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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
8 amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-105, which
9 relates to the powers and duties of the Department of
10 Environmental Quality; modifying powers and duties of
11 the Department; amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-
12 119, which relates to permit fees; modifying certain
13 fee ranges; limiting certain fee schedule; amending
14 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-121, which relates to
15 annual fees; modifying certain fee; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-105, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2-7-105. The Department of Environmental Quality shall
21 have the power and duty to:

22 1. Issue permits for the construction and operation and for the
23 post-closure, maintenance and monitoring of hazardous waste
24 facilities;

1 2. Provide the owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility
2 a list of all materials which the Department deems acceptable for
3 treatment, recycling, storage, and disposal at the facility;

4 3. Make periodic inspections of hazardous waste facilities and
5 recycling, transporting, and generating facilities to determine the
6 extent of compliance with the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management
7 Act and rules promulgated thereunder, and orders, permits and
8 licenses issued pursuant thereto;

9 4. Develop, maintain, and monitor public records of the source
10 and amount of hazardous waste generated in Oklahoma and the methods
11 used to dispose of, recycle, or treat said waste or material;

12 5. Require and prescribe manifest forms to all persons
13 generating and transporting hazardous waste off-site for storage,
14 recycling, treatment, or disposal;

15 ~~6. Require and approve or disapprove disposal plans from all
16 persons generating hazardous waste or shipping hazardous waste
17 within, from, or into Oklahoma indicating the amount of hazardous
18 waste generated, the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal
19 methods, and the hazardous waste facilities used. The disposal
20 plans shall be kept current by the persons generating or shipping
21 hazardous waste and the Department shall be advised within five (5)
22 working days of any changes in the disposal plans;~~

23 ~~7. Require reports from all persons generating hazardous waste,
24 indicating the amount generated, the treatment and disposal methods,~~

1 ~~and the treatment, disposal, and recycling sites used. Such reports~~
2 ~~are to be made on at least a quarterly basis;~~

3 ~~8.~~ Require periodic reports or manifest certifications
4 regarding such programs and efforts to reduce the volume or quantity
5 and toxicity of such hazardous waste as may be required by or
6 pursuant to authority of the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management
7 Act;

8 ~~9.~~ 7. Require reports from all operators of hazardous waste
9 facilities who receive hazardous waste for treatment or storage or
10 disposal, listing the amount, transporter, and generator of all
11 hazardous waste received. Such reports are to be made on at least a
12 monthly or quarterly basis, as designated by the Department;

13 ~~10.~~ 8. Approve or disapprove methods of disposal of hazardous
14 waste, and may prohibit certain specific disposal practices
15 including, but not limited to, any type of land disposal of any form
16 of such waste. Land disposal includes, but is not limited to,
17 landfills, surface impoundments, waste piles, deep injection wells,
18 land treatment facilities, salt dome and bed formations and
19 underground mines or caves;

20 ~~11.~~ 9. Inform persons generating hazardous waste of available,
21 alternative methods of disposal of such waste ~~and assist the persons~~
22 ~~in developing satisfactory disposal plans;~~

23 ~~12.~~ 10. Develop a system to provide information on recyclable
24 wastes to potential users of such materials. Such information shall

1 not include any information which the Department deems confidential
2 or private in nature;

3 ~~13.~~ 11. Cooperate and share information with the U.S.
4 Environmental Protection Agency;

5 ~~14.~~ 12. Prepare an emergency response plan for spills of
6 hazardous waste and for spills of hazardous materials;

7 ~~15.~~ 13. Make information obtained by the Department regarding
8 hazardous waste facilities and sites available to the public in
9 substantially the same manner, and to the same degree, as would be
10 the case if the hazardous waste program in this state were being
11 carried out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;

12 ~~16.~~ 14. Develop rules with respect to any existing surface
13 impoundment or landfill or class of surface impoundments or
14 landfills from which the Department determines hazardous waste may
15 migrate into groundwater, impose such requirements, including but
16 not limited to double liners and leachate detection and collection
17 systems, as may be necessary to protect human health and the
18 environment;

19 ~~17.~~ 15. Prohibit or restrict the use of any specific disposal
20 methods or practices for specific hazardous waste material,
21 substances or classes, as may be necessary to protect human health
22 and the environment;

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1 ~~18.~~ 16. Identify areas within the state which are unsuitable
2 for specific hazardous waste disposal methods, and deny permits for
3 such disposal methods in such areas;

4 ~~19.~~ 17. Issue a one-year research development and demonstration
5 permit for any treatment facility which proposes an innovative and
6 experimental hazardous waste treatment technology or process not yet
7 regulated. Permits may be renewed no more than three times. No
8 renewal may exceed one (1) year;

9 ~~20.~~ 18. Waive or modify general permit application and issuance
10 requirements for research and development permits, except for
11 financial responsibility and public participation requirements;

12 ~~21.~~ 19. Terminate experimental activity if necessary to protect
13 human health and the environment;

