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**HOUSE BILL 24-1338**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BY**  
102                    **REDUCING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION, AND, IN**  
103                    **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

House Bill 21-1266, enacted in 2021, authorized the creation of the environmental justice action task force to develop recommendations for measures to achieve environmental justice in the state. The task force completed its work and published a final report on November 14, 2022, which report included a recommendation for the development of

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environmental equity and cumulative impact analyses (EECIA) in the state.

**Section 2** of the bill creates the office of environmental justice (office) in the department of public health and environment (CDPHE) and **section 1** requires the office to oversee a process to develop at least 2 EECIAs for specific geographic locations in the state. Once an EECIA is developed, various state agencies will be able to rely on the EECIA in conducting cumulative impact analyses regarding potentially polluting activities.

The office must choose as locations for the EECIAs communities that are disproportionately impacted communities, with priority given to communities that have a heightened potential for widespread human exposure to environmental contaminants. After selecting a location for an EECIA, CDPHE must contract with an academic institution or other third party to develop an EECIA. In developing an EECIA, the applicable contractor must perform a scientifically rigorous analysis that includes most of the recommendations made by the environmental justice action task force.

**Section 3** makes a technical change regarding the assessment of civil penalties for air quality law violations.

On or after January 1, 2026, **section 4** authorizes the elected officials of a city, town, county, or city and county (local governing body) to request that the air quality control commission (commission) impose limits on any new or increased operational emissions of certain health-related air pollutants that would affect individuals located in the geographic region governed by the local governing body. To obtain approval of such a request, the local governing body must demonstrate to the commission's satisfaction that:

- The geographic region over which the local governing body has jurisdiction is cumulatively impacted by pollution; and
- An agency of the local government governed by the local governing body has a process to review exemption requests from the limits on any new or increased operational emissions.

An approved request for limits expires after 5 years and the local governing body must renew its request to further continue the limits. The commission may rescind its approval of the limits if the commission determines that the local governing body is not complying with its own processes regarding the limits.

On or before January 1, 2025, the division of administration (division) in CDPHE is required under **section 5** to hire a petroleum refinery regulation expert to examine whether a specific petroleum refinery rule should be adopted by the commission and examine other regulatory or nonregulatory measures performed.

**Section 5** requires a petroleum refinery in the state to comply with certain monitoring requirements to provide real-time emissions monitoring data to the division.

**Section 5** also requires the division to establish a rapid response inspection team to respond quickly to air quality complaints received. Once the team is established, the team is required to develop processes and best practices for quickly responding to such complaints and to engage in outreach to communities regarding events and conditions that lead to excess air pollution emissions in communities.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**  
3 **with amendments,** 25-1-133 as follows:

4 **25-1-133. Environmental equity and cumulative impact**  
5 **analyses - selection of contractor - required components of analyses**  
6 **- selection of locations - requirements for contractors - definitions -**  
7 **report.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE

8 REQUIRES:

9 (a) "COLORADO ENVIROSCREEN TOOL" HAS THE MEANING SET  
10 FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (5)(a)(II).

11 (b) "CONTRACTOR" MEANS AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION OR OTHER  
12 PARTY WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP AN  
13 EECIA.

14 (c) "DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY" HAS THE  
15 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II).

16 (d) "ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT  
17 ANALYSIS" OR "EECIA" MEANS A CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR A  
18 SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE  
19 WITH THIS SECTION.

20 (e) "EPA'S CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS"

1 MEANS THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S  
2 "CUMULATIVE IMPACTS RESEARCH: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EPA'S  
3 OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT", PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 30,  
4 2022.

5 (f) "FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE" MEANS THE "FINAL  
6 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS" PUBLISHED BY THE TASK FORCE ON  
7 NOVEMBER 14, 2022.

8 (g) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A HOME RULE OR STATUTORY  
9 CITY, TOWN, CITY AND COUNTY, OR COUNTY.

10 (h) "OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE" OR "OFFICE" MEANS THE  
11 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-133.5  
12 (1)(a).

13 (i) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTION  
14 TASK FORCE CREATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2021 THROUGH THE  
15 ENACTMENT OF HOUSE BILL 21-1266.

