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HOUSE BILL NO. 655

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

MINERALS/LEASES: Authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources or the commissioner of conservation to order environmental remediation of an oilfield site

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:84(A)(8) and 85(A)(5), relative to remediation of oilfield sites; to authorize
3 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the commissioner of
4 conservation to order testing and remediation of an oilfield site; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:84(A)(8) and 85(A)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §84. Powers of the secretary

9 A. The powers of the secretary shall include without limitation the power to
10 do the following:

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12 (8) Upon a finding by the secretary that the site may endanger the
13 environment or may become an orphan or abandoned oilfield site, order any
14 responsible party to investigate, test, and remediate any oilfield site.

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16 §85. Powers of the assistant secretary

17 A. The powers of the assistant secretary shall include without limitation the
18 power to do the following, subject to the supervision of the secretary:

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1 (5) Upon a finding by the assistant secretary that the site may endanger the
2 environment or may become an orphan or abandoned oilfield site, order any
3 responsible party to investigate, test, and remediate any oilfield site.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes required remediation of an oilfield site.

Present law provides for the powers of the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources and the commissioner of conservation. Proposed law adds to those powers the authority to require a responsible owner to investigation, test, and remediate an oilfield site found to be a danger to the environment or a potential orphan site.

(Adds R.S. 30:84(A)(8) and 85(A)(5))