14 ~~22.~~ 20. Require oil recycling facilities using hazardous waste
15 to have a hazardous waste facility permit;

16 ~~23.~~ 21. Issue permits containing any conditions necessary to
17 protect human health and the environment;

18 ~~24.~~ 22. Issue permits for the storage of hazardous waste in
19 underground tanks;

20 ~~25.~~ 23. Require groundwater monitoring for any landfill,
21 surface impoundment, land treatment site or pile;

22 ~~26.~~ 24. Determine and enforce penalties for violations of the
23 Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act and rules promulgated
24 thereunder;

1 ~~27.~~ 25. Evaluate the benefit of rules governing labeling
2 practices for any containers used for the disposal, storage, or
3 transportation of hazardous waste which accurately identify such
4 waste, and govern the use of appropriate containers for such waste
5 not otherwise regulated by the federal government;

6 ~~28.~~ 26. Monitor research and development regarding methods of
7 the handling, storage, use, processing, and disposal of hazardous
8 waste;

9 ~~29.~~ 27. Cooperate with existing technical reference centers on
10 hazardous waste disposal, recycling practices, and related
11 information for public and private use;

12 ~~30.~~ 28. Monitor research in the technical and managerial
13 aspects of management and use of hazardous waste and recycling and
14 recovery of resources from hazardous wastes;

15 ~~31.~~ 29. Determine existing rates of production of hazardous
16 waste;

17 ~~32.~~ 30. Promote recycling and recovery of resources from
18 hazardous wastes;

19 ~~33.~~ 31. Encourage the reduction or exchange, or both, of
20 hazardous waste; and

21 ~~34.~~ 32. Cooperate with an existing information clearinghouse,
22 to develop records of recyclable waste. Every generator of
23 hazardous waste shall supply the Department with information for the
24 clearinghouse. Each generator shall not be required to supply any

1 more information than is required by the manifests. The Department
2 shall make this information available to persons who desire to
3 recycle the wastes. The information shall be made available in such
4 a way that the trade secrets of the producer are protected.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-119, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 2-7-119. A. The Environmental Quality Board shall
8 establish a schedule of fees, pursuant to Section 2-3-402 of this
9 title and the Administrative Procedures Act, to be charged for
10 applications to issue and renew permits for hazardous waste
11 facilities and for the regulation of hazardous waste. Such fees
12 shall only be used for the implementation of the provisions of the
13 Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act pursuant to Section 2-3-402
14 of this title.

15 B. The Environmental Quality Board shall charge fees only
16 within the following ranges:

17 ~~For generator disposal plan: \$100.00 to \$10,000.00 per year~~
18 For permit application: \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00
19 For application resubmittal: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00
20 For monitoring: ~~\$100.00 to \$10,000.00~~
21 \$300.00 to \$2,000.00 per year.

22 C. The Environmental Quality Board shall develop a separate
23 schedule of reduced fees of not less than Twenty-five Dollars
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1 (\$25.00) and no more than Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for small
2 quantity generators.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-121, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-7-121. A. Every hazardous waste treatment facility,
6 storage facility, underground injection facility, disposal facility,
7 or off-site facility that recycles hazardous waste subject to the
8 provisions of the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act shall pay
9 to the Department of Environmental Quality an annual fee on the
10 amount of hazardous waste managed by such facility.

11 1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 7 of this subsection, such fees
12 shall be:

- 13 a. ~~Nine Dollars (\$9.00)~~ Nine Dollars and fifty cents
14 (\$9.50) per ton for on-site or off-site storage,
15 treatment or land disposal,
- 16 b. Four Dollars (\$4.00) per ton for off-site recycling,
17 including regeneration, or
- 18 c. three cents (\$0.03) per gallon for on-site or off-site
19 underground injection.

20 2. There shall be a minimum fee per facility as follows:

- 21 a. except as provided in subparagraph d of this
22 paragraph, any person owning or operating an off-site
23 hazardous waste treatment facility or disposal
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- 1 facility shall pay a total fee of not less than Fifty
2 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) each state fiscal year,
- 3 b. any person owning or operating an on-site hazardous
4 waste treatment facility, storage facility, or
5 disposal facility shall pay a total fee of not less
6 than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) each state
7 fiscal year. The annual fee for the on-site disposal
8 of hazardous waste by underground injection shall not
9 exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00),
- 10 c. any person owning or operating an off-site facility
11 for the storage or recycling of hazardous waste shall
12 pay a total fee of not less than Twenty Thousand
13 Dollars (\$20,000.00) each state fiscal year; provided,
14 any such off-site recycling facility which
15 consistently recycles fewer than ten (10) tons of
16 hazardous waste per calendar month shall not be
17 subject to this minimum annual fee. For the purpose
18 of this subparagraph, storage includes physical
19 separation or combining of wastes solely to facilitate
20 efficient storage at the facility and/or efficient
21 transportation, and
- 22 d. any person owning or operating an off-site facility
23 which accepts hazardous waste exclusively for the
24 purpose of conducting research and design tests shall

1 pay a total fee of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars
2 (\$10,000.00) each state fiscal year.

