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An act relating to contaminated sites; amending s. 288.8013, F.S; revising the funding source of the principal of the Recovery Fund for the Deepwater Horizon incident; requiring that certain funds be transferred to the Recovery Fund within a specified timeframe; amending s. 376.301, F.S.; defining the terms "background concentration" and "long-term natural attenuation"; amending s. 376.30701, F.S.; exempting nonprogram petroleum-contaminated sites from the application of risk-based corrective action principles under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to include protocols for the use of long-term natural attenuation where site conditions warrant; requiring specified interactive effects of contaminants to be considered as cleanup criteria; revising how cleanup target levels are applied where surface waters are exposed to contaminated groundwater; authorizing the use of relevant data and information when assessing cleanup target levels; providing that institutional controls are not required under certain circumstances if alternative cleanup target levels are used; amending s. 376.79, F.S.; defining the terms "background concentration" and "long-term natural attenuation"; amending s. 376.81, F.S.; providing additional contamination cleanup criteria for brownfield sites and brownfield areas; amending ss. 196.1995, 287.0595, and 288.1175, F.S.; conforming cross-references;

providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 288.8013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.8013 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; Recovery Fund; creation; investment.—

(2) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., must create and administer the Recovery Fund for the benefit of the disproportionately affected counties. The principal of the fund shall derive from 75 percent of all funds received by the state pursuant to the settlement agreement between the gulf states and the BP entities with respect to economic claims arising from the Deepwater Horizon incident recovered by the Attorney General for economic damage to the state resulting from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, after payment of reasonable and necessary attorney fees, costs, and expenses, including such attorney fees, costs, and expenses pursuant to s. 16.0155. Moneys that account for the principal of the Recovery Fund shall be transferred to the Recovery Fund no later than 30 days after they are received.

Section 2. Present subsections (4) through (22) of section 376.301, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) through (23), respectively, present subsections (23) through (48) of that section are redesignated as subsections (25) through (50), respectively, and new subsections (4) and (24) are added to that section, to read:

376.301 Definitions of terms used in ss. 376.30-376.317, 376.70, and 376.75.—When used in ss. 376.30-376.317, 376.70, and

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376.75, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

- (4) "Background concentration" means the concentration of contaminants naturally occurring or resulting from anthropogenic impacts unrelated to the discharge of pollutants or hazardous substances at a contaminated site undergoing site rehabilitation.
- (24) "Long-term natural attenuation" means natural attenuation approved by the department as a site rehabilitation program task for a period of more than 5 years.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 376.30701, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

376.30701 Application of risk-based corrective action principles to contaminated sites; applicability; legislative intent; rulemaking authority; contamination cleanup criteria; limitations; reopeners.—

- (1) APPLICABILITY.-
- (b) This section shall apply to all contaminated sites resulting from a discharge of pollutants or hazardous substances where legal responsibility for site rehabilitation exists pursuant to other provisions of this chapter or chapter 403, except for those contaminated sites subject to the risk-based corrective action cleanup criteria established for the petroleum, brownfields, and drycleaning programs pursuant to ss. 376.3071, 376.81, and 376.3078, respectively. This section does not apply to nonprogram petroleum-contaminated sites unless application of this section is requested by the person responsible for site rehabilitation.
- (2) INTENT; RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CLEANUP CRITERIA.—It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the health of all

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people under actual circumstances of exposure. By July 1, 2004, the secretary of the department shall establish criteria by rule for the purpose of determining, on a site-specific basis, the rehabilitation program tasks that comprise a site rehabilitation program, including a voluntary site rehabilitation program, and the level at which a rehabilitation program task and a site rehabilitation program may be deemed completed. In establishing these rules, the department shall apply, to the maximum extent feasible, a risk-based corrective action process to achieve protection of human health and safety and the environment in a cost-effective manner based on the principles set forth in this subsection. These rules shall prescribe a phased risk-based corrective action process that is iterative and that tailors site rehabilitation tasks to site-specific conditions and risks. The department and the person responsible for site rehabilitation are encouraged to establish decision points at which risk management decisions will be made. The department shall provide an early decision, when requested, regarding applicable exposure factors and a risk management approach based on the current and future land use at the site. These rules must shall also include protocols for the use of natural attenuation, including long-term natural attenuation where site conditions warrant, the use of institutional and engineering controls, and the issuance of "No Further Action" orders. The criteria for determining what constitutes a rehabilitation program task or completion of a site rehabilitation program task or site rehabilitation program, including a voluntary site rehabilitation program, must:

(a) Consider the current exposure and potential risk of

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exposure to humans and the environment, including multiple pathways of exposure. The physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of each contaminant must be considered in order to determine the feasibility of a risk-based corrective action assessment.

