

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 Senate Bill No. 103 entitled “An act relating to the regulation of toxic
4 substances and hazardous materials” respectfully reports that it has considered
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Toxics Use Reduction and Reporting* * *

8 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6633 is added to read:

9 § 6633. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

10 (a) Creation. There is created the Interagency Committee on Chemical
11 Management in the State to:

12 (1) evaluate chemical inventories in the State on an annual basis;

13 (2) identify potential risks to human health and the environment from
14 chemical inventories in the State; and

15 (3) propose measures or mechanisms to address the identified risks from
16 chemical inventories in the State.

17 (b) Membership. The Interagency Committee on Chemical Management
18 shall be composed of the following five members:

19 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;

20 (2) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;

21 (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

1 (4) the Commissioner of Labor or designee; and

2 (5) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee.

3 (c) Powers and duties. The Interagency Committee on Chemical
4 Management shall:

5 (1) Convene a citizen advisory panel to provide input and expertise to
6 the Committee. The citizen advisory panel shall consist of persons with
7 expertise in:

8 (A) toxicology;

9 (B) environmental law;

10 (C) manufacturing products;

11 (D) environmental health;

12 (E) public health;

13 (F) risk analysis;

14 (G) maternal and child health care;

15 (H) occupational health;

16 (I) industrial hygiene;

17 (J) public policy;

18 (K) academic institutions; and

19 (L) retailers.

20 (2) Monitor actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
21 (EPA) to regulate chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act,

1 15 U.S.C. chapter 53, and notify relevant State agencies of any EPA action
2 relevant to the jurisdiction of the agency.

3 (3) Annually review chemical inventories in the State in relation to
4 emerging scientific evidence in order to identify chemicals of high concern not
5 regulated by the State.

6 (d) Assistance. The Interagency Committee on Chemical Management
7 shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of
8 Natural Resources; the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; the
9 Department of Health; the Department of Public Safety; and the Department
10 of Labor.

11 (e) Report. On or before January 15, and annually thereafter, the
12 Interagency Committee on Chemical Management shall report to the Senate
13 Committees on Natural Resources and Energy; on Health and Welfare; and on
14 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and the House
15 Committees on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife; on Health Care; and on
16 Commerce and Economic Development regarding the actions of the
17 Committee. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) regarding expiration of
18 required reports shall not apply to the report to be made under this section.

19 The report shall include:

20 (1) an estimate or summary of the known chemical inventories in the
21 State;

1 (2) a summary of any change under federal statute or rule affecting the
2 regulation of chemicals in the State;

3 (3) recommended legislative or regulatory action to address the risks
4 posed by new or emerging chemicals of high concern; and

5 (4) recommend legislative or regulatory action to reduce health risks
6 from exposure to chemicals of high concern and reduce risks of harm to the
7 natural environment.

8 (f) Meetings.

9 (1) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall be the chair of the
10 Interagency Committee on Chemical Management.

11 (2) The Secretary of Natural Resources call the first meeting of the
12 Interagency Committee on Chemical Management to occur on or before July 1,
13 2017.

14 (3) A majority of the membership of the Interagency Committee on
15 Chemical Management shall constitute a quorum.

16 (g) Authority of agencies. The establishment of the Interagency
17 Committee on Chemical Management shall not limit the independent authority
18 of a State agency to regulate chemical use or management under existing State
19 or applicable federal law.

20 Sec. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT;

21 REPORT ON TOXIC USE REDUCTION AND REPORTING

1 On or before January 15, 2018, after consultation with the citizen advisory
2 panel and as part of the first report required under 10 V.S.A. § 6633(e), the
3 Interagency Committee on Chemical Management shall:

4 (1) Recommend how the State shall establish a centralized or unified
5 electronic reporting system to facilitate compliance by businesses and other
6 entities with chemical reporting and other regulatory requirements in the State.

7 The recommendation shall:

8 (A) identify a State agency or department to establish and administer
9 the reporting system;

10 (B) estimate the staff and funding necessary to administer the
11 reporting system;

12 (C) propose how businesses and the public can access information
13 submitted to or maintained as part of the reporting systems, including whether
14 access to certain information or categories of information should be limited due
15 to statutory requirements, regulatory requirements, trade secret protection, or
16 other considerations;

17 (D) propose how information maintained as part of the reporting
18 system can be accessed, including whether the information should be
19 searchable by: chemical name, common name, brand name, product model,
20 Global Product Classification (GPC) product brick description, standard

1 industrial classification, chemical facility, geographic area, zip code, or
2 address;

3 (E) propose how manufacturers of consumer products or subsets of
4 consumer products shall report or notify the State of the presence of designated
5 chemicals of concern in a consumer product and how information reported by
6 manufacturers is made available to the public;

7 (F) propose a method for displaying information or filtering or
8 refining search results so that information maintained on the reporting system
9 can be accessed or identified in serviceable or functional manner for all users
10 of the system, including governmental agencies or departments, commercial
11 and industrial businesses reporting to the system, non-profit associations, and
12 citizens; and

13 (F) estimate a time line for establishment of the reporting system.

14 (2) Recommend amendments to the requirements for Toxic Use
15 Reduction and Hazardous Waste Reduction under 10 V.S.A. chapter 159,
16 subchapter 2 that shall include:

17 (A) The a list of chemicals or materials subject to the reporting and
18 planning requirements. The list of chemicals or materials shall include and be
19 in addition to the chemicals or substances listed under: Title III, Section 313 of
20 the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; and 18 V.S.A. §
21 1773 (chemicals of high concern to children);

1 (B) The thresholds or amounts of chemicals used or hazardous waste
2 generated by a person that require reporting and planning.

