1	HOUSE BILL NO. 144		
2	INTRODUCED BY A. REDFIELD		
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INCOME AND CORPORATE		
5	INCOME TAX CREDITS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-32-104, 15-32-105, 15-32-106, 15-32-107, 15-32-502		
6	15-32-601, 75-2-103, 75-5-103, 76-17-102, 76-17-104, AND 87-1-294, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS		
7	7-21-3710, 15-30-2318, 15-30-2319, 15-30-2320, 15-30-2326, 15-30-2342, 15-30-2356, 15-30-2358, 15-30-2365		
8	15-30-2367, 15-30-2380, 15-30-2381, 15-31-124, 15-31-125, 15-31-126, 15-31-127, 15-31-132, 15-31-133		
9	15-31-134, 15-31-135, 15-31-136, 15-31-137, 15-31-150, 15-31-151, 15-31-171, 15-32-109, 15-32-115		
10	15-32-201, 15-32-202, 15-32-203, 15-32-401, 15-32-402, 15-32-404, 15-32-405, 15-32-406, 15-32-407		
11	15-32-503, 15-32-504, 15-32-505, 15-32-506, 15-32-507, 15-32-508, 15-32-509, <u>15-32-602</u> , <u>15-32-603</u>		
12	<u>15-32-604,</u> 15-32-701, 15-32-702, 15-32-703, <u>AND</u> 33-2-724, 50-51-114, AND 50-51-115, MCA; AND		
13	PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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17	Section 1. Section 15-32-104, MCA, is amended to read:		
18	"15-32-104. Limitations on deduction and credit. Tax treatment under 15-32-103 and 15-32-109 is		
19	limited to persons and firms not primarily engaged in the provision of gas or electricity derived from fossil fue		
20	extraction or conventional hydroelectric development."		
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22	Section 2. Section 15-32-105, MCA, is amended to read:		
23	"15-32-105. Application to new construction rules. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that no		
24	deduction or credit under this part be allowed for capital investment for an energy conservation practice in the		
25	new construction of a building if that capital investment would have been made under established standards of		
26	new construction. The department of revenue shall adopt rules to implement this legislative intent. Such The rules		
27	shall must be based on the best currently available methods of analysis, including those of the national bureau		
28	of standards, the department of housing and urban development, and other federal agencies and professional		
29	societies and materials developed by the department. Provisions shall must be made for an annual updating of		
30	rules and standards as required.		

(2) The department may adopt rules to define standard components of conventional buildings and to establish other necessary elements of the definition of passive solar system consistent with the intent of 15-32-102."

Section 3. Section 15-32-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-32-106. Procedure for obtaining benefit of deduction or credit. The department of revenue shall provide forms on which a taxpayer may apply for a tax credit under 15-32-109. The department of revenue shall approve a deduction or credit under 15-32-103 or 15-32-109 that demonstrably promotes energy conservation or uses a recognized nonfossil form of energy generation. The department of revenue may refer a deduction or credit involving energy generation to the department of environmental quality for its advice, and the department of environmental quality shall respond within 60 days. The department of revenue may refer a deduction or credit involving energy conservation to the department of labor and industry for its advice, and the department of labor and industry shall respond within 60 days. The department of revenue may deny a deduction or credit that it finds to be impractical or ineffective."

Section 4. Section 15-32-107, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-32-107. Loans by utilities and financial institutions -- tax credit for interest differential for loans made prior to July 1, 1995. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), a public utility or a financial institution that lent money or made qualifying installations under this section as it read prior to July 1, 1995, may compute the difference between interest it actually receives on the transactions and the interest that would have been received at the prevailing average interest rate for home improvement loans, as prescribed in rules made by the public service commission. The utility may apply the difference so computed as a credit against its tax liability for the electrical energy producer's license tax under 15-51-101 or for the corporate income tax under chapter 31, part 1. The public service commission shall regulate rates in such a manner that a utility making loans under this section may not make a profit as the result of this section. The financial institution may apply the difference so computed as a credit against its tax liability for the corporate income tax under chapter 31, part 1.

- (2) A utility may not claim a tax credit under this section exceeding \$750,000 in any tax year. A financial institution may not claim a tax credit under this section exceeding \$2,000 in any tax year.
- (3) The public service commission may make rules to implement this section as it applies to public utilities only.



(4) A public utility whose purchases of or investments in conservation are placed in the rate base as provided in Title 69, chapter 3, part 7, may not receive a tax credit under subsection (1)."

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- **Section 5.** Section 15-32-502, MCA, is amended to read:
- 5 **"15-32-502. Definitions.** For purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) (a) "Certified expenditures" means those costs incurred for activities in direct support of exploration activity conducted at a specific exploration site for the purpose of determining the existence, location, extent, or quality of a mineral or coal deposit. The term includes:
 - (i) the costs of obtaining the approvals, permits, licenses, and certificates for an the following exploration activity referred to in 15-32-503 activities performed on land in the state for the purpose of determining the existence, location, extent, or quality of a mineral or coal deposit, regardless of ownership:
 - (A) surveying by geophysical methods or geochemical methods;
- 13 (B) drilling exploration holes;
- 14 (C) conducting underground exploration;
- 15 (D) surface trenching and bulk sampling; or
- (E) performing other exploratory work, including aerial photographs, geological and geophysical logging,
 sample analysis, and metallurgical testing;
 - (ii) direct labor costs and the cost of benefits for employees directly associated with work described in 15-32-503 exploration activities;
 - (iii) the cost of renting or leasing equipment from parties not affiliated with the person requesting and taking the <u>credit deduction</u>;
 - (iv) the reasonable costs of owning, maintaining, and operating equipment;
- 23 (v) insurance and bond premiums associated with the activities set out in subsections (1)(a)(i) through (1)(a)(vii);
 - (vi) payments to consultants and independent contractors; or
 - (vii) the general expense of operating the person's business, including the costs of materials and supplies, if those expenses and costs are directly attributable to the work described in 15-32-503 exploration activities.
 - (b) The term does not include return on investment, insurance or bond premiums not covered under subsection (1)(a)(v), or any other expense that the person has not incurred to complete work described in