3 3. Off-site facilities may charge persons contracting for the
4 services of the facility their proportional share of the fees
5 required by the provisions of this section.

6 4. The facility shall become liable for payment of the fee on
7 each ton or gallon of hazardous waste at the time it is received.
8 For purposes of on-site facilities, receipt is deemed to have
9 occurred when the waste is first managed in any unit or manner that
10 requires a hazardous waste permit. The fee shall be payable by the
11 facility to the Department only as provided for in subsection C of
12 this section.

13 5. The fee imposed by the provisions of this section shall be
14 payable only once without regard to any subsequent handling of the
15 hazardous waste. The fee shall be based on the purpose for which
16 the waste was received by the facility. In no event shall a
17 facility be required to pay a fee on each step or process involved
18 in the storage, treatment, or disposal of the waste at the facility
19 or a related facility under common control.

20 6. In computing the amount of the fee specified in subparagraph
21 b of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section for the off-site
22 recycling or regeneration of hazardous waste, the assessment for
23 regeneration shall be made on a dry weight basis.

1 7. If a generator of characteristic hazardous waste or listed
2 hazardous waste treats the waste on-site to meet Best Demonstrated
3 Available Technology Standards and disposes of the waste on-site,
4 the waste shall be subject to a reduced treatment or on-site
5 disposal fee of one-half (1/2) the rate required by subparagraph a
6 of paragraph 1 of this subsection; provided, such rate reduction
7 shall not exceed Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) per
8 calendar year.

9 B. The following facilities shall not be required to pay the
10 fee required by the provisions of this section:

11 1. Facilities engaged only in the on-site recycling of
12 hazardous waste; and

13 2. Facilities which have not received new hazardous waste
14 within the preceding state fiscal year.

15 C. Payment of the fees required by this section shall be due
16 quarterly for hazardous waste received by the facility during the
17 prior calendar quarter. Such quarterly payments shall be due on the
18 first day of the month of the following quarter. All payments shall
19 be made within thirty (30) days from the date they become due.

20 D. The fees required by this section shall be paid in lieu of
21 the monitoring fees imposed in subsection B of Section 2-7-119 of
22 this title. All facilities subject to the provisions of this
23 section shall not be required to pay or collect any additional fees
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1 for waste disposal unless specifically required by the Oklahoma
2 Hazardous Waste Management Act.

3 E. All fees and other monies received by the Department
4 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be expended solely
5 for the purposes specified in this section.

6 1. Ten percent (10%) of the fees collected from an off-site
7 hazardous waste facility pursuant to the provisions of this section
8 shall be deposited to the credit of the Special Economic Development
9 Trust Funds. The funds for the Trusts accruing pursuant to the
10 provisions of this section shall be distributed to each Trust
11 established in proportion to the fees generated by the off-site
12 hazardous waste facilities within the Trust area.

13 2. The Department shall expend monies received pursuant to the
14 provisions of this section for one or more of the following
15 purposes:

16 a. the administration of the provisions of the Oklahoma
17 Hazardous Waste Management Act,

18 b. the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes
19 currently produced in Oklahoma and management needs
20 for the identified wastes,

21 c. the implementation of information exchange, technical
22 assistance, public information, and educational
23 programs,

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- 1 d. the development and encouragement of waste reduction
2 plans for Oklahoma waste generators, or
3 e. increased inspection of hazardous waste facilities
4 which may include full-time inspectors at off-site
5 hazardous waste facilities.

6 F. To the extent that fees received pursuant to this section
7 shall exceed the purposes specified in subsection E of this section,
8 the Department shall only expend such funds for one or more of the
9 following purposes:

10 1. Contributions required from the state pursuant to the
11 federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and
12 Liability Act for remediation or related action upon a site within
13 the state;

14 2. Response, including but not limited to containment and
15 removal, to emergency situations involving spillage, leakage,
16 emissions or other discharge of hazardous waste or hazardous waste
17 constituents to the environment where a responsible party cannot be
18 timely identified or found or compelled to take appropriate
19 emergency action to adequately protect human health and the
20 environment;

21 3. State-funded remediation of sites contaminated by hazardous
22 waste or hazardous waste constituents so as to present a threat to
23 human health or the environment, to the extent that a responsible
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1 party cannot be timely identified or found or compelled to take such
2 action, or is unable to take such action;

3 4. Costs incurred in pursuing an enforcement action to compel a
4 responsible party to undertake appropriate response or remedial
5 actions, or to recover from a responsible party monies expended by
6 the state, as described in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this
7 subsection; or

8 5. Financial assistance to municipalities or counties for the
9 purposes and under the conditions specified in Section 2-7-305 of
10 this title.

11 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

12 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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