SENATE BILL NO. 116

February 19, 2019, Introduced by Senators IRWIN, WOJNO, HOLLIER, GEISS, ALEXANDER, MOSS, ANANICH, BAYER, BULLOCK, MCMORROW and CHANG and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled

"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"

by amending sections 20118, 20120a, 20120b, 20120e, and 20121 (MCL 324.20118, 324.20120a, 324.20120b, 324.20120e, and 324.20121), sections 20118, 20120a, and 20120b as amended and section 20121 as added by 2014 PA 542 and section 20120e as amended by 2012 PA 190.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 20118. (1) The department may take response activity or

approve of response activity proposed by a person that is consistent with this part and the rules promulgated under this part relating to the selection and implementation of response activity that the department concludes is necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, or the environment.

(2) Remedial action undertaken under subsection (1) may address all or a portion of contamination at a facility as follows:

(a) Remedial action may address 1 or more releases at a facility.

(b) Remedial action may address 1 or more hazardous substances at a facility.

(c) Remedial action may address contamination in 1 or more environmental media at a facility.

(d) Remedial action may address contamination within the entire facility or only a portion of a facility.

(e) Remedial action may address contamination at a facility through any combination of subdivisions (a) ~~through~~ **to** (d).

(3) Remedial action undertaken under subsection (1) shall accomplish all of the following:

(a) ~~Assure~~ **Ensure** the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and the environment with respect to the environmental contamination addressed by the remedial action.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5), attain a degree of cleanup and control of the environmental contamination addressed by the remedial action that **meets both of the following requirements:**

(*i*) To the extent technically feasible, meets the cleanup criteria for unrestricted residential use and restores any affected aquifer to state drinking water standards as that term is defined

in section 2 of the safe drinking water act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1002.

(*ii*) Otherwise complies with all applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, rules, criteria, limitations, and standards of state and federal environmental law.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5), be consistent with any cleanup criteria incorporated in rules promulgated under this part for the environmental contamination addressed by the remedial action.

(4) The department may select or approve of a remedial action meeting the criteria provided for in section 20120a that does not attain a degree of control or cleanup of hazardous substances that complies with R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6) of the Michigan ~~administrative code,~~ **Administrative Code**, or both, if the department makes a finding that the **degree of control or cleanup that will be achieved is the greatest technically feasible and that the selected or approved** remedial action is protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and the environment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the department shall not approve of a remedial action that does not attain a degree of control or cleanup of hazardous substances that complies with R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6) of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~ **Administrative Code** if the remedial action is being implemented by a person who is liable under section 20126 and the release was grossly negligent or intentional, unless attaining that degree of control is technically infeasible, or the adverse environmental impact of implementing a remedial action to satisfy the rule would exceed the environmental benefit of that remedial action.

(5) A remedial action may be selected or approved ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (4) with regard to R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6), or both, of the Michigan ~~administrative code,~~ **Administrative Code**, if the department determines, based on the administrative record, that 1 or more of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) Compliance with R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6), or both, of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~ **Administrative Code** is technically ~~impractical.~~**infeasible.**

(b) The remedial action selected or approved will, within a reasonable period of time, attain a standard of performance that is equivalent to that required under R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6) of the Michigan ~~administrative code.~~**Administrative Code.**

(c) The adverse environmental impact of implementing a remedial action to satisfy R 299.3(5) or R 299.3(6), or both, of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~ **Administrative Code** would exceed the environmental benefit of the remedial action.

(d) The remedial action provides for the reduction of hazardous substance concentrations in the aquifer through a naturally occurring process that is documented to occur at the facility and ~~both of the following conditions are met:~~

~~(*i*) It~~ **it** has been demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact on the environment as the result of migration of the hazardous substances during the remedial action. ~~, except for that part of the aquifer approved by the department in connection with the remedial action.~~

~~(*ii*) The remedial action includes enforceable land use restrictions or other institutional controls necessary to prevent unacceptable risk from exposure to the hazardous substances, as defined by the cleanup criteria approved as part of the remedial~~

~~action.~~

Sec. 20120a. (1) The department may establish cleanup criteria and approve of remedial actions in the categories listed in this subsection. The cleanup category proposed shall be ~~the option of the person proposing the remedial action, subject to department approval if required, considering the appropriateness of the categorical criteria to the facility.~~ **residential, unless that category is technically infeasible, in which case the category shall be the technically feasible cleanup category with the most stringent cleanup criteria.** The categories are as follows:

(a) Residential.

(b) Nonresidential.

(c) Limited residential.

(d) Limited nonresidential.

(2) ~~As an alternative to~~ **If it is technically infeasible to meet** the categorical criteria under subsection (1), the department may approve a response activity plan or a no further action report containing site-specific criteria that satisfy the requirements of section 20120b and other applicable requirements of this part. The department shall utilize only reasonable and relevant exposure pathways in determining the adequacy of a site-specific criterion. Additionally, the department may approve a remedial action plan for a designated area-wide zone encompassing more than 1 facility, and may consolidate remedial actions for more than 1 facility.