15-32-503 exploration activities. 1 2 (2) "Credit" means the exploration incentive credit for activities involving mineral and coal deposits 3 authorized by this part. (3) "Exploration activity data list" means, as applicable, a summary of work completed during the year 4 5 that includes but is not limited to: 6 (a) the number of core or rotary drilling holes completed; 7 (b) chemical analytical data available; or 8 (c) aerial photographs or a topographic or geologic map showing the location of the drill holes, sample 9 locations, or the other exploration activities undertaken. 10 (4)(2) "Geochemical methods" means geochemical data gathering methods, including the collection of 11 soil, rock, water, air, vegetation, and similar samples and their chemical analyses. 12 (5)(3) "Geophysical methods" means all geophysical data gathering methods used in mineral or coal 13 exploration, including seismic, gravity, magnetic, radiometric, radar, and electromagnetic and other remote 14 sensing measurements. 15 (6)(4) "Mineral" means those substances defined as minerals by 82-4-303 and coal as defined by 16 82-1-111. 17 (7) (a) "Mining operation" includes all operating and nonoperating activities related to a mineral deposit 18 interest and may be composed of one or more mining properties. 19 (b) In determining whether mining properties are part of the same mining operation, the department may 20 consider whether the operation, in conducting mining activities on several mining properties, uses common 21 personnel, supply and maintenance facilities, mining-related treatment processes, storage facilities, roads, 22 pipelines, transportation equipment, and mining techniques and technology and may also consider the extent to 23 which the mineral deposit interest comprises a common mining property. 24 (8)(5) "Person" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, small business corporation as 25 defined in 15-30-3301, or limited liability company as defined in 35-8-102. 26 (9) "Tax year" means the calendar year." 27

28 **SECTION 6.** SECTION 15-32-601, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"15-32-601. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this part, unless otherwise required by the context, the following definitions apply:



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1 (1) "Collect" means the collection and delivery of reclaimable materials to a recycling or reclaimable 2 materials processing facility. 3 (2)(1) "Postconsumer material" means a product or packaging material that has served its final intended 4 use, that has been discarded by an individual, commercial enterprise, or other entity after having fulfilled its 5 intended application or use, and that is usually thrown away and hauled to landfills. This term does not include 6 wastes generated during production of an end product. 7 (3) "Process" includes but is not limited to the treatment of hazardous wastes as defined in 75-10-403. 8 (4) (a) "Reclaimable material" means material that has useful physical or chemical properties after 9 serving a specific purpose and that would normally be disposed of as solid waste, as defined in 75-10-203, by 10 a consumer, processor, or manufacturer. 11 (b) Except for claiming a tax credit as provided in 15-32-603(1)(d), material may not be considered 12 reclaimed by the consumer, processor, or manufacturer that generated the material. 13 (5)(2) "Recycled material" means a substance that is produced from reclaimed material as provided in 14 15-32-609." 15 16 **Section 7.** Section 75-2-103, MCA, is amended to read: 17 "75-2-103. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter, the following definitions 18 apply: 19 (1) "Air contaminant" means dust, fumes, mist, smoke, other particulate matter, vapor, gas, odorous 20 substances, or any combination of those air contaminants. 21 (2) "Air pollutants" means one or more air contaminants that are present in the outdoor atmosphere, 22 including those pollutants regulated pursuant to section 7412 and Subchapter V of the federal Clean Air Act, 42 23 U.S.C. 7401, et seq. 24 (3) "Air pollution" means the presence of air pollutants in a quantity and for a duration that are or tend 25 to be injurious to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property or that would unreasonably interfere 26 with the enjoyment of life, property, or the conduct of business. 27 (4) "Associated supporting infrastructure" means: 28 (a) electric transmission and distribution facilities; 29 (b) pipeline facilities; 30 (c) aboveground ponds and reservoirs and underground storage reservoirs;

- 1 (d) rail transportation;
- 2 (e) aqueducts and diversion dams;

3 (f) devices or equipment associated with the delivery of an energy form or product produced at an energy

- 4 development project; or
- 5 (g) other supporting infrastructure, as defined by board rule, that is necessary for an energy development
- 6 project.

- 7 (5) "Board" means the board of environmental review provided for in 2-15-3502.
- 8 (6) (a) "Commercial hazardous waste incinerator" means:
- 9 (i) an incinerator that burns hazardous waste; or
- 10 (ii) a boiler or industrial furnace subject to the provisions of 75-10-406.
- (b) Commercial hazardous waste incinerator does not include a research and development facility that
 receives federal or state research funds and that burns hazardous waste primarily to test and evaluate waste
 treatment remediation technologies.
 - (7) "Department" means the department of environmental quality provided for in 2-15-3501.
- 15 (8) "Emission" means a release into the outdoor atmosphere of air contaminants.
- (9) (a) "Energy development project" means each plant, unit, or other development and associated
 developments, including any associated supporting infrastructure, designed for or capable of:
- 18 (i) generating electricity;
- 19 (ii) producing gas derived from coal;
- 20 (iii) producing liquid hydrocarbon products;
- 21 (iv) refining crude oil or natural gas;
- (v) producing alcohol to be blended for ethanol-blended gasoline and that are eligible for a tax incentive pursuant to Title 15, chapter 70, part 5; or
- 25 pursuant to fille 15, chapter 70, part 5, or
- 24 (vi) producing biodiesel and that are eligible for a tax incentive for the production of biodiesel pursuant
- 25 to 15-32-701; or
- (vii)(vi) transmitting electricity through an electric transmission line with a design capacity of equal to or
 qreater than 50 kilovolts.
- 28 (b) The term does not include a nuclear facility as defined in 75-20-1202.
- 29 (10) "Environmental protection law" means a law contained in or an administrative rule adopted pursuant 30 to Title 75, chapter 2, 5, 10, or 11.



