

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

324.20114d No further action report.

Sec. 20114d.

(1) A person may submit a no further action report under this subsection for remedial actions addressing contamination for which the person is or is not liable. Remedial actions included in a no further action report may address all or a portion of contamination at a facility as follows:

- (a) The remedial actions may address 1 or more releases at a facility.
- (b) The remedial actions may address 1 or more hazardous substances at a facility.
- (c) The remedial actions may address contamination in 1 or more environmental media at a facility.
- (d) The remedial actions may address contamination within the entire facility or only a portion of a facility.
- (e) The remedial actions may address contamination at a facility through any combination of subdivisions (a) through (d).

(2) A no further action report submitted under subsection (1) must document the basis for concluding that the remedial actions included in the no further action report are protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and the environment with respect to the environmental contamination addressed by the remedial actions. A no further action report may include a request that, upon approval, the release or conditions addressed by the no further action report be designated as a residential closure. A no further action report shall be submitted with a form developed by the department. The department shall make this form available on its website.

(3) A no further action report submitted under subsection (1) shall be submitted with the following, as applicable:

(a) If the remedial action at the facility satisfies the cleanup criteria for unrestricted residential use for the hazardous substances and portion of the facility addressed in the no further action report, neither a postclosure plan or a proposed postclosure agreement is required to be submitted.

(b) If the remedial action requires only land use or resource use restrictions and financial assurance is not required or the financial assurance is de minimis, a postclosure plan is required but a proposed postclosure agreement is not required to be submitted.

(c) For circumstances other than those described in subdivision (a) or (b), a postclosure plan and a proposed postclosure agreement are required to be submitted.

(4) A proposed postclosure agreement that is submitted as part of a no further action report must include all of the following:

(a) Provisions for monitoring, operation and maintenance, and oversight necessary to assure the effectiveness and integrity of the remedial action.

(b) Financial assurance to pay for monitoring, operation and maintenance, oversight, and other costs determined by the department to be necessary to assure the effectiveness and integrity of the remedial action.

(c) A provision requiring notice to the department of the owner's intent to convey any interest in the facility 14 days prior to consummating the conveyance. A conveyance of title, an easement, or other interest in the property shall not be consummated by the property owner without adequate and complete provision for compliance with the terms and conditions of the postclosure plan and the postclosure agreement.

(d) A provision granting the department the right to enter the property at reasonable times for the purpose of determining and monitoring compliance with the postclosure plan and postclosure agreement, including the right to take samples, inspect the operation of the remedial action measures, and inspect records.

(5) A postclosure agreement may waive the requirement for permanent markers.

(6) The person submitting a no further action report shall include a signed affidavit attesting to the fact that the information upon which the no further action report is based is complete and true to the best of that person's knowledge. The no further action report must also include a signed affidavit from an environmental consultant who meets the professional qualifications described in section 20114e(2) and who prepared the no further action report, attesting to the fact that the remedial actions detailed in the no further action report comply with all applicable requirements and that the information upon which the no further action report is based is complete and true to the best of that person's knowledge. In addition, the environmental consultant shall attach a certificate of insurance demonstrating that the environmental consultant has obtained at least all of the following from a carrier that is authorized to conduct business in this state:

(a) Statutory worker compensation insurance as required in this state.

(b) Professional liability errors and omissions insurance. This policy must not exclude bodily injury, property damage, or claims arising out of pollution for environmental work and must be issued with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim.

(c) Contractor pollution liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim, if not included

under the professional liability errors and omissions insurance required under subdivision (b). The insurance requirement under this subdivision is not required for environmental consultants who do not perform contracting functions.

(d) Commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate.

(e) Automobile liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per claim.

(7) A person submitting a no further action report shall maintain all documents and data prepared, acquired, or relied upon in connection with the no further action report for not less than 10 years after the later of the date on which the department approves the no further action report under this section, or the date on which no further monitoring, operation, or maintenance is required to be undertaken as part of the remedial action covered by the report. All documents and data required to be maintained under this section shall be made available to the department upon request.

(8) Upon receipt of a no further action report submitted under this subsection, the department shall approve or deny the no further action report or shall notify the submitter that the report does not contain sufficient information for the department to make a decision. If the no further action report requires a postclosure agreement, the department may negotiate alternative terms than those included within the proposed postclosure agreement. The department shall provide its determination within 150 days after the report was received by the department under this subsection unless the report requires public participation under section 20120d(2). If the report requires public participation under section 20120d(2), the department shall respond within 180 days. If the department's response is that the report does not include sufficient information, the department shall identify the information that is required for the department to make a decision. If the report is denied, the department's denial must, to the extent practical, state with specificity all of the reasons for denial. If the no further action report, including any required postclosure plan and postclosure agreement, is approved, the department shall provide the person submitting the no further action report with a no further action letter. The department shall review and provide a written response within the time frames required by this subsection for at least 90% of the no further action reports submitted to the department under this section in each calendar year.

(9) If the department fails to provide a written response within the time frames required by subsection (8), the no further action report is considered approved.

(10) A person requesting approval of a no further action report under subsection (8) may appeal the department's decision in accordance with section 20114e.

(11) Any time frame required by this section may be extended by mutual agreement of the department and a person submitting a no further action report. An agreement extending a time frame must be in writing.

(12) Following approval of a no further action report under this section, the owner or operator of the facility addressed by the no further action report may submit to the department an amended no further action report. The amended no further action report must include the proposed changes to the original no further action report and an accompanying rationale for the proposed change. The process for review and approval of an amended no further action report is the same as the process for no further action reports.

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