16 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT ONE OR MORE CONTRACTORS  
17 TO DEVELOP TWO OR MORE ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND CUMULATIVE  
18 IMPACT ANALYSES FOR THE STATE. EACH EECIA:

19 (a) MUST COVER A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE THAT  
20 INCLUDES A GROUP OF MOSTLY CONTIGUOUS CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS AND  
21 OTHER SURROUNDING AREAS THAT MEET THE DEFINITION OF  
22 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES;

23 (b) MAY BE CONDUCTED FOR A COMMUNITY LOCATED ON THE UTE  
24 MOUNTAIN UTE OR SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION ONLY IF  
25 REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE AFFECTED TRIBE AND  
26 FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH AND APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNING  
27 BODY;

1 (c) ONCE DEVELOPED, MAY BE USED BY ANY STATE AGENCY FOR  
2 THE PURPOSE OF ANALYZING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS;

3 (d) MUST PERFORM A SCIENTIFICALLY RIGOROUS ANALYSIS THAT  
4 INCLUDES MOST OF THE COMPONENTS RECOMMENDED IN THE FINAL  
5 REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE, AS REFLECTED ON PAGES THIRTEEN THROUGH  
6 FIFTEEN OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE; ■

7 (e) SHOULD IDENTIFY KEY PROBLEMS AND INDICATORS OF  
8 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS AND HOW THOSE PROBLEMS AND INDICATORS CAN  
9 BE AVOIDED, MINIMIZED, AND MITIGATED, BUT SHOULD NOT RECOMMEND  
10 SOLUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES; AND

11 (f) SHOULD EMPOWER AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO  
12 SCORE, EVALUATE, OR COMPARE ALTERNATIVE MITIGATION OPTIONS  
13 PROPOSED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS TO ENSURE THAT THE FUTURE PROJECTS  
14 ARE EFFECTIVE WHILE CONSIDERING POTENTIAL UNINTENDED  
15 CONSEQUENCES.

16 (3) (a) THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SHALL SELECT  
17 LOCATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT  
18 ANALYSES AND OVERSEE THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTION OF A  
19 CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (b) BY A DEADLINE DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE AND POSTED  
21 CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
22 A GROUP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, THE  
23 GOVERNING BODY OF AN AFFECTED TRIBE FOR ANY REQUEST WITHIN THE  
24 BOUNDARIES OF THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE OR SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
25 RESERVATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER INTERESTED  
26 PERSON MAY SUBMIT A FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE OFFICE TO  
27 SELECT A LOCATION FOR AN EECIA. IN SELECTING THE LOCATIONS FOR

1 THE EECIAs, THE OFFICE SHALL:

2 (I) PRIORITIZE LOCATIONS THAT:

3 (A) ARE MOST IMPACTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS;

4 (B) HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR WIDESPREAD HUMAN EXPOSURE TO  
5 THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS; AND

6 (C) INCLUDE A GREATER PROPORTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH  
7 HEIGHTENED VULNERABILITY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS;

8 (II) USE THE COLORADO ENVIROSCREEN TOOL TO HELP PRIORITIZE  
9 LOCATIONS WITH DISPROPORTIONATE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BURDENS;

10 AND

11 (III) SEEK INPUT FROM VARIOUS GROUPS OF INTERESTED  
12 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.

13 (c) IN SELECTING THE CONTRACTOR FOR AN EECIA LOCATION  
14 SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE  
15 SHALL:

16 (I) BE TRANSPARENT WITH REGARD TO ANY SELECTION CRITERIA  
17 USED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS;

18 (II) ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS FOR FEEDBACK ON HOW TO DESIGN  
19 THE SELECTION PROCESS; AND

20 (III) FOR AN EECIA STUDYING ANY LANDS WITHIN THE  
21 BOUNDARIES OF THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE OR SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
22 RESERVATION, CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE AFFECTED  
23 TRIBE AND SELECT A CONTRACTOR ONLY WITH THE GOVERNING BODY'S  
24 CONSENT.

25 (4) (a) IN DEVELOPING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND  
26 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSES, A CONTRACTOR SELECTED PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL, WITH INPUT FROM INTERESTED

1 STAKEHOLDERS, SET TIMELINES AND MILESTONES FOR COMPLETION OF AN  
2 EECIA AND SUBMIT THE PROPOSED TIMELINES AND MILESTONES TO THE  
3 OFFICE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

4 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL POST IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE  
5 DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC-FACING WEBSITE THE APPROVED TIMELINES AND  
6 MILESTONES FOR EACH CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE AN EECIA AND  
7 PERIODICALLY POST UPDATES ON WHETHER EACH CONTRACTOR HAS MET  
8 THE TIMELINES AND MILESTONES.

