thereof for public water supplies and for domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational and other legitimate beneficial uses and for the propagation of wildlife, fish and aquatic life; to provide that no waste be 10 11 discharged into any waters of the state without first receiving the necessary treatment or other 12 corrective action to protect the legitimate beneficial uses of such waters and meet the 13 requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended; to provide for the prevention, abatement and control of new or existing water pollution; and to cooperate with other agencies of the state, agencies of other states, the federal government and any other persons in 15 carrying out these objectives. It is also the policy of this state to strive to meet these 16 17 objectives while maintaining maximum employment and full industrial development of the 18 state. The commission shall seek the accomplishment of these objectives through the 19 prevention, abatement, and control of water pollution by all practical and economically 20 feasible methods.

- 644.016. When used in sections 644.006 to 644.141 and in standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141, the following words and phrases mean:
- (1) "Aquaculture facility", a hatchery, fish farm, or other facility used for the production of aquatic animals that is required to have a permit pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.;

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7 (2) "Commission", the clean water commission of the state of Missouri created in section 8 644.021;

- 9 (3) "Conference, conciliation and persuasion", a process of verbal or written 10 communications consisting of meetings, reports, correspondence or telephone conferences 11 between authorized representatives of the department and the alleged violator. The process shall, 12 at a minimum, consist of one offer to meet with the alleged violator tendered by the department.
- During any such meeting, the department and the alleged violator shall negotiate in good faith to eliminate the alleged violation and shall attempt to agree upon a plan to achieve compliance;
 - (4) "Department", the department of natural resources;
 - (5) "Director", the director of the department of natural resources;
- 17 (6) "Discharge", the causing or permitting of one or more water contaminants to enter 18 the waters of the state;
 - (7) "Effluent control regulations", limitations on the discharge of water contaminants;
 - (8) "General permit", a permit written with a standard group of conditions and with applicability intended for a designated category of water contaminant sources that have the same or similar operations, discharges and geographical locations, and that require the same or similar monitoring, and that would be more appropriately controlled pursuant to a general permit rather than pursuant to a site-specific permit;
 - (9) "General permit template", a draft general permit that is being developed through a public participation process;
 - (10) "Human sewage", human excreta and wastewater, including bath and toilet waste, residential laundry waste, residential kitchen waste, and other similar waste from household or establishment appurtenances;
 - (11) "Income" includes retirement benefits, consultant fees, and stock dividends;
 - (12) "Minor violation", a violation which possesses a small potential to harm the environment or human health or cause pollution, was not knowingly committed, and is not defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as other than minor;
- 34 (13) "Permit by rule", a permit granted by rule, not by a paper certificate, and conditioned by the permit holder's compliance with commission rules;
 - (14) "Permit holders or applicants for a permit" shall not include officials or employees who work full time for any department or agency of the state of Missouri;
 - (15) "Person", any individual, partnership, copartnership, firm, company, public or private corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, or any agency, board, department, or bureau of the state or federal government, or any other legal entity whatever which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties;
 - (16) "Point source", any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock,

concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged. Point source does not include agricultural storm water discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture;

- (17) "Pollution", such contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical or biological properties of any waters of the state, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the state as will or is reasonably certain to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life;
- (18) "Pretreatment regulations", limitations on the introduction of pollutants or water contaminants into publicly owned treatment works or facilities which the commission determines are not susceptible to treatment by such works or facilities or which would interfere with their operation, except that wastes as determined compatible for treatment pursuant to any federal water pollution control act or guidelines shall be limited or treated pursuant to this chapter only as required by such act or guidelines;
- (19) "Residential housing development", any land which is divided or proposed to be divided into three or more lots, whether contiguous or not, for the purpose of sale or lease as part of a common promotional plan for residential housing;
- (20) "Sewer system", pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force mains, and all other structures, devices, appurtenances and facilities used for collecting or conducting wastes to an ultimate point for treatment or handling;
- (21) "Significant portion of his or her income" shall mean ten percent of gross personal income for a calendar year, except that it shall mean fifty percent of gross personal income for a calendar year if the recipient is over sixty years of age, and is receiving such portion pursuant to retirement, pension, or similar arrangement;
- (22) "Site-specific permit", a permit written for discharges emitted from a single water contaminant source and containing specific conditions, monitoring requirements and effluent limits to control such discharges;
- (23) "Treatment facilities", any method, process, or equipment which removes, reduces, or renders less obnoxious water contaminants released from any source;
- (24) "Water contaminant", any particulate matter or solid matter or liquid or any gas or vapor or any combination thereof, or any temperature change which is in or enters any waters of the state either directly or indirectly by surface runoff, by sewer, by subsurface seepage or otherwise, which causes or would cause pollution upon entering waters of the state, or which violates or exceeds any of the standards, regulations or limitations set forth in sections 644.006