3 (C) The information to be reported, including:

4 (i) the quantity of hazardous waste generated and the quantity of
5 hazardous waste managed during a year;

6 (ii) the quantity of toxic substances, or raw material resulting in
7 hazardous waste, used during a year;

8 (iii) an assessment of the effect of each hazardous waste reduction
9 measure and toxics use reduction measure implemented; and

10 (iv) a description of factors during a year that have affected toxics
11 use, hazardous waste generation, releases into the environment, and onsite and
12 offsite hazardous waste management.

13 (C) The persons or entities using chemicals or generating hazardous
14 waste that are subject to reporting and planning;

15 (D) Proposed revisions to the toxic chemical or hazardous waste
16 reduction planning requirements, including conditions or criteria that qualify a
17 person to complete a plan.

18 (E) Any changes to streamline and modernize the program to
19 improve its effectiveness.

20 (3) Draft legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations
21 under subdivision (1) and (2) of this section.

1 (e) Submission of test results. Within 10 days of receiving the results of a
2 complete test required under this section, the seller shall submit the results, on
3 a form provided by the Agency, to the Agency, the Department of Health, and
4 the buyer.

5 (f) Rulemaking. The Secretary, after consultation with the Department of
6 Health, the Wastewater and Potable Water Supply Technical Advisory
7 Committee, the Vermont Realtors, the Vermont Association of Professional
8 Home Inspectors, private laboratories, and other interested parties, shall adopt
9 by rule requirements regarding:

10 (1) when, prior to use of a new groundwater source, the test required
11 under subsection (b) of this section shall be conducted;

12 (2) who shall be authorized to sample the source for the test required
13 under subsections (b) and (c) of this section, provided that the rule shall
14 include the person who owns or controls the groundwater source and licensed
15 well drillers among those authorized to conduct the test;

16 (3) how a water sample shall be collected in order to comply with the
17 requirements of the analyses to be performed; and

18 (4) any other requirements necessary to implement this section.

1 **Sec. 4. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; GROUNDWATER**

2 **SOURCE TESTING**

3 The Secretary of Natural Resources shall commence rulemaking under
4 10 V.S.A. § 1982 on or before July 1, 2017. The Secretary shall adopt rules
5 under 10 V.S.A. § 1982 on or before January 1, 2018.

6 **Sec. 5. 18 V.S.A. § 501b is amended to read:**

7 **§ 501b. CERTIFICATION OF LABORATORIES**

8 (a) ~~The commissioner~~ Commissioner may certify a laboratory that meets
9 the standards currently in effect of the National Environmental Laboratory
10 Accreditation Conference and is accredited by an approved National
11 Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program accrediting authority or its
12 equivalent to perform the testing and monitoring:

13 (1) required under 10 V.S.A. chapter 56 and the federal Safe Drinking
14 Water Act; and

15 (2) of water from a potable water supply, as that term is defined in
16 10 V.S.A. § 1972(6).

17 (b)(1) ~~The commissioner~~ Commissioner may by order suspend or revoke a
18 certificate granted under this section, after notice and opportunity to be heard,
19 if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that the certificate holder has:

20 (A) submitted materially false or materially inaccurate
21 information; or

1 (B) violated any material requirement, restriction, or condition of the
2 certificate; or

3 (C) violated any statute, rule, or order relating to this title.

4 (2) The order shall set forth what steps, if any, may be taken by the
5 certificate holder to relieve the holder of the suspension or enable the
6 certificate holder to reapply for certification if a previous certificate has been
7 revoked.

8 (c) A person may appeal the suspension or revocation of the certificate to
9 the ~~board~~ Board under section 128 of this title.

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11 (f) A laboratory certified to conduct testing of groundwater sources or
12 water supplies ~~from~~ under 10 V.S.A. § 1982 or other statute for use by a
13 potable water supply, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1972(6), shall
14 submit the results of groundwater analyses to the ~~department of health~~
15 Department of Health and the ~~agency of natural resources~~ Agency of Natural
16 Resources in a format required by the ~~department of health~~ Department of
17 Health.

1 Sec. 6. 27 V.S.A. § 616 is amended to read:

2 § 616. GROUNDWATER SOURCE TESTING; ~~DISCLOSURE OF~~
3 ~~INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL~~

4 (a) ~~Disclosure of potable water supply informational material. For a~~
5 ~~contract for the conveyance of real property with a potable water supply, as~~
6 ~~that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1972(6), that is not served by a public water~~
7 ~~system, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1671(5), executed on or after~~
8 ~~January 1, 2013, the seller shall, within 72 hours of the execution, provide the~~
9 ~~buyer with informational materials developed by the department of health~~
10 ~~regarding:~~

11 (1) ~~the potential health effects of the consumption of contaminated~~
12 ~~groundwater; and~~

13 (2) ~~the availability of test kits provided by the department of health.~~

14 Definition. As used in this section, potable water supply shall have the same
15 meaning as set forth in 10 V.S.A. § 1972.

16 (b) Disclosure of well testing. Upon conveyance of land on which is
17 located a potable water supply, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1972(6),
18 the source of which is a private well, the seller shall provide the buyer with a
19 disclosure form that includes the results of the well testing required under
20 10 V.S.A. § 1982.

