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SYNOPSIS

Requires maximum contaminant level to be established for 1,2,3-trichloropropane in drinking water.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring a maximum contaminant level to be established
2 for 1,2,3-trichloropropane and supplementing P.L.1977,
3 c.224 (C.58:12A-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. The Drinking Water Quality Institute established pursuant
9 to section 10 of P.L.1983, c.443 (C.58:12A-20) shall, within 90
10 days after the date of enactment of this act, recommend to the
11 Department of Environmental Protection a maximum contaminant
12 level for 1,2,3-trichloropropane in drinking water, which shall be no
13 more than 0.03 parts per billion.

14 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,
15 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
16 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), a maximum contaminant level for 1,2,3-
17 trichloropropane based upon the recommendation made by the
18 Drinking Water Quality Institute pursuant to subsection a. of this
19 section. The department shall adopt the maximum contaminant
20 level for 1,2,3-trichloropropane within 180 days after receiving the
21 recommendation thereon from the institute.

22 c. Until the department adopts a maximum contaminant level
23 for 1,2,3-trichloropropane pursuant to subsection b. of this section,
24 the maximum contaminant level shall be 0.03 parts per billion.
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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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29 STATEMENT
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31 This bill directs the Drinking Water Quality Institute (DWQI) to
32 recommend, within 90 days, to the Department of Environmental
33 Protection (DEP) a maximum contaminant level (mcl) of 0.03 parts
34 per billion (ppb) or lower for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP),
35 and directs the DEP to adopt the mcl for 1,2,3-TCP based upon the
36 recommendation made by the DWQI within 180 days after
37 receiving the recommendation. The bill requires the mcl for 1,2,3-
38 TCP to be 0.03 ppb until the DEP adopts the mcl recommended by
39 the DWQI.

40 The chemical, 1,2,3-TCP, is a man-made and persistent
41 substance used for paint removal and other purposes. It has been
42 classified a "likely" carcinogen by the United States Environmental
43 Protection Agency. According to the DEP, it is a potent genotoxic
44 carcinogen which occurs in drinking water at levels resulting in
45 significant cancer risk based on test results from New Jersey public
46 and non-public water supplies. The contaminant has recently been
47 found in Moorestown's water supply, causing town officials to shut
48 down two of its primary wells. Therefore, it is imperative that

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- 1 water purveyors and suppliers take immediate steps to reduce the
- 2 level of 1,2,3-TCP in drinking water.