to 644.141 or any federal water pollution control act, or is included in the definition of pollutant in such federal act;

- (25) "Water contaminant source", the point or points of discharge from a single tract of property on which is located any installation, operation or condition which includes any point source defined in sections 644.006 to 644.141 and nonpoint source pursuant to any federal water pollution control act, which causes or permits a water contaminant therefrom to enter waters of the state either directly or indirectly;
- (26) "Water quality standards", specified concentrations and durations of water contaminants which reflect the relationship of the intensity and composition of water contaminants to potential undesirable effects;
- (27) "Waters of the state", **all waters within the jurisdiction of this state, including** all rivers, streams, lakes and other bodies of surface and subsurface water lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the state which are not entirely confined and located completely upon lands owned, leased or otherwise controlled by a single person or by two or more persons jointly or as tenants in common [and includes waters of the United States lying within the state].

644.051. 1. It is unlawful for any person:

- (1) To cause pollution of any waters of the state or to place or cause or permit to be placed any water contaminant in a location where it is reasonably certain to cause pollution of any waters of the state;
- (2) To discharge any water contaminants into any waters of the state which reduce the quality of such waters below the water quality standards established by the commission;
- (3) To violate any pretreatment and toxic material control regulations, or to discharge any water contaminants into any waters of the state which exceed effluent regulations or permit provisions as established by the commission or required by any federal water pollution control act;
- (4) To discharge any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into the waters of the state.
- 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, use or maintain any water contaminant or point source in this state that is subject to standards, rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of sections 644.006 to 644.141 unless such person holds an operating permit from the commission, subject to such exceptions as the commission may prescribe by rule or regulation. However, no operating permit shall be required of any person for any emission into publicly owned treatment facilities or into publicly owned sewer systems tributary to publicly owned treatment works.
- 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, build, replace or make major modification to any point source or collection system that is principally designed to convey or

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discharge human sewage to waters of the state, unless such person obtains a construction permit 23 from the commission, except as provided in this section. The following activities shall be excluded from construction permit requirements: 24

- (1) Facilities greater than one million gallons per day that are authorized through a local supervised program, and are not receiving any department financial assistance;
- (2) All sewer extensions or collection projects that are one thousand feet in length or less with fewer than two lift stations;
- 29 (3) All sewer collection projects that are authorized through a local supervised program; 30 and
 - (4) Any other exclusions the commission may promulgate by rule.

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- 33 A construction permit may be required by the department in the following circumstances:
 - (a) Substantial deviation from the commission's design standards;
- 35 (b) To address noncompliance;
- 36 (c) When an unauthorized discharge has occurred or has the potential to occur; or
 - (d) To correct a violation of water quality standards.

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In addition, any point source that proposes to construct an earthen storage structure to hold, convey, contain, store or treat domestic, agricultural, or industrial process wastewater also shall be subject to the construction permit provisions of this subsection. All other construction-related activities at point sources shall be exempt from the construction permit requirements. All activities that are exempted from the construction permit requirement are subject to the following conditions:

- a. Any point source system designed to hold, convey, contain, store or treat domestic, agricultural or industrial process wastewater shall be designed by a professional engineer registered in Missouri in accordance with the commission's design rules;
- b. Such point source system shall be constructed in accordance with the registered professional engineer's design and plans; and
- c. Such point source system may receive a post-construction site inspection by the department prior to receiving operating permit approval. A site inspection may be performed by the department, upon receipt of a complete operating permit application or submission of an engineer's statement of work complete.

