

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.11515 Inspection of site; compliance with part 115 as condition of eligibility for permit, license, or registration; written inspection report; authorized representative defined.**

Sec. 11515. (1) The department or an authorized representative of the department may inspect and investigate conditions relating to the generation, storage, processing, transportation, management, or disposal of solid waste or any material regulated under part 115. In conducting an inspection or investigation, the department or its authorized representative may, at reasonable times and after presenting credentials and stating its authority and purpose, do any of the following:

- (a) Enter any property.
- (b) Have access to and copy any information or records that are required to be maintained pursuant to part 115 or an order issued under part 115.
- (c) Inspect any facility, equipment, including monitoring and pollution control equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under part 115 or an order issued under part 115.
- (d) Sample, test, or monitor substances or parameters for the purpose of determining compliance with part 115 or an order issued under part 115.

(2) Upon receipt of an application for a permit, license, approval under a general permit, or registration under part 115, the department or an authorized representative of the department shall inspect the materials management facility, property, site, or proposed operation to determine eligibility for the permit, license, approval under a general permit, or registration. Before issuing a permit, license, approval under a general permit, or registration, the department shall file a written inspection report.

(3) If the department or an authorized representative of the department is refused entry or access under subsection (1) or (2), the attorney general, on behalf of this state, may do either of the following:

- (a) Petition the court of appropriate jurisdiction for a warrant authorizing entry or access to property, information or records or authorizing sampling, testing, or monitoring pursuant to this section.
- (b) Commence a civil action to compel compliance with a request for entry or access to property, information, or records or to sample, test, or monitor pursuant to this section.

(4) The department or an authorized representative may receive and initiate complaints of an alleged violation of part 115 and take action with respect to the complaint as provided in part 115.

(5) As used in this section, "authorized representative" means any of the following:

- (a) A full- or part-time employee of another state department or agency acting pursuant to law or to which the department delegates certain duties under part 115.
- (b) A local health officer.
- (c) For the purpose of sampling, testing, or monitoring under subsection (1)(d), a contractor retained by the state or a local health officer.

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