9 (5) A CONTRACTOR SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF  
10 THIS SECTION SHALL:

11 (a) WITH OVERSIGHT FROM THE OFFICE, REVIEW EXISTING  
12 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS FRAMEWORKS SUCH AS THE EPA'S  
13 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS OR FRAMEWORKS  
14 FROM OTHER STATES OR JURISDICTIONS;

15 (b) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO  
16 SUBMIT INPUT REGARDING AN EECIA AND FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO  
17 REVIEW ANY INPUT SUBMITTED;

18 (c) EXTENSIVELY ENGAGE INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS AND THE  
19 OFFICE THROUGHOUT THE EECIA DEVELOPMENT PROCESS; AND

20 (d) ENSURE THAT AN EECIA IS CRAFTED TO BE COMPREHENSIBLE,  
21 EASY TO UTILIZE, AND ACCESSIBLE. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)(d),  
22 "ACCESSIBLE" INCLUDES ENSURING THAT THE DATA SUPPORTING AN  
23 EECIA IS TRANSPARENT, TRANSLATED FROM ENGLISH INTO THE TWO  
24 MOST PREVALENT OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN THE RELEVANT  
25 COMMUNITY, AND MADE READILY AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITIES.

26 (6) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS  
27 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,

1 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO HELP  
2 FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND  
3 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

4 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
5 DONATIONS FROM INDUSTRY INTERESTS. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
6 (6)(b), "INDUSTRY INTEREST" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT CURRENTLY HOLDS  
7 OR THAT APPLIED TO RECEIVE A PERMIT OR LICENSE FROM THE DIVISION OF  
8 ADMINISTRATION OR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE  
9 MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

10 (7) (a) WITHIN NINE MONTHS AFTER COMPLETING THE FIRST  
11 EECIA, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE  
12 EECIA AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE  
14 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
15 COMMITTEES.

16 (b) THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

17 (I) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE FINDINGS OF THE  
18 EECIA; AND

19 (II) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY RESOURCES OR STEPS NECESSARY FOR  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF  
21 THE EECIA ONCE THE EECIA IS DEVELOPED.

22 (c) IN PREPARING THE REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT  
23 WITH:

24 (I) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION  
25 24-38.5-101 (1);

26 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CREATED IN  
27 SECTION 24-1-124 (1);



1 (III) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CREATED IN SECTION  
2 35-1-103;

3 (IV) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION  
4 40-2-101 (1)(a);

5 (V) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CREATED IN SECTION  
6 24-1-128.7 (1); AND

7 (VI) REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED  
8 COMMUNITIES.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1-133.5 as  
10 follows:

11 **25-1-133.5. Office of environmental justice - created - powers**  
12 **and duties - definitions.** (1) (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT  
13 THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, THE HEAD OF WHICH IS THE  
14 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND MAY EMPLOY STAFF AS NECESSARY  
16 TO CARRY OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE IS A  
17 **TYPE 2** ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS  
18 POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE  
19 DEPARTMENT.

20 (b) IN CARRYING OUT ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, THE OFFICE MAY  
21 COLLABORATE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OMBUDSPERSON  
22 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1-134 (1)(b), THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-134 (2)(a),  
24 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,  
25 OTHER STATE AGENCIES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER  
26 INTERESTED PARTIES.

27 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL:

1 (a) INCREASE STATE GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT WITH AND  
2 RESPONSIVENESS TO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES;

3 (b) DEVELOP AND MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL  
4 JUSTICE GOALS, METRICS, AND OBJECTIVES;

5 (c) WORK WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OMBUDSPERSON, AND THE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD TO IMPLEMENT STATUTORY  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MANDATES, INCLUDING BENCHMARKS AND  
9 TARGETS SET FORTH IN THE "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT", AS ENACTED  
10 IN 2021 BY HOUSE BILL 21-1266;

11 (d) WORK WITH THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT  
12 PART 10 OF ARTICLE 8 OF THIS TITLE 25 CONCERNING MOBILE HOME WATER  
13 QUALITY BY LEADING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS WITH MOBILE  
14 HOME PARK RESIDENTS;

15 (e) COORDINATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORK WITHIN THE  
16 DEPARTMENT AND WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES AS WELL AS FEDERAL,  
17 LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS;

18 (f) ADVANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S LANGUAGE JUSTICE GOALS BY  
19 PROVIDING TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR THE  
20 DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISIONS; AND

21 (g) IDENTIFY DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES  
22 BASED ON THE BEST-AVAILABLE DATA AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS  
23 TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING THE COLORADO ENVIROSCREEN TOOL.