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55 A governmental unit may apply to the department for authorization to operate a local supervised program, and the department may authorize such a program. A local supervised program would 56 recognize the governmental unit's engineering capacity and ability to conduct engineering work, 57 supervise construction and maintain compliance with relevant operating permit requirements.

- 4. Before issuing any permit required by this section, the director shall issue such notices, conduct such hearings, and consider such factors, comments and recommendations as required by sections 644.006 to 644.141 or any federal water pollution control act. The director shall determine if any state or any provisions of any federal water pollution control act the state is required to enforce, any state or federal effluent limitations or regulations, water quality-related effluent limitations, national standards of performance, toxic and pretreatment standards, or water quality standards which apply to the source, or any such standards in the vicinity of the source, are being exceeded, and shall determine the impact on such water quality standards from the source. The director, in order to effectuate the purposes of sections 644.006 to 644.141, shall deny a permit if the source will violate any such acts, regulations, limitations or standards or will appreciably affect the water quality standards or the water quality standards are being substantially exceeded, unless the permit is issued with such conditions as to make the source comply with such requirements within an acceptable time schedule.
- 5. The director shall grant or deny the permit within sixty days after all requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning issuance of permits have been satisfied unless the application does not require any permit pursuant to any federal water pollution control act. The director or the commission may require the applicant to provide and maintain such facilities or to conduct such tests and monitor effluents as necessary to determine the nature, extent, quantity or degree of water contaminant discharged or released from the source, establish and maintain records and make reports regarding such determination.
- 6. The director shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of his or her action and if the permit is denied state the reasons [therefor] for such denial. As provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013, the applicant may appeal to the administrative hearing commission from the denial of a permit or from any condition in any permit by filing [notice of appeal] a petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the notice of denial or issuance of the permit. After a final action is taken on a new or reissued general permit, a potential applicant for the general permit who can demonstrate that he or she is or may be adversely affected by any permit term or condition may appeal the terms and conditions of the general permit within thirty days of the department's issuance of the general permit. In no event shall a permit constitute permission to violate the law or any standard, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit issuance, denial, or any condition of the permit. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit issuance, denial, or any condition of the permit. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates the decision

recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the point source is to be located, shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

- 7. In any hearing held pursuant to this section that involves a permit, license, or registration, the burden of proof is on the party specified in section 640.012. Any decision of the commission made pursuant to a hearing held pursuant to this section is subject to judicial review as provided in section 644.071.
- 8. In any event, no permit issued pursuant to this section shall be issued if properly objected to by the federal government or any agency authorized to object pursuant to any federal water pollution control act unless the application does not require any permit pursuant to any federal water pollution control act.
- 9. Permits may be modified, reissued, or terminated at the request of the permittee. All requests shall be in writing and shall contain facts or reasons supporting the request.
- 10. No manufacturing or processing plant or operating location shall be required to pay more than one operating fee. Operating permits shall be issued for a period not to exceed five years after date of issuance, except that general permits shall be issued for a five-year period, and also except that neither a construction nor an annual permit shall be required for a single residence's waste treatment facilities. Applications for renewal of a site-specific operating permit shall be filed at least one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration of the existing permit. Applications seeking to renew coverage under a general permit shall be submitted at least thirty days prior to the expiration of the general permit, unless the permittee has been notified by the director that an earlier application must be made. General permits may be applied for and issued electronically once made available by the director.
- 11. Every permit issued to municipal or any publicly owned treatment works or facility shall require the permittee to provide the clean water commission with adequate notice of any substantial new introductions of water contaminants or pollutants into such works or facility from any source for which such notice is required by sections 644.006 to 644.141 or any federal water pollution control act. Such permit shall also require the permittee to notify the clean water commission of any substantial change in volume or character of water contaminants or pollutants being introduced into its treatment works or facility by a source which was introducing water contaminants or pollutants into its works at the time of issuance of the permit. Notice must describe the quality and quantity of effluent being introduced or to be introduced into such works or facility by a source which was introducing water contaminants or pollutants into its works at

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the time of issuance of the permit. Notice must describe the quality and quantity of effluent being introduced or to be introduced into such works or facility and the anticipated impact of such introduction on the quality or quantity of effluent to be released from such works or facility into waters of the state.

