

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1369

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1369.

This bill would authorize the use of steel slag as an aggregate for certain uses in industrial and commercial development and the remediation of contaminated sites.

Specifically, the bill would authorize a person to use steel slag as an aggregate in commercial or industrial development for one of the 12 uses specified in subsection b. of section 1 of the bill. The bill would also allow a licensed site remediation professional to authorize the use of steel slag as an aggregate in the remediation of a contaminated site for one of the 12 uses specified in subsection b. of section 1 of the bill. The bill would provide that the use of steel slag as alternative fill in the remediation of a contaminated site would not require prior written approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Under the bill, any authorized use of steel slag would be prohibited from causing the exceedance of any drinking water quality standard or groundwater quality standard established by law, and any steel slag would be required to meet all applicable engineering or geotechnical standards and specifications.

The bill would also authorize the DEP to adopt rules concerning the use of steel slag as an aggregate, as necessary in order to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and the environment.

The bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 642 (1R) as also reported by the committee.