(3) The department shall develop cleanup criteria pursuant to subsection (1) based on generic human health risk assessment assumptions determined by the department to appropriately characterize patterns of human exposure associated with certain land uses. The department shall utilize only reasonable and

relevant exposure pathways in determining these assumptions. The department may prescribe more than 1 generic set of exposure assumptions within each category described in subsection (1). If the department prescribes more than 1 generic set of exposure assumptions within a category, each set of exposure assumptions creates a subcategory within a category described in subsection (1). The department shall specify facility characteristics that determine the applicability of criteria derived for these categories or subcategories.

(4) If a hazardous substance poses a carcinogenic risk to humans, the cleanup criteria derived for cancer risk under this section shall be the 95% upper bound on the calculated risk of 1 additional cancer above the background cancer rate per 100,000 individuals using the generic set of exposure assumptions established under subsection (3) for the appropriate category or subcategory. If the hazardous substance poses a risk of an adverse health effect other than cancer, cleanup criteria shall be derived using appropriate human health risk assessment methods for that adverse health effect and the generic set of exposure assumptions established under subsection (3) for the appropriate category or subcategory. A hazard quotient of 1.0 shall be used to derive noncancer cleanup criteria. For the noncarcinogenic effects of a hazardous substance present in soils, the intake shall be assumed to be 100% of the protective level, unless compound and site-specific data are available to demonstrate that a different source contribution is appropriate. If a hazardous substance poses a risk of both cancer and 1 or more adverse health effects other than cancer, cleanup criteria shall be derived under this section for the most sensitive effect.

(5) If a cleanup criterion derived under subsection (4) for groundwater in an aquifer differs from either: (a) the state drinking water standards established ~~pursuant to~~ **under** section 5 of the safe drinking water act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1005, or (b) the national secondary drinking water regulations established ~~pursuant to~~ **under** 42 USC 300g-1, or (c) if there is not national secondary drinking water regulation for a contaminant, the concentration determined by the department according to methods approved by the United States ~~environmental protection agency~~ **Environmental Protection Agency** below which taste, odor, appearance, or other aesthetic characteristics are not adversely affected, the cleanup criterion shall be the more stringent of (a), (b), or (c) unless the department determines that compliance with this subsection is ~~not necessary because the use of the aquifer is reliably restricted or controlled under provisions of a postclosure plan or a postclosure agreement or by site-specific criteria approved by the department under section 20120b.~~**technically infeasible, in which case the cleanup criterion shall be the most stringent criterion that is technically feasible.**

(6) The department shall not approve a remedial action plan or no further action report in categories set forth in subsection (1)(b) to (d), unless the person documents that the current zoning of the property is consistent with the categorical criteria being proposed, or that the governing zoning authority intends to change the zoning designation so that the proposed criteria are consistent with the new zoning designation, or the current property use is a legal nonconforming use. The department shall not grant final approval for a remedial action plan or no further action report that relies on a change in zoning designation until a final

determination of that zoning change has been made by the local unit of government. The department may approve of a remedial action plan or no further action report that achieves categorical criteria that are based on greater exposure potential than the criteria applicable to current zoning. In addition, the remedial action plan or no further action report shall include documentation that the current property use is consistent with the current zoning or is a legal nonconforming use. Abandoned or inactive property shall be considered on the basis of zoning classifications as described above.

(7) Cleanup criteria from 1 or more categories in subsection (1) may be applied at a facility, if all relevant requirements are satisfied for application of a pertinent criterion.

(8) The need for soil remediation to protect an aquifer from hazardous substances in soil shall consider the vulnerability of the aquifer or aquifers potentially affected if the soil remains at the facility. Migration of hazardous substances in soil to an aquifer is a pertinent pathway if appropriate based on consideration of site specific factors.

(9) The department may establish cleanup criteria for a hazardous substance using a biologically based model developed or identified as appropriate by the United States ~~environmental protection agency~~ **Environmental Protection Agency** if the department determines all of the following:

(a) That application of the model results in a criterion that more accurately reflects the risk posed.

(b) That data of sufficient quantity and quality are available for a specified hazardous substance to allow the scientifically valid application of the model.

(c) The United States ~~environmental protection agency~~ **Environmental Protection Agency** has determined that application of the model is appropriate for the hazardous substance in question.

(10) If the target detection limit or the background concentration for a hazardous substance is greater than a cleanup criterion developed for a category ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (1), the criterion shall be the target detection limit or background concentration, whichever is larger, for that hazardous substance in that category.

(11) The department may also approve cleanup criteria if necessary to address conditions that prevent a hazardous substance from being reliably measured at levels that are consistently achievable in samples from the facility in order to allow for comparison with generic cleanup criteria. A person seeking approval of a criterion under this subsection shall document the basis for determining that the relevant published target detection limit cannot be achieved in samples from the facility.