- 12. The director or the commission may require the filing or posting of a bond as a condition for the issuance of permits for construction of temporary or future water treatment facilities or facilities that utilize innovative technology for wastewater treatment in an amount determined by the commission to be sufficient to ensure compliance with all provisions of sections 644.006 to 644.141, and any rules or regulations of the commission and any condition as to such construction in the permit. For the purposes of this section, "innovative technology for wastewater treatment" shall mean a completely new and generally unproven technology in the type or method of its application that bench testing or theory suggest has environmental, efficiency, and cost benefits beyond the standard technologies. No bond shall be required for designs approved by any federal agency or environmental regulatory agency of another state. The bond shall be signed by the applicant as principal, and by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Missouri and approved by the commission. The bond shall remain in effect until the terms and conditions of the permit are met and the provisions of sections 644.006 to 644.141 and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are complied with.
- 13. (1) The department shall issue or deny applications for construction and site-specific operating permits received after January 1, 2001, within one hundred eighty days of the department's receipt of an application. For general construction and operating permit applications received after January 1, 2001, that do not require a public participation process, the department shall issue or deny the permits within sixty days of the department's receipt of an application. For an application seeking coverage under a renewed general permit that does not require an individual public participation process, the director shall issue or deny the permit within sixty days of the director's receipt of the application, or upon issuance of the general permit, whichever is later. In regard to an application seeking coverage under an initial general permit that does not require an individual public participation process, the director shall issue or deny the permit within sixty days of the department's receipt of the application. For an application seeking coverage under a renewed general permit that requires an individual public participation process, the director shall issue or deny the permit within ninety days of the director's receipt of the application, or upon issuance of the general permit, whichever is later. In regard to an application for an initial general permit that requires an individual public participation process, the director shall issue or deny the permit within ninety days of the director's receipt of the application.
- (2) If the department fails to issue or deny with good cause a construction or operating permit application within the time frames established in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the

department shall refund the full amount of the initial application fee within forty-five days of failure to meet the established time frame. If the department fails to refund the application fee within forty-five days, the refund amount shall accrue interest at a rate established pursuant to section 32.065.

- (3) Permit fee disputes may be appealed to the commission within thirty days of the date established in subdivision (2) of this subsection. If the applicant prevails in a permit fee dispute appealed to the commission, the commission may order the director to refund the applicant's permit fee plus interest and reasonable attorney's fees as provided in sections 536.085 and 536.087. A refund of the initial application or annual fee does not waive the applicant's responsibility to pay any annual fees due each year following issuance of a permit.
- (4) No later than December 31, 2001, the commission shall promulgate regulations defining shorter review time periods than the time frames established in subdivision (1) of this subsection, when appropriate, for different classes of construction and operating permits. In no case shall commission regulations adopt permit review times that exceed the time frames established in subdivision (1) of this subsection. The department's failure to comply with the commission's permit review time periods shall result in a refund of said permit fees as set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection. On a semiannual basis, the department shall submit to the commission a report which describes the different classes of permits and reports on the number of days it took the department to issue each permit from the date of receipt of the application and show averages for each different class of permits.
- (5) During the department's technical review of the application, the department may request the applicant submit supplemental or additional information necessary for adequate permit review. The department's technical review letter shall contain a sufficient description of the type of additional information needed to comply with the application requirements.
- (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to mean that inaction on a permit application shall be grounds to violate any provisions of sections 644.006 to 644.141 or any rules promulgated pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141.
- 14. The department shall respond to all requests for individual certification under Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act within the lesser of sixty days or the allowed response period established pursuant to applicable federal regulations without request for an extension period unless such extension is determined by the commission to be necessary to evaluate significant impacts on water quality standards and the commission establishes a timetable for completion of such evaluation in a period of no more than one hundred eighty days.
- 15. All permit fees generated pursuant to this chapter shall not be used for the development or expansion of total maximum daily loads studies on either the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

205 16. The department shall implement permit shield provisions equivalent to the permit shield provisions implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 402(k), 33 U.S.C. Section 1342(k), and its implementing regulations, for permits issued pursuant to chapter 644.