- 1 (11) "Hazardous waste" means:
- 2 (a) a substance defined as hazardous under 75-10-403 or defined as hazardous in department 3 administrative rules adopted pursuant to Title 75, chapter 10, part 4; or
 - (b) a waste containing 2 parts or more per million of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB).
- 5 (12) (a) "Incinerator" means any single- or multiple-chambered combustion device that burns combustible 6 material, alone or with a supplemental fuel or with catalytic combustion assistance, primarily for the purpose of 7 removal, destruction, disposal, or volume reduction of any portion of the input material.
 - (b) Incinerator does not include:
 - (i) safety flares used to combust or dispose of hazardous or toxic gases at industrial facilities, such as refineries, gas sweetening plants, oil and gas wells, sulfur recovery plants, or elemental phosphorus plants;
- 11 (ii) space heaters that burn used oil;
- 12 (iii) wood-fired boilers; or
- 13 (iv) wood waste burners, such as tepee, wigwam, truncated cone, or silo burners.
 - (13) "Medical waste" means any waste that is generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in medical research on humans or animals, or in the production or testing of biologicals.
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- 17 (a) cultures and stocks of infectious agents;
- 18 (b) human pathological wastes;
- 19 (c) waste human blood or products of human blood;
- 20 (d) sharps:
 - (e) contaminated animal carcasses, body parts, and bedding that were known to have been exposed to infectious agents during research;
 - (f) laboratory wastes and wastes from autopsy or surgery that were in contact with infectious agents; and
- (g) biological waste and discarded material contaminated with blood, excretion, exudates, or secretions
 from humans or animals.
 - (14) (a) "Oil or gas well facility" means a well that produces oil or natural gas. The term includes:
 - (i) equipment associated with the well and used for the purpose of producing, treating, separating, or storing oil, natural gas, or other liquids produced by the well; and
 - (ii) a group of wells under common ownership or control that produce oil or natural gas and that share common equipment used for the purpose of producing, treating, separating, or storing oil, natural gas, or other



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- 2 (b) The equipment referred to in subsection (15)(a) includes but is not limited to wellhead assemblies, 3 amine units, prime mover engines, phase separators, heater treater units, dehydrator units, tanks, and connecting 4 tubing.
 - (c) The term does not include equipment such as compressor engines used for transmission of oil or natural gas.
 - (15) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a firm, an association, a municipality, a public or private corporation, the state or a subdivision or agency of the state, a trust, an estate, an interstate body, the federal government or an agency of the federal government, or any other legal entity and includes persons resident in Canada.
 - (16) "Principal" means a principal of a corporation, including but not limited to a partner, associate, officer, parent corporation, or subsidiary corporation.
 - (17) "Small business stationary source" means a stationary source that:
 - (a) is owned or operated by a person who employs 100 or fewer individuals;
- 15 (b) is a small business concern as defined in the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.;
- 16 (c) is not a major stationary source as defined in Subchapter V of the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 17
 - 7661, et seq.;
- 18 (d) emits less than 50 tons per year of an air pollutant;
- (e) emits less than a total of 75 tons per year of all air pollutants combined; and 19
- 20 (f) is not excluded from this definition under 75-2-108(3).
 - (18) (a) "Solid waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid, semisolid, liquid, or gaseous wastes, including but not limited to garbage; rubbish; refuse; ashes; swill; food wastes; commercial or industrial wastes; medical waste; sludge from sewage treatment plants, water supply treatment plants, or air pollution control facilities; construction, demolition, or salvage wastes; dead animals, dead animal parts, offal, animal droppings, or litter; discarded home and industrial appliances; automobile bodies, tires, interiors, or parts thereof; wood products or wood byproducts and inert materials; styrofoam and other plastics; rubber materials; asphalt shingles; tarpaper; electrical equipment, transformers, or insulated wire; oil or petroleum products or oil or petroleum products and inert materials; treated lumber and timbers; and pathogenic or infectious waste.
 - (b) Solid waste does not include municipal sewage, industrial wastewater effluents, mining wastes regulated under the mining and reclamation laws administered by the department of environmental quality, or



1 slash and forest debris regulated under laws administered by the department of natural resources and 2 conservation."

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- Section 8. Section 75-5-103, MCA, is amended to read:
- "75-5-103. (Temporary) Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter, the following
 definitions apply:
 - (1) "Associated supporting infrastructure" means:
- 8 (a) electric transmission and distribution facilities;
- 9 (b) pipeline facilities;
- 10 (c) aboveground ponds and reservoirs and underground storage reservoirs;
- 11 (d) rail transportation;
- 12 (e) aqueducts and diversion dams;
- (f) devices or equipment associated with the delivery of an energy form or product produced at an energy
 development project; or
 - (g) other supporting infrastructure, as defined by board rule, that is necessary for an energy development project.
 - (2) (a) "Base numeric nutrient standards" means numeric water quality criteria for nutrients in surface water that are adopted to protect the designated uses of a surface water body.
 - (b) The term does not include numeric water quality standards for nitrate, nitrate plus nitrite, or nitrite that are adopted to protect human health.
 - (3) "Board" means the board of environmental review provided for in 2-15-3502.
 - (4) "Contamination" means impairment of the quality of state waters by sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, creating a hazard to human health.
 - (5) "Council" means the water pollution control advisory council provided for in 2-15-2107.
 - (6) (a) "Currently available data" means data that is readily available to the department at the time a decision is made, including information supporting its previous lists of water bodies that are threatened or impaired.
 - (b) The term does not mean new data to be obtained as a result of department efforts.
- 29 (7) "Degradation" means a change in water quality that lowers the quality of high-quality waters for a 30 parameter. The term does not include those changes in water quality determined to be nonsignificant pursuant