(12) In determining the adequacy of a land-use based response activity to address sites contaminated by polychlorinated biphenyls, the department shall not require response activity in addition to that which is subject to and complies with applicable federal regulations and policies that implement the toxic substances control act, 15 USC 2601 to ~~2692.~~**2697.**

(13) Remedial action to address the release of uncontaminated mineral oil satisfies cleanup criteria under this part for groundwater or for soil if all visible traces of mineral oil are removed from groundwater and soil.

(14) Approval by the department of remedial action based on the categorical standard in subsection (1)(a) or (b) shall be

granted only if the pertinent criteria are satisfied in the affected media. The department shall approve the use of probabilistic or statistical methods or other scientific methods of evaluating environmental data when determining compliance with a pertinent cleanup criterion if the methods are determined by the department to be reliable, **be** scientifically valid, and best represent actual site conditions and exposure potential.

(15) If a discharge of venting groundwater complies with this part, a permit for the discharge is not required.

(16) Remedial actions that rely on categorical cleanup criteria developed ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (1) shall also consider other factors necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and the environment as specified by the department, if the department determines based on data and existing information that such considerations are relevant to a specific facility. These factors include, but are not limited to, the protection of surface water quality and consideration of ecological risks if pertinent to the facility based on the requirements of this part.

(17) Not later than December 31, 2013, the department shall evaluate and revise the cleanup criteria derived under this section. The evaluation and any revisions ~~shall~~ **must** incorporate knowledge gained through research and studies in the areas of fate and transport and risk assessment and ~~shall~~ **must** take into account best practices from other states, reasonable and realistic conditions, and sound science. Following this revision, the department ~~shall~~ **must** periodically evaluate whether new information is available regarding the cleanup criteria and ~~shall~~ **must** make revisions as appropriate. The department shall prepare and submit

to the legislature a report detailing any revisions made to cleanup criteria under this section.

(18) A person demonstrates compliance with indoor air inhalation criteria for a hazardous substance at a facility under this part if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The facility is an establishment covered by the classifications provided by sector 31-33 – manufacturing, of the North American ~~industry classification system,~~ **Industry Classification System**, United States, ~~2012,~~ **2017**, published by the ~~office of management and budget.~~**Office of Management and Budget.**

(b) The person complies with the Michigan occupational safety and health act, 1974 PA 154, MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094, and the rules promulgated under that act applicable to the exposure to the hazardous substance, including, but not limited to, the occupational health standards, ~~for~~ **part 301**, air contaminants **for general industry**, R 325.51101 to R 325.51108 of the Michigan ~~administrative code.~~**Administrative Code.**

(c) The hazardous substance is included in the facility's hazard communication program under section 14a of the Michigan occupational safety and health act, 1974 PA 154, MCL 408.1014a, and the **occupational health standards**, **part 430**, hazard communication, ~~rules,~~ R 325.77001 to R 325.77004 of the Michigan ~~administrative code,~~ **Administrative Code**, except that unless the hazardous substance is in use in the facility, the requirement to have a material safety data sheet in the workplace requires only a generic material safety data sheet for the hazardous substance and the labeling requirements do not apply.

(19) The department shall make available the algorithms used to calculate all residential and nonresidential generic cleanup

criteria, and tables listing, by hazardous substance, all toxicity, exposure, and other algorithm factors or variables used in the department's calculations.

Sec. 20120b. (1) The department shall approve numeric or nonnumeric site-specific criteria in a response activity under section 20120a if such criteria, in comparison to generic criteria, better reflect best available information concerning the toxicity or exposure risk posed by the hazardous substance or other factors.

(2) Site-specific criteria approved under subsection (1) may, as appropriate:

(a) Use the algorithms for calculating generic criteria established by rule or propose and use different algorithms.

(b) Alter any value, parameter, or assumption used to calculate generic criteria, with the exception of the risk targets specified in section 20120a(4).

(c) Take into consideration the depth below the ground surface of contamination, which may reduce the potential for exposure and serve as an exposure barrier.

(d) Be based on information related to the specific facility or information of general applicability, including peer-reviewed scientific literature.

(e) Use probabilistic methods of calculation.

(f) Use nonlinear-threshold-based calculations where scientifically justified.

~~(g) Take into account a land use or resource use restriction.~~

(3) If there is not a generic cleanup criterion for a hazardous substance in regard to a relevant exposure pathway, releases of the hazardous substance may be addressed through any of the following means, singly or in combination:

(a) Eliminate exposure to the hazardous substance through removal, containment, exposure barriers, or land use or resource use restrictions.

(b) If another hazardous substance is expected to have similar fate, mobility, bioaccumulation, and toxicity characteristics, apply the cleanup criteria for that hazardous substance as a surrogate. Before using a surrogate, the person shall notify the department, provide a written explanation why the surrogate is suitable, and request approval. If the department does not notify the person that it disapproves the use of the chosen surrogate within 90 days after receipt of the notice, the surrogate is considered approved. A hazardous substance may be used as a surrogate for a single hazardous substance or for a class or category of hazardous substances.

