

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR MORRELL

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Directs DEQ to conduct soil sampling on certain dredged material.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct soil sampling  
3 on material dredged along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River Gulf  
4 Outlet at the confluence of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in Orleans Parish with  
5 the permit applicant paying the cost of such sample.

6 WHEREAS, in 2008, the United States Army Corps of Engineers requested a water  
7 quality certification to widen and improve the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and

8 WHEREAS, there were one hundred thirteen constituents of concern sampled at  
9 twenty-four sampling sites; and

10 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality determined the samples had  
11 values within non-industrial standards; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality did not receive any public  
13 comments and issued the water quality certification in May of 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, in February of 2011, Southern Recycling requested a water quality  
15 certification to dredge for installation of a dock for barge access near their Florida Avenue  
16 site; and

17 WHEREAS, there is concern about possible contaminants in the dredged material  
18 due to one hundred thirteen constituents of concern found in the 2008 sampling; and

1           WHEREAS, R.S. 30:2011(D)(2) authorizes the secretary of the Department of  
2 Environmental Quality to require such conditions in individual instances as are necessary  
3 to assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 does hereby direct the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct soil  
6 sampling along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet at the  
7 confluence of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in Orleans Parish with the permit applicant  
8 paying the cost of such sample.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
10 Southern Recycling and to the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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

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DIGEST

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