- 17. Prior to the development of a new general permit or reissuance of a general permit for aquaculture, land disturbance requiring a storm water permit, or reissuance of a general permit under which fifty or more permits were issued under a general permit during the immediately preceding five-year period for a designated category of water contaminant sources, the director shall implement a public participation process complying with the following minimum requirements:
- (1) For a new general permit or reissuance of a general permit, a general permit template shall be developed for which comments shall be sought from permittees and other interested persons prior to issuance of the general permit;
- (2) The director shall publish notice of his intent to issue a new general permit or reissue a general permit by posting notice on the department's website at least one hundred eighty days before the proposed effective date of the general permit;
- (3) The director shall hold a public informational meeting to provide information on anticipated permit conditions and requirements and to receive informal comments from permittees and other interested persons. The director shall include notice of the public informational meeting with the notice of intent to issue a new general permit or reissue a general permit under subdivision (2) of this subsection. The notice of the public informational meeting, including the date, time and location, shall be posted on the department's website at least thirty days in advance of the public meeting. If the meeting is being held for reissuance of a general permit, notice shall also be made by electronic mail to all permittees holding the current general permit which is expiring. Notice to current permittees shall be made at least twenty days prior to the public meeting;
- (4) The director shall hold a thirty-day public comment period to receive comments on the general permit template with the thirty-day comment period expiring at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the general permit. Scanned copies of the comments received during the public comment period shall be posted on the department's website within five business days after close of the public comment period;
- (5) A revised draft of a general permit template and the director's response to comments submitted during the public comment period shall be posted on the department's website at least forty-five days prior to issuance of the general permit. At least forty-five days prior to issuance of the general permit the department shall notify all persons who submitted comments to the department that these documents have been posted to the department's website;

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- 241 (6) Upon issuance of a new or renewed general permit, the general permit shall be posted to the department's website. 242
- 243 18. Notices required to be made by the department pursuant to subsection 17 of this 244 section may be made by electronic mail. The department shall not be required to make notice 245 to any permittee or other person who has not provided a current electronic mail address to the 246 department. In the event the department chooses to make material modifications to the general 247 permit before its expiration, the department shall follow the public participation process 248 described in subsection 17 of this section.
- 249 19. The provisions of subsection 17 of this section shall become effective beginning 250 January 1, 2013.
 - 644.056. 1. The director shall cause investigations to be made upon the request of the commission or upon receipt of information concerning alleged violations of sections 644.006 to 644.141 or any standard, limitation, order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, or any term or condition of any permit and may cause to be made any other investigations he or she deems advisable. Violations shall include obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to fully disclose all relevant facts.
 - 2. If, in the opinion of the director, the investigation discloses that a violation does exist, the director may, by conference, conciliation or persuasion, endeavor to eliminate the violation.
 - 3. In case of the failure by conference, conciliation or persuasion to correct or remedy any claimed violation, or as required to immediately and effectively halt or eliminate any imminent or substantial endangerments to the health or welfare of persons resulting from the discharge of pollutants, the director [shall] may order abatement [or file an abatement complaint with the commission if no permit has been issued, or in addition may file a complaint to revoke 14 a permit if such permit has been issued or request legal action by the attorney general. When the director files a complaint, the commission shall order a hearing. The director shall cause to have issued and served upon the person complained against a written notice of the order or 16 complaint, together with a copy of the order or complaint, which shall specify the provision of sections 644.006 to 644.141 or the standard, rule, limitation, or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, or the condition of the permit of which the person is alleged to be in violation, and a statement of the manner in which and the extent to which the person is alleged to violate sections 644.006 to 644.141 or the standard, rule, limitation, or regulation, or condition of the permit. In any case involving a complaint, the commission shall require the person complained against to answer the charges of the formal complaint at a hearing before the commission at a time not less than thirty days after the date of notice. Service may be made upon any person within or without the state by registered mail, return receipt requested. Any person against whom the director issues an order may appeal the order to the commission within thirty days and the appeal shall stay the enforcement of the order until final determination by the commission. The