(c) For venting groundwater, use ~~a modeling~~ **an ecological** demonstration, ~~an ecological~~ **a modeling** demonstration, or a combination of both, consistent with section 20120e(9) and (10), to demonstrate that the hazardous substance is not likely to migrate to a surface water body or has not or will not impair the existing or designated uses for a surface water body.

(d) If toxicity information is available for the hazardous substance, develop site-specific cleanup criteria for the hazardous substance ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsections (1) and (2), or develop simplified site-specific screening criteria based upon toxicity and concentrations found on site, and request department approval. If the department does not notify the person that it disapproves the site-specific criteria or screening criteria within 90 days after receipt of the request, the criteria are considered approved.

(e) Any other method approved by the department.

Sec. 20120e. (1) Subject to other requirements of this section, a person may demonstrate compliance with requirements under this part for a response activity providing for venting groundwater by meeting any of the following, singly or in combination:

(a) Generic GSI criteria, which are the water quality standards for surface waters developed by the department ~~pursuant to~~ **under** part 31. The use of surface water quality standards or variances ~~shall be~~ **is** allowable in any of the cleanup categories provided for in section 20120a(1).

(b) A variance from the surface water quality standards as approved by the department under part 31. A variance shall be used only if the variance is requested by a person performing response activities with respect to venting groundwater.

(c) Mixing zone-based GSI criteria established under this part, which are consistent with part 31. The use of mixing zone-based GSI criteria ~~shall be~~ **are** allowable in any of the categories provided for in section 20120a(1) and (2) and ~~shall be~~ **are** allowable for criteria based on chronic-based or acute-based surface water quality criteria.

(d) Site-specific criteria established under section 20120b or this subdivision or a combination of both. The use of mixing zones established under this part may be applied to, or included as, site-specific criteria. Biological criteria may be used as site-specific criteria. If biological criteria are used, then sentinel wells ~~shall~~ **must** be used for a period as needed to determine if the biological criteria may be exceeded due to future increased mass loading to the surface water from the venting plume. Numerical evaluations of analyses of the samples from the sentinel wells

~~shall~~ **must** be performed in connection with this determination.

(e) An ecological demonstration under subsection (9).

(f) A modeling demonstration under subsection (10).

(2) Whole effluent toxicity testing shall not be required or be a criterion or be the basis for any criteria under subsection (1) for venting groundwater except for samples taken at the GSI.

(3) The pathway addressed by GSI criteria under subsection (1) shall be considered a relevant pathway when a remedial investigation or application of best professional judgment leads to the conclusion that a hazardous substance in groundwater is reasonably expected to vent to surface water in concentrations that exceed the generic GSI criteria. The factors to be considered in determining whether the pathway is relevant include all of the following:

(a) Whether there is a hydraulic connection between groundwater and the surface water in question.

(b) The proximity of surface water to source areas and areas of the groundwater contaminant plume that currently, or may in the future be expected to, exceed the generic GSI criteria.

(c) Subject to subsection (23)(g), whether the receiving surface water is a surface water of the state as that term is defined in ~~part 31~~ **section 3101** and rules promulgated under ~~that~~ part **31**.

(d) The direction of groundwater movement.

(e) The presence of artificial structures or natural features that would alter hydraulic pathways. This includes, but is not limited to, highly permeable zones, utility corridors, and seawalls.

(f) The mass of hazardous substances present at the facility

that may affect groundwater.

(g) Documented facility-specific evidence of natural attenuation, if any.

(h) Whether ~~or not~~ a sewer that has an outfall to surface water has openings in the portion of the sewer where the sewer and the groundwater contaminant plume intersect that allows the groundwater contaminant plume to migrate into the sewer. If it can be demonstrated that the sewer is sufficiently tight to prevent inflow to the sewer where the groundwater contaminant plume intersects the sewer or if the sewer is otherwise impervious, based on accepted industry standards, to prevent inflow from groundwater into the sewer at that location, then the GSI pathway with respect to the sewer is not relevant and shall not apply.

(4) For purposes of determining the relevance of a pathway under subsection (3), both of the following apply:

(a) GSI monitoring wells are not required in order to make a determination if other information is sufficient to make a judgment that the pathway is not relevant.

(b) Fate and transport modeling may be used, if appropriate, to support a professional judgment.

(5) A person may proceed under section 20114a to undertake the following response activities involving venting groundwater:

(a) Evaluation activities associated with a response activity providing for venting groundwater using alternative monitoring points, an ecological demonstration, a modeling demonstration, or any combination of these. If a person who is liable under section 20126 decides not to take additional response activities to address the GSI pathway based on alternative monitoring points, an ecological demonstration, a modeling demonstration, or a

determination under subsection (14), or any combination of these, the person shall notify the department and request department approval. A notification and request for approval under this subdivision shall not be considered an admission of liability under section 20126.

