

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 344

BY SENATOR MORRISH

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. Provides for the reportable quantity of a release from natural gas pipelines. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2363(15), relative to environmental quality; to provide  
3 definitions of a reportable release; to provide for the reportable quantity of a release  
4 from natural gas pipelines; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2363(15) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2363. Definitions

8 The following terms as used in this Chapter shall have the following  
9 meanings:

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11 (15) "Reportable release" means a release of a regulated hazardous material  
12 or substance which causes any injury requiring hospitalization or any fatality, results  
13 in a fire or explosion which could reasonably be expected to affect the public safety  
14 beyond the boundaries of the facility, or exceeds the reportable quantity when that  
15 reportable quantity, as defined pursuant to rules promulgated by the deputy secretary,  
16 could be reasonably expected to escape beyond the site of the facility. A reportable  
17 release as defined herein shall be based upon the quantity of hazardous material or

1 substance discharged continuously, intermittently, or as a one-time discharge, within  
2 any continuous twenty-four hour period. **However, for natural gas distribution**  
3 **lines, reportable releases shall include only reportable quantities of one**  
4 **thousand pounds or more.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

Present law defines "reportable release" as a release of regulated hazardous material or substance which causes any injury requiring hospitalization or any fatality during a one-time discharge, whether continuously or intermittently during a 24 hour period.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a "reportable release" will only apply to natural gas from a pipeline with a reportable quantity of one thousand pounds or more.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 30:2363(15))