commission shall set appeals for a hearing at a time not less than thirty days after the date of the request. The commission may sustain, reverse, or modify the director's order or may make such other orders as the commission deems appropriate under the circumstances. If any order issued by the director is not appealed within the time provided in this section, the order becomes final and may be enforced as provided in section 644.076. When the commission schedules a matter for hearing, the petitioner on appeal or the respondent to a formal complaint may appear at the hearing in person or by counsel, and may make oral argument, offer testimony and evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. After due consideration of the record, or upon default in appearance of the respondent on the return day specified in the notice given as provided in this subsection, the commission shall issue and enter such final order, or make such final determination as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, and it shall immediately notify the petitioner or respondent thereof in writing by certified or registered mail.

- 4. Permits may be **revoked**, terminated, or modified if obtained in violation of sections 644.006 to 644.141 or by misrepresentation or failing to fully disclose all relevant facts, or when required to prevent violations of any provision of sections 644.006 to 644.141, or to protect the waters of this state, when such action is required by a change in conditions or the existence of a condition which requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge, subject to the right of appeal contained in [this section] **sections 621.250** and 640.013.
- 5. [When the commission schedules a matter for hearing, the petitioner on appeal or the respondent to a formal complaint may appear at the hearing in person or by counsel, and may make oral argument, offer testimony and evidence, and cross-examine witnesses.
- 6. After due consideration of the record, or upon default in appearance of the respondent on the return day specified in the notice given as provided in subsection 3, the commission shall issue and enter such final order, or make such final determination as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, and it shall immediately notify the petitioner or respondent thereof in writing by certified or registered mail.] Whenever a permit under this chapter is revoked, terminated, or modified by the department of natural resources, the applicant, by petition filed with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the decision, may appeal such decision as provided by sections 621.250 and 640.013. Once the administrative hearing commission has reviewed the appeal, the administrative hearing commission shall issue a recommended decision to the commission on permit revocation, termination, or modification. The commission shall issue its own decision, based on the appeal, for permit revocation, termination, or modification. If the commission changes a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative hearing commission, or modifies or vacates

the decision recommended by the administrative hearing commission, it shall issue its own decision, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission shall mail copies of its final decision to the parties to the appeal or their counsel of record. The commission's decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536, except that the court of appeals district with territorial jurisdiction coextensive with the county where the point source is located or is to be located shall have original jurisdiction. No judicial review shall be available until and unless all administrative remedies are exhausted.

- 644.145. 1. When issuing permits under this chapter that incorporate a new requirement for discharges from publicly owned combined or separate sanitary or storm sewer systems or water or sewer treatment works, or when enforcing provisions of this chapter or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251, et seq., pertaining to any portion of a publicly owned combined or separate sanitary or storm sewer system or water or sewer treatment works, the department of natural resources shall make a finding of affordability on the costs to be incurred and the impact of any rate changes on ratepayers upon which to base such permits and decisions, to the extent allowable under this chapter and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
 - 2. (1) The department of natural resources shall not be required under this section to make a finding of affordability when:
 - (a) Issuing collection system extension permits;

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- (b) Issuing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System operating permit renewals which include no new environmental requirements; or
- (c) The permit applicant certifies that the applicable requirements are affordable to implement or otherwise waives the requirement for an affordability finding; however, at no time shall the department require that any applicant certify, as a condition to approving any permit, administrative or civil action, that a requirement, condition, or penalty is affordable.
- (2) The exceptions provided under paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of this subsection do not apply when the community being served has less than three thousand three hundred residents.
- 3. When used in this chapter and in standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter, the following words and phrases mean:
- (1) "Affordability", with respect to payment of a utility bill, a measure of whether an individual customer or household with an income equal to [the] or lower [of] than the median household income for their community [or the state of Missouri] can pay the bill without undue hardship or unreasonable sacrifice in the essential lifestyle or spending patterns of the individual or household, taking into consideration the criteria described in subsection 4 of this section;