(b) Response activities that rely on GSI monitoring wells to demonstrate compliance under subsection (1)(a).

(c) ~~Except~~ **Subject to subdivision (a) and except** as provided in ~~subdivision (a) and~~ subsection (6), response activities that rely on monitoring from alternative monitoring points to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1)(a) if the person submits to the department a notice of alternative monitoring points at least 30 days ~~prior to~~ **before** relying on those alternative monitoring points that contains substantiating evidence that the alternative monitoring points comply with this section.

(d) Response activities implemented by a person who is not liable under section 20126 that rely on a modeling demonstration, or rely on an ecological demonstration, or a combination of these, to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1)(a).

(6) A person shall proceed under section 20114b to undertake response activities that rely on monitoring from alternative monitoring points or rely on an ecological demonstration, a modeling demonstration, or a combination of these, to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1)(a) if 1 or more of the following conditions apply to the venting groundwater:

(a) An applicable criterion is based on acute toxicity endpoints.

(b) The venting groundwater contains a bioaccumulative chemical of concern as identified in the water quality standards

for surface waters developed ~~pursuant to~~ **under** part 31 and for which the person is liable under this part.

(c) The venting groundwater is entering a surface water body protected for coldwater fisheries identified in the following publications:

(*i*) "Coldwater Lakes of Michigan," as published in 1976 by the department of natural resources.

(*ii*) "Designated Trout Lakes and Regulations," issued September 10, 1998, by the director of the department of natural resources under the authority of part 411.

(*iii*) "Designated Trout Streams for the State of Michigan," as issued under order of the director of the department of natural resources, FO-210.08, on November 8, 2007.

(d) The venting groundwater is entering a surface water body designated as an outstanding state resource water or outstanding international resource water as identified in the water quality standards for surface waters developed pursuant to part 31.

(7) A person shall proceed under section 20114b to undertake response activities that rely on monitoring from alternative monitoring points, or rely on an ecological demonstration, or rely on a modeling demonstration or that use mixing zone-based GSI criteria, or any combination of these, as applicable, to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f).

(8) Alternative monitoring points may be used to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1) if the alternative monitoring points meet the following standards:

(a) The locations where venting groundwater enters surface water have been reasonably identified to allow monitoring for the

evaluation of compliance with criteria. This identification shall include all of the following:

(*i*) Identification of the location of alternative monitoring points within areas of venting groundwater.

(*ii*) Documentation of the approximate boundaries of the areas where the groundwater plume vents to surface water. This documentation ~~shall~~ **must** include information about the substrate character and geology in the areas where groundwater vents to surface water.

(*iii*) Documentation that the venting area identified and alternative monitoring points include points that are reasonably representative of the higher concentrations of hazardous substances present in the groundwater at the GSI.

(b) The alternative monitoring points allow for venting groundwater to be sampled at the GSI. Devices used for sampling at alternative monitoring points may be beyond the water's edge and on top of or into the sediments, at the GSI.

(c) Sentinel monitoring points are used in conjunction with the alternative monitoring points for a period as needed to ~~assure~~ **ensure** that any potential exceedance of an applicable surface water quality standard can be identified with sufficient notice to allow additional response activity, if needed, to be implemented that will address the exceedance. Sentinel monitoring points ~~shall~~ **must** include, at a minimum, monitoring points upland of the surface water body.

(9) An ecological demonstration may be used to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1) if the ecological demonstration meets the following:

(a) The boundaries of the area where the groundwater plume

vents to surface water are documented as provided in subsection (8)(a)(*ii*).

(b) Sampling data for the area described in subdivision (a), when compared to other reasonably proximate areas of that surface water body, do not show an impairment of existing or designated uses for that surface water body caused by, or contributed to by, the venting plume, or do not show that the venting plume will cause, or contribute, to impairment of existing or designated uses of that surface water body in a situation where the area of the surface water immediately outside the venting area of the venting plume shows an impairment of existing or designated uses.

(c) Sampling data for the area described in subdivision (a) do not show exceedances of applicable criteria under subsection (1) in the surface water body caused by, or contributed to by, the venting plume.

(d) The sampling data in subdivisions (b) and (c) may be data on benthic organisms, fish, and the water column of the surface water, which data may be in the form of an in situ bioassay or a biological community assessment.

(e) Sentinel monitoring in on-land wells is performed for a period as needed to show that the groundwater plume is not likely to migrate to the surface water body and vent in the future in a mass amount and rate that would impair the existing or designated uses for that surface water body, or cause or contribute to exceedances of surface water quality standards in the surface water body.

(10) A modeling demonstration may be used to demonstrate compliance with subsection (1) if the modeling demonstration meets all of the following:

(a) The modeling methodology is generally recognized as a means to model venting groundwater plumes or is an innovative method that is scientifically justifiable.

(b) The results of the modeling show that the venting plume at the GSI complies with the applicable criteria under subsection (1) or supports the ecological demonstration, as applicable.