24 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
25 REQUIRES:

26 (a) "COLORADO ENVIROSCREEN TOOL" HAS THE MEANING SET  
27 FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (5)(a)(II).

1 (b) "DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY" HAS THE  
2 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II).

3 (c) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE  
4 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-123.1, **amend**  
6 (1)(b) as follows:

7 **25-7-123.1. Statute of limitations - penalty assessment -**  
8 **criteria.** (1) (b) Without expanding the statute of limitations contained  
9 in subsection (1)(a) of this section, any action commenced ~~including~~ FOR  
10 the assessment of civil penalties, pursuant to this article 7, except those  
11 commenced pursuant to section 25-7-122 (1)(d) or 25-7-122.1 (1)(c), that  
12 is not commenced within eighteen months after the date upon which the  
13 division discovers the alleged violation is time barred. For purposes of  
14 this section, the division discovers the alleged violation when it learns of  
15 the alleged violation or should have learned of the alleged violation by the  
16 exercise of reasonable diligence, including by receipt of actual or  
17 constructive notice.

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19 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-7-146 and  
20 25-7-147 as follows:

21 **25-7-146. Petroleum refinery pollution - assessment -**  
22 **monitoring data - rules - definitions.** (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY  
23 1, 2025, THE DIVISION SHALL HIRE AN EXPERT REGARDING AIR POLLUTION  
24 CONTROL REGULATIONS FOR PETROLEUM REFINERIES. THE PETROLEUM  
25 REFINERY REGULATION EXPERT SHALL:

26 (I) ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY, COSTS, AND BENEFITS FOR THE  
27 DIVISION TO PROPOSE TO THE COMMISSION A RULE ESTABLISHING A

1 PETROLEUM REFINERY CONTROL REGULATION; AND

2 (II) ASSESS OTHER REGULATORY AND NONREGULATORY  
3 MEASURES.

4 (b) AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
5 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE PETROLEUM REFINERY  
6 REGULATION EXPERT SHALL:

7 (I) EVALUATE THE IMPACT THAT PETROLEUM REFINERIES HAVE ON  
8 AIR QUALITY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING AN EVALUATION OF CRITERIA AIR  
9 POLLUTANTS LISTED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ACT AND HAZARDOUS AIR  
10 POLLUTANTS;

11 (II) INVESTIGATE THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK GOVERNING  
12 PETROLEUM REFINERIES IN OTHER STATES AND AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL;

13 (III) IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR  
14 MINIMIZING EMISSIONS FROM PETROLEUM REFINERIES; AND

15 (IV) DETERMINE ACTIONS NEEDED TO REDUCE EMISSIONS,  
16 INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING A SPECIFIC PETROLEUM  
17 REFINERY RULE. IF THE DIVISION DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, THE DIVISION  
18 SHALL PROPOSE A RULE SPECIFICALLY BASED ON THE EXPERT'S  
19 ASSESSMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026.

20 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIMELINE SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION  
21 (1)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EXISTING  
22 AUTHORITY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS UNDER THE LAW, THE  
23 COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, AND THE DIVISION MAY PROPOSE, A RULE  
24 ESTABLISHING A PETROLEUM REFINERY CONTROL REGULATION AT ANY  
25 TIME.

26 (2) (a) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, A PETROLEUM REFINERY  
27 IN THE STATE SHALL DISSEMINATE TO THE DIVISION, IN REAL TIME

1 THROUGH AN APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE, PUSH DATA  
2 GATHERED THROUGH:

3 (I) CONTINUOUS EMISSION MONITORING SYSTEMS AND  
4 CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEMS REQUIRED UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL  
5 LAW;

6 (II) FENCELINE MONITORING SYSTEMS AS REQUIRED UNDER  
7 SECTION 25-7-141 (5);

8 (III) COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING REQUIRED UNDER SECTION  
9 25-7-141 (6); AND

10 (IV) COMPLIANCE WITH A STATE-ISSUED COMPLIANCE ORDER.

