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Short Title: Resident Inspector Prgm. Amends.

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Sponsors: Senator Tally.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OR FEES IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
NEEDED TO OPERATE THE RESIDENT INSPECTORS PROGRAM AND TO
REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH RESIDENT INSPECTORS ARE
ASSIGNED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-295.02 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-295.02. Resident inspectors required at commercial hazardous waste facilities; recovery of costs for same.

(a) The Division shall employ full-time resident inspectors for each commercial hazardous waste facility located within the State. Such inspectors shall be employed and assigned so that at least one inspector is on duty at all times during which any component of the facility is in operation, is undergoing any maintenance or repair, or is undergoing any test or calibration. Resident inspectors shall be assigned to commercial hazardous waste management facilities so as to protect the public health and the environment, to monitor all aspects of the operation of such facilities, and to assure compliance with all laws and rules administered by the Division and by any other division of the Department. Such inspectors may also enforce laws or rules administered by any other agency of the State pursuant to an appropriate memorandum of agreement entered into by the Secretary and the chief administrative officer of such agency. The Division may assign additional resident inspectors to a facility depending upon the quantity and toxicity of waste managed at a facility, diversity of types of waste managed at the facility, complexity of management technologies utilized at the facility,

1 the range of components which are included at the facility, operating history of the
2 facility, and other factors relative to the need for on-site inspection and enforcement
3 capabilities. The Division, in consultation with other divisions of the Department, shall
4 define the duties of each resident inspector and shall determine whether additional
5 resident inspectors are needed at a particular facility to meet the purposes of this
6 section.

7 (b) The Division shall establish requirements pertaining to education, experience,
8 and training for resident inspectors so as to assure that such inspectors are fully
9 qualified to serve the purposes of this section. The Division shall provide its resident
10 inspectors with such training, equipment, facilities, and supplies as may be necessary to
11 fulfill the purposes of this section.

12 (c) As a condition of its permit, the owner or operator of each commercial
13 hazardous waste facility located within the State shall provide and maintain such
14 appropriate and secure offices and laboratory facilities as the Department may require
15 for the use of the resident inspectors required by this section.

16 (d) Resident inspectors assigned to a commercial hazardous waste facility shall
17 have unrestricted access to all operational areas of such facility at all times. For the
18 protection of resident inspectors and the public, the provisions of G.S. 143-215.107(f)
19 shall not apply to commercial hazardous waste facilities to which a resident inspector is
20 assigned.

21 (e) No commercial hazardous waste facility shall be operated, undergo any
22 maintenance or repair, or undergo any testing or calibration unless an inspector
23 employed by the Division is present at the facility.

24 (f) The requirements of this section are intended to enhance the ability of the
25 Department to protect the public health and the environment by providing the
26 Department with the authority and resources necessary to maintain a rigorous inspection
27 and enforcement program at commercial hazardous waste management facilities. The
28 requirements of this section are intended to be supplementary to other requirements
29 imposed on hazardous waste facilities. This section shall not be construed to relieve
30 either the owner or the operator of any such facility or the Department from any other
31 requirement of law or to require any unnecessary duplication of reporting or monitoring
32 requirements.

33 (g) For the purpose of enforcing the laws and rules enacted or adopted for the
34 protection of the public health and the environment, resident inspectors employed
35 pursuant to this section may be commissioned as special peace officers as provided in
36 G.S. 113-28.1. The provisions of Article 1A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
37 shall apply to resident inspectors commissioned as special peace officers pursuant to
38 this subsection.

39 (h) The Department shall determine the full cost of the employment and
40 assignment of resident inspectors at each commercial hazardous waste facility located
41 within the State. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to, costs incurred for
42 salaries, benefits, travel, training, equipment, supplies, telecommunication and data
43 transmission, offices and other facilities other than those provided by the owner or
44 operator, and administrative expenses. The Department shall establish and revise as

1 necessary a schedule of fees to be assessed on the users of each such facility to recover
2 the actual cost of the resident inspector program at that facility. The operator of each
3 such facility shall serve as the collection agent for such fees, shall account to the
4 Department on a monthly basis for all fees collected, and shall deposit with the
5 Department all funds collected pursuant to this section within 15 days following the last
6 day of the month in which such fees are collected. All fees collected by the Department
7 under this section shall be deposited in a separate nonreverting fund within the
8 Department. Funds in excess of the actual cost of the resident inspectors program may
9 be credited or refunded to the commercial hazardous waste facilities on an equitable
10 basis.

11 (i) ~~A resident inspector shall be assigned to a commercial hazardous waste~~
12 ~~facility for a maximum of 12 consecutive months or 18 months in a 24-month period. A~~
13 ~~resident inspector who has been assigned to a commercial hazardous waste facility for~~
14 ~~the maximum period allowed by this subsection shall not be reassigned to that facility~~
15 ~~within 12 months of the time he was previously assigned to that facility. The Division~~
16 ~~shall establish and revise as necessary a program for assigning resident inspectors to~~
17 ~~commercial hazardous waste facilities so that scheduled rotation or equivalent oversight~~
18 ~~procedures ensure that each resident inspector will maintain adequate objectivity. For~~
19 purposes of this subsection, 'commercial hazardous waste facility' means that facility
20 and any other commercial hazardous facility which is operated by the same business
21 entity or by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of that business entity. As used in this
22 subsection, the words 'affiliate,' 'parent,' and 'subsidiary' have the same meaning as in 17
23 Code of Federal Regulations § 240.12b-2 (1 April 1990 Edition).

24 (j) For purposes of this subsection, special purpose commercial hazardous waste
25 facilities include: a facility that manages limited quantities of hazardous waste; a facility
26 that limits its hazardous waste management activities to reclamation or recycling,
27 including energy or materials recovery or a facility that stores hazardous waste
28 primarily for use at such facilities; or a facility that is determined to be low risk under
29 rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to this subsection. The Commission shall
30 adopt rules establishing reasonable times and frequencies for the presence of a resident
31 inspector on less than a full-time basis at special purpose commercial hazardous waste
32 facilities. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall establish classifications of
33 special purpose hazardous waste facilities based on factors including, but not limited to,
34 the size of the facility, the type of treatment or storage being performed, the nature and
35 volume of waste being treated or stored, the uniformity, similarity, or lack of diversity
36 of the waste streams, the predictability of the nature of the waste streams and their
37 treatability, whether the facility utilizes automated monitoring or safety devices that
38 adequately perform functions that would otherwise be performed by a resident
39 inspector, the fact that reclamation or recycling is being performed at the facility, and
40 the compliance history of the facility and its operator. Special purpose commercial
41 hazardous waste facilities shall be subject to inspection at all times during which the
42 facility is in operation, undergoing any maintenance or repair, or undergoing any test or
43 calibration. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall specify a minimum number
44 of inspections during such times as the facility is subject to inspection. Commercial

1 hazardous waste facilities that utilize hazardous waste as a fuel source shall be inspected
2 a minimum of 40 hours per week. The Department shall maintain records of all
3 inspections at special purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities. Such records
4 shall contain sufficient detail and shall be arranged in a readily understandable format
5 so as to facilitate determination at any time as to whether the special purpose
6 commercial hazardous waste facility is in compliance with the requirements of this
7 subsection and of rules adopted pursuant to this subsection."

8 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective 30 June 1993.