(c) The model is supported by site-specific information and appropriate field measurements.

(11) If alternative monitoring points or an ecological demonstration or a modeling demonstration or a combination of these is used for the response activity and sentinel wells are installed, a contingency plan for potential additional response activity may be required.

(12) If a person intends to utilize mixing zone-based GSI criteria under subsection (1)(c) or site-specific criteria under subsection (1)(d) in conjunction with alternative monitoring points, an ecological demonstration, or a modeling demonstration, or a combination of these, the person shall submit to the department a response activity plan that includes the following:

(a) A demonstration of compliance with the standards in subsection (6), (7), or (8), as applicable.

(b) If compliance with a mixing zone-based groundwater-surface water interface criterion under subsection (1)(c) is to be determined with data from the alternative monitoring points, documentation that it is possible to reasonably estimate the volume and rate of venting groundwater.

(c) A site-specific monitoring plan that takes into account the basis for the site-specific criterion or mixing zone criterion.

(13) If there is an exceedance of an applicable GSI criterion

based on acute toxicity at a compliance monitoring point applicable at a particular facility, then action shall be taken as follows:

(a) A person that is implementing the response activity at that facility and that determines that there is an exceedance shall notify the department of that condition within 7 days of ~~obtaining knowledge~~ **discovering** that the exceedance is occurring.

(b) If the person described in subdivision (a) is a person liable under section 20126, then that person shall, within 30 days of the date on which notice is required under subdivision (a), do 1 or more of the following:

(*i*) Commence response activity to address the exceedance at the applicable compliance monitoring point and submit a schedule to the department for the response activity.

(*ii*) Submit a notice of intent to the department to propose an alternative monitoring point or perform an ecological demonstration or perform a modeling demonstration or a combination of these. The notice shall include a schedule for submission of the proposal.

(*iii*) Submit a notice of intent to the department to propose a site-specific criterion or a mixing zone criterion under sections 20120a and 20120b. The notice ~~shall~~ **must** include a schedule for submission of the proposal.

(c) The department may approve a schedule as submitted under subdivision (b) or ~~direct~~ **require** reasonable modifications in the schedule. The department may grant extensions of time for actions required under subdivision (b) and for activities in an approved or department-modified schedule if the person is acting in good faith and site conditions inhibit progress or completion of the activity. The department's decision to grant an extension or impose a schedule modification ~~shall~~ **must** consider the practical problems

associated with carrying out the response activity and the nature and extent of the exceedances of applicable GSI criteria.

(14) Response activity beyond evaluations shall not be required if venting groundwater has no effect or only a de minimis effect on a surface water body. A determination under this subsection may be based on mass flow and rate of groundwater movement calculations. A person evaluating a venting plume that determines that the plume has no effect or only a de minimis effect on a surface water body shall notify the department of the determination. The department may, within 90 days after receipt of the determination, disapprove the determination. If the department does not notify the person that it disapproves the determination within the 90-day period, then the person's determination ~~shall be~~ **is** final.

(15) If a person has controlled the source of groundwater contamination and has demonstrated that compliance with GSI criteria developed under this part is unachievable, that person may file a technical impracticability waiver request with the department. The technical impracticability waiver shall document the reasons why compliance is unachievable. The department shall respond to the waiver within 180 days with an approval, request for additional information, or denial that provides a detailed description of the reasons for denial.

(16) Natural attenuation of hazardous substances in venting groundwater upgradient of the GSI is an acceptable form of remediation and may be relied upon in lieu of any active remediation of the groundwater. Natural attenuation may be occurring by way of ~~dispersion, diffusion,~~ sorption, degradation, transformative reactions, and other methods. **Natural attenuation**

may occur by dispersion or diffusion if it is technically infeasible to prevent the dispersion or diffusion.

(17) A permit ~~shall~~ **is** not ~~be~~ required under part 31 for any venting groundwater contamination plume that is addressed under this section.

(18) Wetlands shall be protected for the groundwater surface water pathway to the extent that particular designated uses, as defined by part 31, ~~which~~ **that** are specific to that wetland would otherwise be impaired by a groundwater contamination plume venting to surface water in the wetland.

(19) If a groundwater contamination plume is entering a sewer that discharges to surface water, and the GSI pathway is relevant, all of the following apply:

(a) If the groundwater enters a storm sewer that is owned or operated by an entity that is subject to federal municipal separate storm sewer system regulations and a part 31 permit for the discharges from the system, the contaminated groundwater entering the sewer is subject to regulation by the entity's ordinance regarding illicit discharges, but the regulation of the contaminated groundwater ~~shall~~ **does** not prevent the use of subdivision (b) or other provisions of this section to determine the need for response activity under this part.

(b) All of the following apply:

(*i*) The compliance monitoring point may be a groundwater monitoring well, if proposed by the person performing the response action, or that person may choose another point for measuring compliance under this subparagraph.