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- 2 (8) "Department" means the department of environmental quality provided for in 2-15-3501.
- (9) "Disposal system" means a system for disposing of sewage, industrial, or other wastes and includes
 sewage systems and treatment works.
- 5 (10) "Effluent standard" means a restriction or prohibition on quantities, rates, and concentrations of 6 chemical, physical, biological, and other constituents that are discharged into state waters.
 - (11) (a) "Energy development project" means each plant, unit, or other development and associated developments, including any associated supporting infrastructure, designed for or capable of:
- 9 (i) generating electricity;
- 10 (ii) producing gas derived from coal;
- 11 (iii) producing liquid hydrocarbon products;
- 12 (iv) refining crude oil or natural gas;
 - (v) producing alcohol to be blended for ethanol-blended gasoline and that are eligible for a tax incentive pursuant to Title 15, chapter 70, part 5; or
- 15 (vi) producing biodiesel and that are eligible for a tax incentive for the production of biodiesel pursuant 16 to 15-32-701; or
- 17 <u>(vii)(vi)</u> transmitting electricity through an electric transmission line with a design capacity of equal to or 18 greater than 50 kilovolts.
- 19 (b) The term does not include a nuclear facility as defined in 75-20-1202.
- 20 (12) "Existing uses" means those uses actually attained in state waters on or after July 1, 1971, whether 21 or not those uses are included in the water quality standards.
- 22 (13) "High-quality waters" means all state waters, except:
- 23 (a) ground water classified as of January 1, 1995, within the "III" or "IV" classifications established by 24 the board's classification rules; and
- 25 (b) surface waters that:
- 26 (i) are not capable of supporting any one of the designated uses for their classification; or
- 27 (ii) have zero flow or surface expression for more than 270 days during most years.
- 28 (14) "Impaired water body" means a water body or stream segment for which sufficient credible data 29 shows that the water body or stream segment is failing to achieve compliance with applicable water quality 30 standards.



(15) "Industrial waste" means a waste substance from the process of business or industry or from the development of any natural resource, together with any sewage that may be present.

- (16) "Interested person" means a person who has a real property interest, a water right, or an economic interest that is or may be directly and adversely affected by the department's preliminary decision regarding degradation of state waters, pursuant to 75-5-303. The term includes a person who has requested authorization to degrade high-quality waters.
- (17) "Load allocation" means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future nonpoint sources or to natural background sources.
- (18) "Loading capacity" means the mass of a pollutant that a water body can assimilate without a violation of water quality standards. For pollutants that cannot be measured in terms of mass, it means the maximum change that can occur from the best practicable condition in a surface water without causing a violation of the surface water quality standards.
- (19) "Local department of health" means the staff, including health officers, employed by a county, city, city-county, or district board of health.
- (20) "Metal parameters" includes but is not limited to aluminum, antimony, arsenic, beryllium, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, fluoride, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, and zinc.
- (21) "Mixing zone" means an area established in a permit or final decision on nondegradation issued by the department where water quality standards may be exceeded, subject to conditions that are imposed by the department and that are consistent with the rules adopted by the board.
- (22) "Nutrient standards variance" means numeric water quality criteria for nutrients based on a determination that base numeric nutrient standards cannot be achieved because of economic impacts or because of the limits of technology. The term includes individual, general, and alternative nutrient standards variances in accordance with 75-5-313.
- (23) "Nutrient work group" means an advisory work group, convened by the department, representing publicly owned and privately owned point sources of pollution, nonpoint sources of pollution, and other interested parties that will advise the department on the base numeric nutrient standards, the development of nutrient standards variances, and the implementation of those standards and variances together with associated economic impacts.
- (24) "Other wastes" means garbage, municipal refuse, decayed wood, sawdust, shavings, bark, lime, sand, ashes, offal, night soil, oil, grease, tar, heat, chemicals, dead animals, sediment, wrecked or discarded



1 equipment, radioactive materials, solid waste, and all other substances that may pollute state waters.

(25) "Outstanding resource waters" means:

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- 3 (a) state surface waters located wholly within the boundaries of areas designated as national parks or 4 national wilderness areas as of October 1, 1995; or
- (b) other surface waters or ground waters classified by the board under the provisions of 75-5-316 and 5 approved by the legislature.
 - (26) "Owner or operator" means a person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises a point source.
- 9 (27) "Parameter" means a physical, biological, or chemical property of state water when a value of that 10 property affects the quality of the state water.
 - (28) "Person" means the state, a political subdivision of the state, institution, firm, corporation, partnership, individual, or other entity and includes persons resident in Canada.
 - (29) "Point source" means a discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
 - (30) (a) "Pollution" means:
 - (i) contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of state waters that exceeds that permitted by Montana water quality standards, including but not limited to standards relating to change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor; or
 - (ii) the discharge, seepage, drainage, infiltration, or flow of liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into state water that will or is likely to create a nuisance or render the waters harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public health, recreation, safety, or welfare, to livestock, or to wild animals, birds, fish, or other wildlife.
 - (b) The term does not include:
 - (i) a discharge, seepage, drainage, infiltration, or flow that is authorized under the pollution discharge permit rules adopted by the board under this chapter;
 - (ii) activities conducted under this chapter that comply with the conditions imposed by the department in short-term authorizations pursuant to 75-5-308;
- 28 (iii) contamination of ground water within the boundaries of an underground mine using in situ coal 29 gasification and operating in accordance with a permit issued under 82-4-221.
 - (c) Contamination referred to in subsection (30)(b)(iii) does not require a mixing zone.