- 28 (2) "Financial capability", the financial capability of a community to make investments necessary to make water quality-related improvements;
 - (3) "Finding of affordability", a department statement as to whether an individual or a household receiving as income an amount equal to [the] or lower [of] than the median household income for the applicant community [or the state of Missouri] would be required to make unreasonable sacrifices in [their] the individual's or the household's essential lifestyle or spending patterns or undergo hardships in order to make the projected monthly payments for sewer services. The department shall make a statement that the proposed changes meet the definition of affordable, or fail to meet the definition of affordable, or are implemented as a federal mandate regardless of affordability.
 - 4. The department of natural resources shall adopt procedures by which it will make affordability findings that evaluate the affordability of permit requirements and enforcement actions described in subsection 1 of this section, and may begin implementing such procedures prior to promulgating implementing regulations. The commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules to implement this section pursuant to chapters 536 and 644, and shall promulgate such rules as soon as practicable. Affordability findings shall be based upon reasonably verifiable data and shall include an assessment of affordability with respect to persons or entities affected. The department shall offer the permittee an opportunity to review a draft affordability finding, and the permittee may suggest changes and provide additional supporting information, subject to subsection 6 of this section. The finding shall be based upon the following criteria:
 - (1) A community's financial capability and ability to raise or secure necessary funding;
 - (2) Affordability of pollution control options for the individuals or households at or below the median household income level of the community;
 - (3) An evaluation of the overall costs and environmental benefits of the control technologies;
 - (4) Inclusion of ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the existing wastewater collection and treatment system, including payments on outstanding debts for wastewater collection and treatment systems when calculating projected rates;
 - (5) An inclusion of ways to reduce economic impacts on distressed populations in the community, including but not limited to low- and fixed-income populations. This requirement includes but is not limited to:
 - (a) Allowing adequate time in implementation schedules to mitigate potential adverse impacts on distressed populations resulting from the costs of the improvements and taking into consideration local community economic considerations; and

- (b) Allowing for reasonable accommodations for regulated entities when inflexible standards and fines would impose a disproportionate financial hardship in light of the environmental benefits to be gained;
 - (6) An assessment of other community investments and operating costs relating to environmental improvements and public health protection;
 - (7) An assessment of factors set forth in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's guidance, including but not limited to the "Combined Sewer Overflow Guidance for Financial Capability Assessment and Schedule Development" that may ease the cost burdens of implementing wet weather control plans, including but not limited to small system considerations, the attainability of water quality standards, and the development of wet weather standards; and
 - (8) An assessment of any other relevant local community economic condition.
 - 5. Prescriptive formulas and measures used in determining financial capability, affordability, and thresholds for expenditure, such as median household income, should not be considered to be the only indicator of a community's ability to implement control technology and shall be viewed in the context of other economic conditions rather than as a threshold to be achieved.
 - 6. Reasonable time spent preparing draft affordability findings, allowing permittees to review draft affordability findings or draft permits, or revising draft affordability findings, shall be allowed in addition to the department's deadlines for making permitting decisions pursuant to section 644.051.
 - 7. If the department of natural resources fails to make a finding of affordability where required by this section, then the resulting permit or decision shall be null, void and unenforceable.
 - 8. The department of natural resources' findings under this section may be appealed to the commission pursuant to subsection 6 of section 644.051.
 - 9. The department shall file an annual report by the beginning of the fiscal year with the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the chairs of the committees in both houses having primary jurisdiction over natural resource issues showing at least the following information on the findings of affordability completed in the previous calendar year:
 - (1) The total number of findings of affordability issued by the department, those categorized as affordable, those categorized as not meeting the definition of affordable, and those implemented as a federal mandate regardless of affordability;
 - (2) The average increase in sewer rates both in dollars and percentage for all findings found to be affordable;

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99	(3) The average increase in sewer rates as a percentage of median house income in the
100	communities for those findings determined to be affordable and a separate calculation of average
101	increases in sewer rates for those found not to meet the definition of affordable;

- (4) A list of all the permit holders receiving findings, and for each permittee the following data taken from the finding of affordability shall be listed:
 - (a) Current and projected monthly residential sewer rates in dollars;
- 105 (b) Projected monthly residential sewer rates as a percentage of median [house] 106 **household** income;
 - (c) Percentage of households at or below the state poverty rate.