(*ii*) A mixing zone may be applied that accounts for the mixing ~~which~~ **that** occurs in the receiving surface water into which the

sewer system discharges.

(*iii*) Attenuation that occurs in the sewer system ~~prior to~~ **before** the sewer system outfall to surface water shall be considered.

(*iv*) The compliance point is at the sewer system outfall to surface water, which shall account for any applicable mixing zone for the sewer system outfall.

(*v*) Monitoring to determine compliance may be performed at a location where the contaminated groundwater enters the sewer or downstream from that location but upstream of the sewer outfall at the surface water, if practicable and representative. Appropriate back calculation from the compliance point to the monitoring point may be applied to account for mixing and other attenuation that occurs in the sewer system before the compliance point. As appropriate, ~~such~~ a monitoring point **described in this subparagraph** may require another monitoring point in the sewer system upstream from the area where the contaminated groundwater enters the sewer. Upstream sampling in the sewer may be performed to determine source contribution.

(*vi*) The contaminant mass flow, and the rate and amount of groundwater flow, into the sewer may be considered and may result in a determination that the migration into the sewer is de minimis and does not require any response activity in addition to the evaluation that leads to such determination.

(c) Factors in subdivision (b) may be considered and applied to determine if an illicit discharge is occurring and how to regulate the discharge.

(20) If the department denies a response activity plan containing a proposal for alternative monitoring points, an

ecological demonstration, or a modeling demonstration, or a combination of these, the department ~~shall~~ **must** state the reasons for denial, including the scientific and technical basis for the denial. A person may appeal a decision of the department in a response activity plan or no further action report regarding venting groundwater as a scientific or technical dispute under section 20114e.

(21) This section is intended to allow a person to demonstrate compliance with requirements under this part for a response activity involving venting groundwater, and, for this purpose, this section ~~shall be given retroactive application and shall be~~ **applies retroactively and is** available for use by such person. A person performing response activity involving venting groundwater under any judgment, consent judgment, order, consent order, or agreement that was entered ~~prior to the effective date of the 2012 amendatory act that amended this section~~ **before June 20, 2012** may pursue, alter, or terminate such response activity based on any provision of this section subject to any necessary entry or approval by the court in a case of a judgment, consent judgment, or court order or any necessary amendment procedure to amend an agreement. The department shall not oppose use of any provision of this section as grounds to amend an agreement or for a court to modify or terminate response activity obligations involving venting groundwater under a judgment, consent judgment, or court order. A person performing response activity involving venting groundwater under any remedial action plan, interim response plan designed to meet criteria, interim response action plan, or response activity plan that was approved by the department ~~prior to the effective date of the 2012 amendatory act that amended this section~~ **before June 20, 2012** may

submit an amended plan to the department for approval that pursues, alters, or terminates response activity based on any provision of this section. The department shall not oppose use of any provision of this section in approving an amended plan.

(22) A person that undertakes response activity under subsection ~~(4)~~ **(5)** or that takes action under subsection (13)(b) shall not be considered to be making an admission of liability by undertaking such response activities or taking such action.

(23) As used in this section:

(a) "Alternative monitoring points" means alternative monitoring points authorized under subsection (8).

(b) "Ecological demonstration" means an ecological demonstration authorized under subsection (1)(e).

(c) "GSI" means groundwater-surface water interface, which is the location at which groundwater enters surface water.

(d) "GSI monitoring well" means a vertical well installed in the saturated zone as close as practicable to surface water with a screened interval or intervals that are representative of the groundwater venting to the surface water.

(e) "Mixing zone-based GSI criteria" means mixing zone-based GSI criteria authorized under subsection (1)(c).

(f) "Modeling demonstration" means a modeling demonstration authorized under subsection (1)(f).

(g) "Surface water" does not include any of the following:

(*i*) Groundwater.

(*ii*) Hyporheic zone water.

(*iii*) Water in enclosed sewers.

(*iv*) Water in drainage ways and ponds used solely for wastewater or storm water conveyance, treatment, or control.

(*v*) Water in subgrade utility runs and utility lines and permeable fill in and around them.

Sec. 20121. (1) ~~A~~ **If meeting the cleanup criteria for unrestricted residential use and restoring any affected aquifer to state drinking water standards as that term is defined in section 2 of the safe drinking water act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1002, is technically infeasible, a** person may impose land or resource use restrictions ~~to~~ **for any of the following purposes:**

(a) To reduce or restrict exposure to hazardous substances. ~~, to~~

(b) To eliminate a potential exposure pathway. ~~, to assure~~

(c) To ensure the effectiveness and integrity of containment or exposure barriers. ~~, to~~

(d) To provide for access. ~~, or to~~

(e) To otherwise ~~assure~~ **ensure** the effectiveness and integrity of response activities undertaken at a property.