(31) "Sewage" means water-carried waste products from residences, public buildings, institutions, or other buildings, including discharge from human beings or animals, together with ground water infiltration and surface water present.

- (32) "Sewage system" means a device for collecting or conducting sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes to an ultimate disposal point.
- (33) "Standard of performance" means a standard adopted by the board for the control of the discharge of pollutants that reflects the greatest degree of effluent reduction achievable through application of the best available demonstrated control technology, processes, operating methods, or other alternatives, including, when practicable, a standard permitting no discharge of pollutants.
- (34) (a) "State waters" means a body of water, irrigation system, or drainage system, either surface or underground.
 - (b) The term does not apply to:

- (i) ponds or lagoons used solely for treating, transporting, or impounding pollutants; or
- (ii) irrigation waters or land application disposal waters when the waters are used up within the irrigation or land application disposal system and the waters are not returned to state waters.
- (35) "Sufficient credible data" means chemical, physical, or biological monitoring data, alone or in combination with narrative information, that supports a finding as to whether a water body is achieving compliance with applicable water quality standards.
- (36) "Threatened water body" means a water body or stream segment for which sufficient credible data and calculated increases in loads show that the water body or stream segment is fully supporting its designated uses but threatened for a particular designated use because of:
- (a) proposed sources that are not subject to pollution prevention or control actions required by a discharge permit, the nondegradation provisions, or reasonable land, soil, and water conservation practices; or
 - (b) documented adverse pollution trends.
- (37) "Total maximum daily load" or "TMDL" means the sum of the individual waste load allocations for point sources and load allocations for both nonpoint sources and natural background sources established at a level necessary to achieve compliance with applicable surface water quality standards.
- (38) "Treatment works" means works, including sewage lagoons, installed for treating or holding sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes.
- (39) "Waste load allocation" means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated



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- 2 (40) "Water quality protection practices" means those activities, prohibitions, maintenance procedures, or other management practices applied to point and nonpoint sources designed to protect, maintain, and improve the quality of state waters. Water quality protection practices include but are not limited to treatment requirements, standards of performance, effluent standards, and operating procedures and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from material storage.
 - (41) "Water well" means an excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed and intended for the location, diversion, artificial recharge, or acquisition of ground water.
 - (42) "Watershed advisory group" means a group of individuals who wish to participate in an advisory capacity in revising and reprioritizing the list of water bodies developed under 75-5-702 and in the development of TMDLs under 75-5-703, including those groups or individuals requested by the department to participate in an advisory capacity as provided in 75-5-704.
 - 75-5-103. (Effective on occurrence of contingency) Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) "Associated supporting infrastructure" means:
 - (a) electric transmission and distribution facilities;
- 17 (b) pipeline facilities;
- 18 (c) aboveground ponds and reservoirs and underground storage reservoirs;
- 19 (d) rail transportation;
- 20 (e) aqueducts and diversion dams:
 - (f) devices or equipment associated with the delivery of an energy form or product produced at an energy development project; or
- 23 (g) other supporting infrastructure, as defined by board rule, that is necessary for an energy development 24 project.
 - (2) (a) "Base numeric nutrient standards" means numeric water quality criteria for nutrients in surface water that are adopted to protect the designated uses of a surface water body.
- 27 (b) The term does not include numeric water quality standards for nitrate, nitrate plus nitrite, or nitrite that 28 are adopted to protect human health.
 - (3) "Board" means the board of environmental review provided for in 2-15-3502.
 - (4) "Contamination" means impairment of the quality of state waters by sewage, industrial wastes, or



- 1 other wastes, creating a hazard to human health.
- 2 (5) "Council" means the water pollution control advisory council provided for in 2-15-2107.
- 3 (6) (a) "Currently available data" means data that is readily available to the department at the time a 4 decision is made, including information supporting its previous lists of water bodies that are threatened or 5 impaired.
- 6 (b) The term does not mean new data to be obtained as a result of department efforts.
- 7 (7) "Degradation" means a change in water quality that lowers the quality of high-quality waters for a 8 parameter. The term does not include those changes in water quality determined to be nonsignificant pursuant 9 to 75-5-301(5)(c).
 - (8) "Department" means the department of environmental quality provided for in 2-15-3501.
 - (9) "Disposal system" means a system for disposing of sewage, industrial, or other wastes and includes sewage systems and treatment works.
 - (10) "Effluent standard" means a restriction or prohibition on quantities, rates, and concentrations of chemical, physical, biological, and other constituents that are discharged into state waters.
 - (11) (a) "Energy development project" means each plant, unit, or other development and associated developments, including any associated supporting infrastructure, designed for or capable of:
- 17 (i) generating electricity;

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- 18 (ii) producing gas derived from coal;
- 19 (iii) producing liquid hydrocarbon products;
- 20 (iv) refining crude oil or natural gas;
- 21 (v) producing alcohol to be blended for ethanol-blended gasoline and that are eligible for a tax incentive 22 pursuant to Title 15, chapter 70, part 5; or
- 23 (vi) producing biodiesel and that are eligible for a tax incentive for the production of biodiesel pursuant 24 to 15-32-701; or
- 25 <u>(vii)(vi)</u> transmitting electricity through an electric transmission line with a design capacity of equal to or greater than 50 kilovolts.
 - (b) The term does not include a nuclear facility as defined in 75-20-1202.
- 28 (12) "Existing uses" means those uses actually attained in state waters on or after July 1, 1971, whether 29 or not those uses are included in the water quality standards.

