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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1244 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Jim Stamas
Committee: Natural Resources

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 201 (Environmental Remediation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

-- Allow a person to submit a no further action (NFA) report before the completion of remedial actions that satisfied the requirements of Part 201.
-- Modify a requirement for the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish a response activity review panel to advise him or her on disputes, and define the term "dispute".
-- Require the Department, when developing and promulgating cleanup criteria for each hazardous substance, to use final toxicity values from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) integrated risk information system, if available.
-- Require the DEQ, when developing and promulgating cleanup criteria for each hazardous substance, if final toxicity values from the EPA integrated risk information system were not available, to follow a specified order of precedence for selecting final toxicity values.
-- Require the DEQ to promulgate all generic cleanup criteria and target detection limits as rules.
-- Provide methods by which a person could evaluate, address, and manage the vapor intrusion to the indoor air inhalation exposure pathway for a hazardous substance.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have minor, but negative fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and no fiscal impact on local units of government. The bill would require the DEQ to promulgate a number of new and amended rules regarding environmental cleanup criteria under Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The promulgation of these new rules would introduce new administrative costs to the DEQ which would be borne by existing resources.

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