(2) A restrictive covenant used to impose land or resource use restrictions under subsection (1) shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

(a) A legal description of the property that is subject to the restrictions that is sufficient to identify the property and is sufficient to record the document with the register of deeds for the county where the property is located. If the property being restricted constitutes a portion of a parcel, the restrictive covenant ~~shall~~ **must** also include 1 of the following:

(*i*) A legal description and a scaled drawing of the portion that is restricted.

(*ii*) A survey of the portion that is restricted.

(*iii*) Another type of description or drawing approved by the

department.

(b) A brief narrative description of response activities and environmental contamination at the property or identify a publicly accessible information repository where that information may be obtained, such as a public library.

(c) A description of the activity and use limitations imposed on the property. The description should be drafted, to the extent practicable, using plain, everyday language in an effort to make the activity and use limitations understandable to the reader without having to reference statutory or regulatory text or department guidance.

(d) A grant to the department of the ability to enforce the restrictive covenant by legal action in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

(e) A signature of the property owner or someone with the express written consent of the property owner unless the restrictive covenant has been ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. For condominium common elements and similar commonly owned property, the restrictive covenant may be signed by an authorized person.

(3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2), a restrictive covenant may contain other information, restrictions, requirements, and rights agreed to by the persons signing it, including, but not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

(a) A provision requiring notice to the department or other persons upon transfer or before construction or changes in use that could affect environmental contamination or increase exposure at the property.

(b) A provision granting rights of access to the department or

other persons. These rights may include, but are not limited to, the right to enter the property for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the restrictive covenant, the right to take samples, and the right to implement response activities.

(c) A provision subordinating a property interest that has priority, if agreed to by the person that owns the superior interest.

(d) A provision granting the right to enforce the restrictive covenant to persons in addition to the department, including, but not limited to, the local unit of government in which the property is located or the United States ~~environmental protection agency.~~**Environmental Protection Agency.**

(e) A provision obligating the owner of the land subject to the restrictive covenant to inspect or maintain exposure barriers, permanent markers, fences, or other aspects of the response action or remedy.

(f) A provision limiting the restrictive covenant to a specific duration, or terminating the restrictive covenant upon the occurrence of a specific event or condition, such as the completion of additional response activities that are approved by the department.

(g) A provision providing notice of hazardous substances that exceed aesthetic-based cleanup criteria.

(4) A restrictive covenant used to impose land or resource use restrictions under this section shall be recorded with the register of deeds for the county where the property is located.

(5) A restrictive covenant under this section that is recorded under subsection (4) does both of the following:

(a) Runs with the land.

(b) Is perpetual unless, by its terms, it is limited to a specific duration or is terminated by the occurrence of a specific event.

(6) Upon recording, a copy of the restrictive covenant shall be provided to the department together with a notice that includes the street address or parcel number for the property or properties subject to the covenant. A restrictive covenant that meets the requirements of this section need not be approved by the department except as expressly required elsewhere in this part.

(7) The following instruments may impose the land or resource use restrictions described in subsection (1) if they meet the requirements of a restrictive covenant under this section:

(a) A conservation easement.

(b) A court order or judicially approved settlement involving the property.

(8) An institutional control may be used to impose the land or resource use restrictions described in subsection (1) instead of or in addition to a restrictive covenant. Institutional controls that may be considered include, but are not limited to, local ordinances or state laws and regulations that limit or prohibit the use of contaminated groundwater, prohibit the raising of livestock, prohibit development in certain locations, or restrict property to certain uses, such as a zoning ordinance. A local ordinance that serves as an institutional control under this section shall be published and maintained in the same manner as a zoning ordinance and shall include a requirement that the local unit of government notify the department at least 30 days ~~prior to~~ **before** adopting a modification to the ordinance or ~~prior to~~ **before** the lapsing or revocation of the ordinance.

(9) Alternative instruments and means may be used, with department approval, to impose the land or resource use restrictions described in subsection (1), including, but not limited to, licenses and license agreements, contracts with local, state, or federal units of government, health codes or regulations, or government permitting requirements.

(10) The department, with the approval of the state administrative board, may place restrictive covenants described in this section on deeds of state-owned property.

(11) A restrictive covenant recorded pursuant to this part, whether recorded **on**, before, or after ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section,~~ **January 15, 2015,** is valid and enforceable even if 1 or more of the following situations exist:

(a) It is not appurtenant to an interest in real property.

(b) The right to enforce it can be or has been assigned.

(c) It is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law.

(d) It imposes a negative burden.

(e) It imposes an affirmative obligation on a person having an interest in the real property.

(f) The benefit or burden does not touch or concern real property.

(g) There is no privity of estate or contract.

(h) The owner of the land subject to the restrictive covenant and the person benefited or burdened are the same person.

(12) Restrictive covenants or other instruments that impose land or resource use restrictions that were recorded before ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section~~

January 15, 2015 are not invalidated or made unenforceable by this section. Except as provided in subsection (11), this section only applies to a restrictive covenant or other instrument recorded after ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.~~ **January 15, 2015.** This section does not invalidate or render unenforceable any instrument or interest that is otherwise enforceable under the law of this state.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.