State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2013

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SENATE BILL NO. 149

Introduced by: Senator Bradford and Representatives Heinert and Killer

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to violations found
- 2 through environmental audits.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 1-40-34 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 1-40-34. The department may not shall pursue civil penalties or, criminal prosecution, or
- 6 both, for violations found during an environmental audit that are were not disclosed in writing
- 7 to the department secretary in writing within thirty days after the violation is found within
- 8 twenty-four hours of detection by the regulated entity or within twenty-four hours of when the
- 9 <u>regulated entity should have reasonably detected the violation</u>. Violations found by the
- department prior to the time a regulated entity has disclosed these violations in writing to the
- department secretary are not covered by the provisions of §§ 1-40-33 to 1-40-37, inclusive. If
- a state program is required in writing by a federal agency to assess penalties for a violation in
- order to maintain primacy over a federally-delegated program, or if violations caused damage
- to human health or the environment, the provisions of §§ 1-40-33 to 1-40-37, inclusive do not
- apply. If violations are found during an audit and disclosed in writing to the department

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- secretary, the violations must be corrected within sixty days of discovery. If correction is not
- 2 possible within sixty days, a written compliance schedule shall be negotiated between the
- 3 department and the regulated entity to correct violations disclosed, or found, or the regulated
- 4 <u>entity shall immediately cease all operations under the permit</u> unless the violation has been
- 5 resolved to the satisfaction of the department at the time of the disclosure <u>or finding</u>.