

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

324.14501 Definitions.

Sec. 14501. As used in this part:

(a) "Agricultural biomass" means residue and waste generated on a farm or by farm co-operative members from the production and processing of agricultural products, animal wastes, food processing wastes, or other materials as approved by the director.

(b) "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

(c) "Director" means the director of the department of environmental quality.

(d) "Eligible farmer or agricultural processor" means a person who processes agricultural products or a person who is engaged as an owner-operator of a farm in the production of agricultural goods as defined by section 35(1)(h) of the former single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, or by section 207(1)(d) of the Michigan business tax act, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1207.

(e) "Environmental wastes" means all environmental pollutants, wastes, discharges, and emissions, regardless of how they are regulated and regardless of whether they are released to the general environment or the workplace environment.

(f) "Pollution prevention" means all of the following:

(i) "Source reduction" as defined in 42 USC 13102.

(ii) "Pollution prevention" as described in the United States environmental protection agency's pollution prevention statement dated June 15, 1993.

(iii) Environmentally sound on-site or off-site reuse or recycling including, but not limited to, the use of agricultural biomass by qualified agricultural energy production systems.

(g) "Qualified agricultural energy production system" means the structures, equipment, and apparatus to be used to produce a gaseous fuel from the noncombustive decomposition of agricultural biomass and the apparatus and equipment used to generate electricity or heat from the gaseous fuel or store the gaseous fuel for future generation of electricity or heat. Qualified agricultural energy production system may include, but is not limited to, a methane digester, biomass gasification technology, or thermal depolymerization technology.

(h) "RETAP" means the retired engineers technical assistance program created in section 14511.

(i) "Retap fund" means the retired engineers technical assistance program fund created in section 14512.

(j) "Small business" means a business that is not dominant in its field as described in 13 CFR part 121 and meets both of the following requirements:

(i) Is independently owned or operated, by a person that employs 500 or fewer individuals.

(ii) Is a small business concern as defined in 15 USC 632.

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