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(13) "High-quality waters" means all state waters, except:



(a) ground water classified as of January 1, 1995, within the "III" or "IV" classifications established by the board's classification rules; and

(b) surface waters that:

- 4 (i) are not capable of supporting any one of the designated uses for their classification; or
- 5 (ii) have zero flow or surface expression for more than 270 days during most years.
 - (14) "Impaired water body" means a water body or stream segment for which sufficient credible data shows that the water body or stream segment is failing to achieve compliance with applicable water quality standards.
 - (15) "Industrial waste" means a waste substance from the process of business or industry or from the development of any natural resource, together with any sewage that may be present.
 - (16) "Interested person" means a person who has a real property interest, a water right, or an economic interest that is or may be directly and adversely affected by the department's preliminary decision regarding degradation of state waters, pursuant to 75-5-303. The term includes a person who has requested authorization to degrade high-quality waters.
 - (17) "Load allocation" means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future nonpoint sources or to natural background sources.
 - (18) "Loading capacity" means the mass of a pollutant that a water body can assimilate without a violation of water quality standards. For pollutants that cannot be measured in terms of mass, it means the maximum change that can occur from the best practicable condition in a surface water without causing a violation of the surface water quality standards.
 - (19) "Local department of health" means the staff, including health officers, employed by a county, city, city-county, or district board of health.
 - (20) "Metal parameters" includes but is not limited to aluminum, antimony, arsenic, beryllium, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, fluoride, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, and zinc.
 - (21) "Mixing zone" means an area established in a permit or final decision on nondegradation issued by the department where water quality standards may be exceeded, subject to conditions that are imposed by the department and that are consistent with the rules adopted by the board.
 - (22) "Nutrient standards variance" means numeric water quality criteria for nutrients based on a determination that base numeric nutrient standards cannot be achieved because of economic impacts or because of the limits of technology. The term includes individual, general, and alternative nutrient standards variances in



1 accordance with 75-5-313.

(23) "Nutrient work group" means an advisory work group, convened by the department, representing publicly owned and privately owned point sources of pollution, nonpoint sources of pollution, and other interested parties that will advise the department on the base numeric nutrient standards, the development of nutrient standards variances, and the implementation of those standards and variances together with associated economic impacts.

- (24) "Other wastes" means garbage, municipal refuse, decayed wood, sawdust, shavings, bark, lime, sand, ashes, offal, night soil, oil, grease, tar, heat, chemicals, dead animals, sediment, wrecked or discarded equipment, radioactive materials, solid waste, and all other substances that may pollute state waters.
 - (25) "Outstanding resource waters" means:
- (a) state surface waters located wholly within the boundaries of areas designated as national parks or national wilderness areas as of October 1, 1995; or
- (b) other surface waters or ground waters classified by the board under the provisions of 75-5-316 and approved by the legislature.
- (26) "Owner or operator" means a person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises a point source.
- (27) "Parameter" means a physical, biological, or chemical property of state water when a value of that property affects the quality of the state water.
- (28) "Person" means the state, a political subdivision of the state, institution, firm, corporation, partnership, individual, or other entity and includes persons resident in Canada.
- (29) "Point source" means a discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
 - (30) (a) "Pollution" means:
- (i) contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of state waters that exceeds that permitted by Montana water quality standards, including but not limited to standards relating to change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor; or
- (ii) the discharge, seepage, drainage, infiltration, or flow of liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into state water that will or is likely to create a nuisance or render the waters harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public health, recreation, safety, or welfare, to livestock, or to wild animals, birds, fish, or other wildlife.



(b) The term does not include:

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- 2 (i) a discharge, seepage, drainage, infiltration, or flow that is authorized under the pollution discharge 3 permit rules adopted by the board under this chapter;
 - (ii) activities conducted under this chapter that comply with the conditions imposed by the department in short-term authorizations pursuant to 75-5-308;
 - (iii) contamination of ground water within the boundaries of a geologic storage reservoir, as defined in 82-11-101, by a carbon dioxide injection well in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to Title 82, chapter 11, part 1;
 - (iv) contamination of ground water within the boundaries of an underground mine using in situ coal gasification and operating in accordance with a permit issued under 82-4-221;
 - (c) Contamination referred to in subsections (30)(b)(iii) and (30)(b)(iv) does not require a mixing zone.
 - (31) "Sewage" means water-carried waste products from residences, public buildings, institutions, or other buildings, including discharge from human beings or animals, together with ground water infiltration and surface water present.
 - (32) "Sewage system" means a device for collecting or conducting sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes to an ultimate disposal point.
 - (33) "Standard of performance" means a standard adopted by the board for the control of the discharge of pollutants that reflects the greatest degree of effluent reduction achievable through application of the best available demonstrated control technology, processes, operating methods, or other alternatives, including, when practicable, a standard permitting no discharge of pollutants.
 - (34) (a) "State waters" means a body of water, irrigation system, or drainage system, either surface or underground.
 - (b) The term does not apply to:
 - (i) ponds or lagoons used solely for treating, transporting, or impounding pollutants; or
 - (ii) irrigation waters or land application disposal waters when the waters are used up within the irrigation or land application disposal system and the waters are not returned to state waters.
 - (35) "Sufficient credible data" means chemical, physical, or biological monitoring data, alone or in combination with narrative information, that supports a finding as to whether a water body is achieving compliance with applicable water quality standards.
 - (36) "Threatened water body" means a water body or stream segment for which sufficient credible data



and calculated increases in loads show that the water body or stream segment is fully supporting its designated uses but threatened for a particular designated use because of:

- (a) proposed sources that are not subject to pollution prevention or control actions required by a discharge permit, the nondegradation provisions, or reasonable land, soil, and water conservation practices; or
 - (b) documented adverse pollution trends.