11 (b) THE DATA DISSEMINATED TO THE DIVISION PURSUANT TO  
12 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE  
13 PUSH IN A ONE-MINUTE AVERAGED RESOLUTION.

14 (c) THE DIVISION SHALL DETERMINE THE FORMAT BY WHICH A  
15 PETROLEUM REFINERY MUST TRANSMIT THE DATA TO THE DIVISION.

16 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, A PETROLEUM  
17 REFINERY SHALL INSTALL AND OPERATE AT LEAST SIX COMMUNITY-BASED  
18 MONITORING SYSTEMS TO MONITOR, AT A MINIMUM, FOR:

19 (I) BENZENE;

20 (II) TOLUENE;

21 (III) ETHYLBENZENE;

22 (IV) XYLENE;

23 (V) CARBON MONOXIDE;

24 (VI) NITROGEN DIOXIDE;

25 (VII) PM<sub>2.5</sub>;

26 (VIII) HYDROGEN SULFIDE;

27 (IX) SULFUR DIOXIDE;

- 1 (X) TOTAL VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS;
- 2 (XI) TEMPERATURE;
- 3 (XII) RELATIVE HUMIDITY;
- 4 (XIII) WIND SPEED; AND
- 5 (XIV) WIND DIRECTION.

6 (b) THE COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEMS INSTALLED  
7 AND OPERATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) MUST BE INSTALLED,  
8 CERTIFIED, AND OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN DEVELOPED BY  
9 THE DIVISION.

10 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
11 REQUIRES:

12 (a) "APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE" MEANS A SET OF  
13 RULES, PROTOCOLS, AND TOOLS THAT:

14 (I) ENABLE THE INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN  
15 SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS;

16 (II) SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY THAT FACILITATES THE  
17 EXCHANGE OF DATA, REQUESTS, AND COMMANDS BETWEEN DISTINCT  
18 SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, ALLOWING THE DISTINCT SOFTWARE SYSTEMS TO  
19 WORK TOGETHER SEAMLESSLY; AND

20 (III) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCONNECTED AND  
21 INTEROPERABLE APPLICATIONS.

22 (b) "COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING" HAS THE MEANING SET  
23 FORTH IN SECTION 25-7-141 (2)(a).

24 (c) "CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORING SYSTEM" MEANS THE  
25 EQUIPMENT:

26 (I) REQUIRED TO MEET THE DATA ACQUISITION AND AVAILABILITY  
27 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT OR A RENEWABLE

1 OPERATING PERMIT OR AS SET FORTH IN FEDERAL LAW; AND

2 (II) THAT IS USED TO SAMPLE; CONDITION, IF APPLICABLE;  
3 ANALYZE; AND PROVIDE A RECORD OF EMISSIONS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.

4 (d) "CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEM" MEANS A SET OF  
5 INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT THAT IS DESIGNED TO CONTINUOUSLY  
6 MEASURE AND RECORD VARIOUS PARAMETERS THAT MAY AFFECT  
7 EMISSIONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN REAL TIME AND IS REQUIRED UNDER A  
8 CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, A RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT, OR FEDERAL  
9 LAW.

10 (e) "FENCELINE MONITORING" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
11 SECTION 25-7-141 (2)(e).

12 (f) "PETROLEUM REFINERY" MEANS A STATIONARY SOURCE  
13 COVERED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM  
14 CODE 324110, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT  
15 AND BUDGET.

16 (g) "PM<sub>2.5</sub>" MEANS PARTICULATE MATTER WITH A DIAMETER OF  
17 LESS THAN TWO AND ONE-HALF MICROMETERS.

18 (h) "PUSH" MEANS, IN THE CONTEXT OF AN APPLICATION  
19 PROGRAMMING INTERFACE, A MECHANISM BY WHICH A SERVER OR DATA  
20 SOURCE PROACTIVELY SENDS INFORMATION OR UPDATES TO THE DIVISION  
21 WITHOUT THE DIVISION EXPLICITLY REQUESTING THE INFORMATION.

22 (i) "REAL TIME" MEANS THE INSTANTANEOUS OR  
23 NEAR-INSTANTANEOUS PROVISION OF DATA, WITHOUT A DELAY OF MORE  
24 THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES, TO ENSURE THAT DATA IS CONVEYED PROMPTLY  
25 AND WITHOUT UNDUE LATENCY.

