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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF DRINKING WATER TREATMENT
102 FACILITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE
103 OF DESIGNATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Water Resources Review Committee. Current law requires a drinking water treatment facility that stores, treats, or processes solid wastes originating at the facility to get a certificate of designation from the local municipality or board of county commissioners. Such facilities are regulated by both the solid and hazardous waste commission and the water quality control commission.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill exempts these facilities from the requirement to get a certificate of designation, regardless of when the solid wastes were handled, and allows them to dispose of their own solid wastes on the facility's property in compliance with the rules of the solid and hazardous waste commission for waste impoundments and solid wastes disposal.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-20-102, **amend**
3 (1), (2), (3), (4), and (6); and **add** (7.5) as follows:

4 **30-20-102. Unlawful to operate site and facility without**
5 **certificate of designation - exceptions.** (1) ~~Any~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
6 SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, A person who owns or operates a solid wastes
7 disposal site and facility shall first obtain a certificate of designation from
8 the governing body having jurisdiction over the area in which such site
9 and facility is located.

10 (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, solid wastes
11 disposal by any person is prohibited except on or at a solid wastes
12 disposal site and facility for which a certificate of designation has been
13 obtained as provided in section 30-20-105.

14 (3) ~~Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any~~ A
15 person other than a governmental unit may dispose of the person's own
16 solid wastes on the person's own property, as long as such solid wastes
17 disposal site and facility complies with the rules of the solid and
18 hazardous waste commission and does not constitute a public nuisance.
19 For the purposes of this part 1, such solid wastes disposal site and facility
20 shall be an approved site for which obtaining a certificate of designation
21 under ~~the provisions of~~ section 30-20-105 ~~shall be~~ IS unnecessary. This
22 subsection (3) ~~shall~~ DOES not preclude any person from applying for a
23 certificate of designation for the disposal of the person's own solid wastes

1 on the person's own property.

2 (4) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of~~
3 ~~this section, any~~ A person who is engaged in mining operations pursuant
4 to a permit issued by the mined land reclamation board or office of mined
5 land reclamation ~~which~~ THAT contains an approved plan of reclamation
6 may dispose of solid wastes generated by such operations within the
7 permitted area for such operations. For the purposes of this part 1, such
8 solid wastes disposal site and facility ~~shall be~~ IS an approved site for
9 which obtaining a certificate of designation under ~~the provisions of~~
10 section 30-20-105 ~~shall be~~ IS unnecessary.

11 (6) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of~~
12 ~~this section,~~ The final use for beneficial purposes, including fertilizer, soil
13 conditioner, fuel, and livestock feed, of biosolids that have been
14 processed and certified or designated as meeting all applicable rules of
15 the solid and hazardous waste commission and the department of
16 agriculture ~~shall~~ DOES not require a certificate of designation for such
17 final use. In addition, the use of manure as a fertilizer or soil conditioner
18 or the composting on the site of generation of manure with other
19 compatible materials necessary for effective composting as part of a
20 standard agricultural practice ~~shall~~ DOES not require a certificate of
21 designation.

22 (7.5) (a) ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
23 (7.5), A GOVERNING BODY HAVING JURISDICTION SHALL NOT REQUIRE A
24 CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION FOR WASTE IMPOUNDMENTS OR SOLID
25 WASTES DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AT A DRINKING WATER TREATMENT
26 FACILITY. A CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION FOR WASTE IMPOUNDMENTS OR
27 SOLID WASTES DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AT A DRINKING WATER TREATMENT

1 FACILITY ISSUED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (7.5)
2 IS VOIDABLE AT THE OPTION OF THE FACILITY.

3 (b) A DRINKING WATER TREATMENT FACILITY MAY DISPOSE OF THE
4 FACILITY'S OWN SOLID WASTES ON THE FACILITY'S PROPERTY IN
5 COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
6 COMMISSION FOR WASTE IMPOUNDMENTS AND SOLID WASTES DISPOSAL.

7 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
8 **applicability.** (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day
9 following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment
10 of the general assembly (August 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on
11 May 9, 2012); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to
12 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
13 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
14 section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the
15 general election to be held in November 2012 and shall take effect on the
16 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

17 (2) The provisions of this act shall apply to solid wastes
18 impounded or disposed of before, on, or after the applicable effective date
19 of this act.