- (37) "Total maximum daily load" or "TMDL" means the sum of the individual waste load allocations for point sources and load allocations for both nonpoint sources and natural background sources established at a level necessary to achieve compliance with applicable surface water quality standards.
- (38) "Treatment works" means works, including sewage lagoons, installed for treating or holding sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes.
- (39) "Waste load allocation" means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future point sources.
- (40) "Water quality protection practices" means those activities, prohibitions, maintenance procedures, or other management practices applied to point and nonpoint sources designed to protect, maintain, and improve the quality of state waters. Water quality protection practices include but are not limited to treatment requirements, standards of performance, effluent standards, and operating procedures and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from material storage.
- (41) "Water well" means an excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed and intended for the location, diversion, artificial recharge, or acquisition of ground water.
- (42) "Watershed advisory group" means a group of individuals who wish to participate in an advisory capacity in revising and reprioritizing the list of water bodies developed under 75-5-702 and in the development of TMDLs under 75-5-703, including those groups or individuals requested by the department to participate in an advisory capacity as provided in 75-5-704."

Section 9. Section 76-17-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-17-102. (Temporary) Montana public land access network grant program -- donations -- rulemaking. (1) There is a Montana public land access network grant program. An individual or organization may seek a grant from the program to secure public access through private land to public land, as defined in 15-30-2380 this section, for which there is no other legal public access or to enhance existing access to public land.



(2) The grant program is funded by private donations. State agencies shall, as appropriate, facilitate private donations to the Montana public land access network account established in 76-17-103, including but not limited to the following methods:

- (a) a donation by a person of \$1 or more above the price of a wildlife conservation license purchased pursuant to 87-2-202 or the price of a combination license that includes a conservation license; and
- (b) a donation by a person, as defined in 2-4-102, through the websites of the department of natural resources and conservation, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks, and the state of Montana.
- (3) (a) The department of natural resources and conservation shall adopt a logo for the Montana public land access network grant program, using the acronym "MT-PLAN". The department of natural resources and conservation and the department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall use the logo on signs and maps indicating the locations and access points of public lands made accessible through the grant program.
- (b) Subject to the limitations provided in 76-17-103(4), either department may be reimbursed from the Montana public land access network account established in 76-17-103 for reasonable costs, as determined by the board, that are associated with subsection (3)(a).
- (4) The department of natural resources and conservation may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this part.
 - (5) As used in this section, "public land" means:
- 18 <u>(a) state land, as defined in 77-1-101; or</u>
 - (b) federal land managed by the U.S. forest service or the bureau of land management. (Terminates June 30, 2027--sec. 10, Ch. 374, L. 2017.)"

- **Section 10.** Section 76-17-104, MCA, is amended to read:
- **"76-17-104.** (Temporary) Grants -- eligibility. (1) An individual or organization may apply to the department for a grant to pay for costs associated with an access project that secures public access through private land to public land, as defined in 15-30-2380 76-17-102, for which there is no other legal public access or to enhance existing access to public land. The costs must include payments to the owner of private land who allows public access. Grants may not be made to pay costs associated with litigation related to public access.
 - (2) An access project that is eligible to receive a grant:
- 29 (a) (i) except as provided in subsection (2)(a)(ii), must provide public access for recreational purposes; 30 and



(ii) if the access project would provide access to state trust land, as defined in 77-1-101, must provide access for all lawful purposes to the state trust land;

- (b) may have a term that ranges from 3 years to in perpetuity. A termed easement that is awarded a grant pursuant to this section creates no expectation of access after the term expires.
- (c) may not provide access to a previously inaccessible parcel of land if that parcel is leased state land under Title 77, chapter 1, and the lessee is not the landowner granting access to the parcel.
- (3) The department shall make recommendations to the board regarding grant applications received pursuant to this section. A grant must be approved by the board before it is disbursed pursuant to 76-17-103.
- (4) An access easement that is awarded a grant pursuant to this part must be held and enforced by the department.
 - (5) The department shall report the details of approved access project grants to the legislative auditor. (Terminates June 30, 2027--sec. 10, Ch. 374, L. 2017.)"

Section 11. Section 87-1-294, MCA, is amended to read:

- "87-1-294. (Temporary) Unlocking public lands program -- purpose -- commission rulemaking authority. (1) The legislature finds that increasing access to public lands will provide additional opportunities for activities such as hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreational activities as determined by the commission.
- (2) The department may establish and administer a voluntary program to encourage access through private land to parcels not previously deemed legally accessible to be known as the unlocking public lands program.
- (3) Private land is not eligible for the unlocking public lands program if outfitting or commercial hunting restricts public hunting opportunities on that land.
- (4) (a) If the parcel not previously deemed legally accessible is leased state land under Title 77, chapter 1, only the lessee with a qualified access to that state land under 15-30-2380 as provided in subsection (4)(b) is eligible for the unlocking public lands program.
 - (b) Qualified access to public land:
- (i) includes an access or corridor established through a taxpayer's property to a parcel of public land for
 recreational use and certified by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks pursuant to this section;
 - (ii) does not include a corridor established between two or more parcels of public land when the public



land parcels are surrounded by private land that the landowner or landowners have not granted permission to
 cross and there is no other legal access.