26 **25-7-147. Rapid response inspection team.** (1) THE DIVISION  
27 SHALL ESTABLISH A RAPID RESPONSE INSPECTION TEAM TO RESPOND

1 QUICKLY TO AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE DIVISION. THE  
2 DIVISION SHALL HIRE AND DEVELOP A TEAM TO SERVE AS THE RAPID  
3 RESPONSE INSPECTION TEAM.

4 (2) THE RAPID RESPONSE INSPECTION TEAM SHALL DEVELOP  
5 PROCESSES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR QUICKLY RESPONDING TO AIR  
6 QUALITY COMPLAINTS FILED AND FOR GIVING PRIORITY TO AIR QUALITY  
7 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO ADVERSE EFFECTS IN DISPROPORTIONATELY  
8 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE. THE RAPID RESPONSE TEAM SHALL  
9 ALSO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT OUTREACH EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND  
10 ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ABOUT EVENTS AND CONDITIONS THAT LEAD  
11 TO EXCESS EMISSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES. THE RAPID RESPONSE  
12 TEAM SHALL TRACK AND REPORT ON THE DIVISION 'S WEBSITE THE  
13 NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FILED AND POST WHAT, IF ANY, FORMAL  
14 ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE COMPLAINT.

15 (3) THE RAPID RESPONSE INSPECTION TEAM SHALL NOT RESPOND  
16 TO ANY ISSUE ARISING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTHERN UTE  
17 INDIAN OR UTE MOUNTAIN UTE RESERVATION ABSENT THE EXPRESS  
18 CONSENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE AFFECTED TRIBE. THE RAPID  
19 RESPONSE INSPECTION TEAM SHALL REFER ANY COMPLAINT WITHIN THE  
20 JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN OR UTE MOUNTAIN UTE  
21 TRIBE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT OF THE  
22 RELEVANT TRIBE AND MAY RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT ONLY WITH THE  
23 EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE AFFECTED TRIBE.

24 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4-109, **amend**  
25 (2)(b) introductory portion and (2)(b)(I) as follows:

26 **24-4-109. State engagement of disproportionately impacted**  
27 **communities - definitions. (2) Definitions. (b) As used in this section**



1 and sections ~~25-1-133~~, 25-1-134 and 25-7-105 (1)(e), unless the context  
2 otherwise requires:

3 (I) "Agency" means the air quality control commission created in  
4 section 25-7-104 and, as used in this section and ~~sections 25-1-133 and~~  
5 ~~25-1-134~~ SECTION 25-1-134, the water quality control commission created  
6 in section 25-8-201 (1)(a). The portions of this subsection (2)(b)(I) that  
7 apply to the water quality control commission are effective on July 1,  
8 2023, except for the portions requiring the water quality control  
9 commission to effectuate the requirements of subsections (3)(b)(I),  
10 (3)(b)(II), (3)(b)(IV), and (3)(b)(V) of this section, which apply to any  
11 rule-making proceedings of the commission concerning the classifications  
12 and numeric standards for the South Platte river basin, Laramie river  
13 basin, Republican river basin, and Smoky Hill river basin that occur after  
14 June 8, 2022.

15 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
16 year, \$1,829,087 is appropriated to the department of public health and  
17 environment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
18 this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

19 (a) \$1,180,087 for use by the administration and support division  
20 for environmental justice program costs, which amount is based on an  
21 assumption that the division will require an additional 2.0 FTE;

22 (b) \$332,791 for use by the air pollution control division for  
23 personal service related to stationary sources, which amount is based on  
24 an assumption that the division will require an additional 2.5 FTE;

25 (c) \$5,760 for use by the air pollution control division for  
26 operating expenses related to stationary sources; and

27 (d) \$310,449 for the purchase of legal services.

1           (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$310,449 is appropriated to  
2 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
3 received from the department of public health and environment under  
4 subsection (1)(d) of this section and is based on an assumption that the  
5 department of law will require an additional 1.3 FTE. To implement this  
6 act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal  
7 services for the department of public health and environment.

8           (3) Of the amount appropriated in subsection (1)(a) of this section,  
9 any amount up to \$959,310 not expended prior to July 1, 2025, is further  
10 appropriated to the division through the 2028-29 state fiscal year for the  
11 same purpose.

12           **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
16 institutions.