- (5) (a) A contract for participation in the unlocking public lands program is established through a cooperative agreement between the landowner and the department that guarantees reasonable access to public land through the landowner's private land. This contract serves as certification that the landowner is providing qualified access to public land and is eligible for the tax credit identified in 15-30-2380. The contract must include a certification number for identification purposes. The department shall provide a copy of the contract to the landowner and notify the department of revenue of the certification number. Contracts may be established with landowners:
 - (i) to provide direct access across a landowner's land to a public parcel; or
- (ii) who own land adjacent to the point where the corners of two parcels of public land meet. A landowner with a contract pursuant to this subsection (5)(a)(ii) shall grant access through the landowner's land to establish a corridor between the two parcels of public land. At least one of the parcels of public land must be accessible by a public road, waterway, or access granted by a landowner.
- (b) Contracts under this subsection (5) may be established with landowners who, prior to January 1, 2016, provided access to public land that was otherwise not legally accessible under subsection (9). Landowners who establish contracts under this subsection (5)(b) are eligible to receive the tax credit identified in 15-30-2380.
 - (6) The commission shall develop rules for establishing contracts under this section regarding:
- 19 (a) duration of access;

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- 20 (b) types of qualified access; and
 - (c) reasonable landowner-imposed limitations.
 - (7) The department shall provide public notice of any available qualified access to public land established through the unlocking public lands program.
 - (8) Recreational users of access established by the unlocking public lands program shall remain in the prescribed access route or corridor as defined by the contract in subsection (5).
 - (9) For purposes of this section:
 - (a) "parcels not previously deemed legally accessible" means public land that cannot be accessed by:
- 28 (i) public road, right-of-way, or easement;
- 29 (ii) public waters;
- 30 (iii) adjacent federal, state, county, or municipal land that is open to public use; or



1 (iv) adjacent private land because that landowner has not granted permission to cross; and

- 2 (b) "public land" means:
- 3 (i) state land, as defined in 77-1-101; or
- 4 (ii) federal land managed by the U.S. forest service or the bureau of land management. (Terminates
- 5 December 31, 2027--secs. 1, 2, Ch. 139, L. 2017.)"

- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 12. Repealer. The following sections of the Montana Code Annotated are
- 8 repealed:
- 9 7-21-3710. Tax credits for employers in empowerment zone.
- 10 15-30-2318. Earned income tax credit.
- 11 15-30-2319. Credit for energy-conserving investments.
- 12 15-30-2320. Credit for alternative fuel motor vehicle conversion.
- 13 15-30-2326. Credit for contributions to university or college foundations and endowment funds.
- 14 15-30-2342. Credit for preservation of historic buildings.
- 15 15-30-2356. Empowerment zone new employees -- tax credit.
- 16 15-30-2358. Qualified research tax credit.
- 17 15-30-2365. Credit for day-care facilities.
- 18 15-30-2367. Tax credit for providing disability insurance for employees.
- 19 15-30-2380. Credit for unlocking public lands program -- definitions.
- 20 15-30-2381. Tax credit for providing emergency lodging.
- 21 15-31-124. New or expanded industry credit -- definitions.
- 22 15-31-125. Determination of tax credit.
- 23 15-31-126. Limitation.
- 24 15-31-127. Department duties.
- 25 15-31-132. Tax credit for providing disability insurance for employees.
- 26 15-31-133. Credit for day-care facilities.
- 27 15-31-134. Empowerment zone new employees -- tax credit.
- 28 15-31-135. Contribution by small business corporation.
- 29 15-31-136. Contribution by partnership.
- 30 15-31-137. Small business corporation and partnership credit for alternative fuel conversion.



1	15-31-150.	Credit for research expenses and research payments.
2	15-31-151.	Credit for preservation of historic buildings.
3	15-31-171.	Tax credit for providing emergency lodging.
4	15-32-109.	Credit for energy-conserving expenditures.
5	15-32-115.	Credit for geothermal system to whom available eligible costs limitations.
6	15-32-201.	Amount of credit to whom available.
7	15-32-202.	Taxable years in which credit may be claimed carryover.
8	15-32-203.	Department to make rules.
9	15-32-401.	Purpose and statement of policy.
10	15-32-402.	Commercial or net metering system investment credit alternative energy systems.
11	15-32-404.	Carryover of credit.
12	15-32-405.	Exclusion from other tax incentives.
13	15-32-406.	Separation of credit portion.
14	15-32-407.	Rules authorized.
15	15-32-503.	Exploration incentive credit.
16	15-32-504.	Procedure for requesting and certifying credit.
17	15-32-505.	Application of credit.
18	15-32-506.	Credit carryover.
19	15-32-507.	Credit limitation.
20	15-32-508.	Credit assignment.
21	15-32-509.	Record of credit use.
22	<u>15-32-602.</u>	AMOUNT AND DURATION OF CREDIT HOW CLAIMED.
23	<u>15-32-603.</u>	CREDIT FOR INVESTMENT IN PROPERTY USED TO COLLECT OR PROCESS RECLAIMABLE MATERIAL OR TO
24		MANUFACTURE A PRODUCT FROM RECLAIMED MATERIAL.
25	<u>15-32-604.</u>	LIMITATION OF CREDIT.
26	15-32-701.	Oilseed crush facility tax credit.
27	15-32-702.	Biodiesel or biolubricant production facility tax credit.
28	15-32-703.	Biodiesel blending and storage tax credit recapture report to interim committee.
29	33-2-724.	Empowerment zone new employees tax credit.
30	50-51-114.	Emergency lodging program definitions.

1	50-51-115. Emergency lodging liability for damages.
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3	NEW SECTION. Section 13. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2020.
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5	NEW SECTION. Section 14. Applicability. [This act] applies to tax years beginning after December
6	31, 2019.
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