(b) Establish the point of compliance at the source of the contamination. However, the department may is authorized to temporarily move the point of compliance to the boundary of the property, or to the edge of the plume when the plume is within the property boundary, while cleanup, including cleanup through natural attenuation processes in conjunction with appropriate monitoring, is proceeding. The department may also is authorized, pursuant to criteria provided in this section, to temporarily extend the point of compliance beyond the property boundary with appropriate monitoring, if such extension is needed to facilitate natural attenuation or to address the current conditions of the plume, provided human health, public safety, and the environment are protected. When temporarily extending the point of compliance beyond the property boundary, it cannot be extended further than the lateral extent of the plume, if known, at the time of execution of a cleanup agreement, if required, or the lateral extent of the plume as defined at the time of site assessment. Temporary extension of the point of compliance beyond the property boundary, as provided in this paragraph, must include actual notice by the person responsible for site rehabilitation to local governments and the owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend and constructive notice to residents and business tenants of the property into which the

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point of compliance is allowed to extend. Persons receiving notice pursuant to this paragraph shall have the opportunity to comment within 30 days after receipt of the notice. Additional notice concerning the status of natural attenuation processes shall be similarly provided to persons receiving notice pursuant to this paragraph every 5 years.

- (c) Ensure that the site-specific cleanup goal is that all contaminated sites being cleaned up pursuant to this section ultimately achieve the applicable cleanup target levels provided in this subsection. In the circumstances provided in this subsection, and after constructive notice and opportunity to comment within 30 days after receipt of the notice to local government, owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, and residents of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, the department may allow concentrations of contaminants to temporarily exceed the applicable cleanup target levels while cleanup, including cleanup through natural attenuation processes in conjunction with appropriate monitoring, is proceeding, if human health, public safety, and the environment are protected.
- (d) Allow the use of institutional or engineering controls at contaminated sites being cleaned up pursuant to this section, where appropriate, to eliminate or control the potential exposure to contaminants of humans or the environment. The use of controls must be preapproved by the department and only after constructive notice and opportunity to comment within 30 days after receipt of notice is provided to local governments, owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, and residents on any property into which the point of

compliance is allowed to extend. When institutional or engineering controls are implemented to control exposure, the removal of the controls must have prior department approval and must be accompanied by the resumption of active cleanup, or other approved controls, unless cleanup target levels under this section have been achieved.

- (e) Consider the <u>interactive</u> additive effects of contaminants, including additive, synergistic, and antagonistic <u>effects</u>. The synergistic and antagonistic effects shall also be considered when the scientific data become available.
- (f) Take into consideration individual site characteristics, which shall include, but not be limited to, the current and projected use of the affected groundwater and surface water in the vicinity of the site, current and projected land uses of the area affected by the contamination, the exposed population, the degree and extent of contamination, the rate of contaminant migration, the apparent or potential rate of contaminant degradation through natural attenuation processes, the location of the plume, and the potential for further migration in relation to site property boundaries.
  - (g) Apply state water quality standards as follows:
- 1. Cleanup target levels for each contaminant found in groundwater shall be the applicable state water quality standards. Where such standards do not exist, the cleanup target levels for groundwater shall be based on the minimum criteria specified in department rule. The department shall apply the following, as appropriate, in establishing the applicable cleanup target levels: calculations using a lifetime cancer risk level of 1.0E-6; a hazard index of 1 or less; the best

achievable detection limit; and nuisance, organoleptic, and aesthetic considerations. However, the department <u>may shall</u> not require site rehabilitation to achieve a cleanup target level for any individual contaminant that is more stringent than the site-specific, <u>naturally occurring</u> background concentration for that contaminant.

- 2. Where surface waters are exposed to contaminated groundwater, the cleanup target levels for the contaminants <u>must shall</u> be based on the more protective of the groundwater or surface water standards as established by department rule, <u>unless it has been demonstrated that the contaminants do not cause or contribute to the exceedance of applicable surface water quality criteria. <u>In such circumstance</u>, the point of measuring compliance with the surface water standards shall be in the groundwater immediately adjacent to the surface water body.</u>
- 3. Using risk-based corrective action principles, the department shall approve alternative cleanup target levels in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, based upon an applicant's demonstration, using site-specific or other relevant data and information, risk assessment modeling results, including results from probabilistic risk assessment modeling, risk assessment studies, risk reduction techniques, or a combination thereof, that human health, public safety, and the environment are protected to the same degree as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2. Where a state water quality standard is applicable, a deviation may not result in the application of cleanup target levels more stringent than the standard. In determining whether it is appropriate to establish

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alternative cleanup target levels at a site, the department must consider the effectiveness of source removal, if any, that has been completed at the site and the practical likelihood of the use of low yield or poor quality groundwater, the use of groundwater near marine surface water bodies, the current and projected use of the affected groundwater in the vicinity of the site, or the use of groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the contaminated area, where it has been demonstrated that the groundwater contamination is not migrating away from such localized source, provided human health, public safety, and the environment are protected. Groundwater resource protection remains the ultimate goal of cleanup, particularly in light of the state's continued growth and consequent demands for drinking water resources. The Legislature recognizes the need for a protective yet flexible cleanup approach that risk-based corrective action provides. Only where it is appropriate on a site-specific basis, using the criteria in this paragraph and careful evaluation by the department, shall proposed alternative cleanup target levels be approved. If alternative cleanup target levels are used, institutional controls are not required if:

- a. The only cleanup target levels exceeded are the groundwater cleanup target levels derived from nuisance, organoleptic, or aesthetic considerations;
- b. Concentrations of all contaminants meet the state water quality standards or the minimum criteria, based on the protection of human health, public safety, and the environment, as provided in subparagraph 1.;
- c. All of the groundwater cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph 1. are met at the property boundary;

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- d. The person responsible for site rehabilitation has demonstrated that the contaminants will not migrate beyond the property boundary at concentrations that exceed the groundwater cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph 1.;
- e. The property has access to and is using an offsite water supply, and an unplugged private well is not used for domestic purposes; and
- f. The real property owner does not object to the "No Further Action" proposal to the department or the local pollution control program.
- (h) Provide for the department to issue a "No Further Action" order, with conditions, including, but not limited to, the use of institutional or engineering controls where appropriate, when alternative cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph (g)3. have been achieved or when the person responsible for site rehabilitation can demonstrate that the cleanup target level is unachievable with the use of available technologies. Before Prior to issuing such an order, the department shall consider the feasibility of an alternative site rehabilitation technology at the contaminated site.
- (i) Establish appropriate cleanup target levels for soils. Although there are existing state water quality standards, there are no existing state soil quality standards. The Legislature does not intend, through the adoption of this section, to create such soil quality standards. The specific rulemaking authority granted pursuant to this section merely authorizes the department to establish appropriate soil cleanup target levels. These soil cleanup target levels shall be applicable at sites only after a determination as to legal responsibility for site

rehabilitation has been made pursuant to other provisions of this chapter or chapter 403.

- 1. In establishing soil cleanup target levels for human exposure to each contaminant found in soils from the land surface to 2 feet below land surface, the department shall apply the following, as appropriate: calculations using a lifetime cancer risk level of 1.0E-6; a hazard index of 1 or less; and the best achievable detection limit. However, the department may shall not require site rehabilitation to achieve a cleanup target level for an individual contaminant that is more stringent than the site-specific, naturally occurring background concentration for that contaminant. Institutional controls or other methods shall be used to prevent human exposure to contaminated soils more than 2 feet below the land surface. Any removal of such institutional controls shall require such contaminated soils to be remediated.
- 2. Leachability-based soil cleanup target levels shall be based on protection of the groundwater cleanup target levels or the alternate cleanup target levels for groundwater established pursuant to this paragraph, as appropriate. Source removal and other cost-effective alternatives that are technologically feasible shall be considered in achieving the leachability soil cleanup target levels established by the department. The leachability goals are shall not be applicable if the department determines, based upon individual site characteristics, and in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, that contaminants will not leach into the groundwater at levels that pose a threat to human health, public safety, and the environment.

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3. Using risk-based corrective action principles, the department shall approve alternative cleanup target levels in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, based upon an applicant's demonstration, using site-specific or other relevant data and information, risk assessment modeling results, including results from probabilistic risk assessment modeling, risk assessment studies, risk reduction techniques, or a combination thereof, that human health, public safety, and the environment are protected to the same degree as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2.

The department shall require source removal as a risk reduction measure if warranted and cost-effective. Once source removal at a site is complete, the department shall reevaluate the site to determine the degree of active cleanup needed to continue. Further, the department shall determine if the reevaluated site qualifies for monitoring only or if no further action is required to rehabilitate the site. If additional site rehabilitation is necessary to reach "No Further Action" status, the department is encouraged to utilize natural attenuation monitoring, including long-term natural attenuation and monitoring, where site conditions warrant.

Section 4. Present subsections (3) through (11) of section 376.79, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) through (12), respectively, present subsections (12) through (19) are redesignated as subsections (14) through (21), respectively, and new subsections (3) and (13) are added to that section, to read:

376.79 Definitions relating to Brownfields Redevelopment

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Act.—As used in ss. 376.77-376.85, the term:

- (3) "Background concentration" means the concentration of contaminants naturally occurring or resulting from anthropogenic impacts unrelated to the discharge of pollutants or hazardous substances at a contaminated site undergoing site rehabilitation.
- (13) "Long-term natural attenuation" means natural attenuation approved by the department as a site rehabilitation program task for a period of more than 5 years.

Section 5. Section 376.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.81 Brownfield site and brownfield areas contamination cleanup criteria.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the health of all people under actual circumstances of exposure. By July 1, 2001, the secretary of the department shall establish criteria by rule for the purpose of determining, on a sitespecific basis, the rehabilitation program tasks that comprise a site rehabilitation program and the level at which a rehabilitation program task and a site rehabilitation program may be deemed completed. In establishing the rule, the department shall apply, to the maximum extent feasible, a riskbased corrective action process to achieve protection of human health and safety and the environment in a cost-effective manner based on the principles set forth in this subsection. The rule must prescribe a phased risk-based corrective action process that is iterative and that tailors site rehabilitation tasks to site-specific conditions and risks. The department and the person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation are

encouraged to establish decision points at which risk management decisions will be made. The department shall provide an early decision, when requested, regarding applicable exposure factors and a risk management approach based on the current and future land use at the site. The rule <a href="must shall also">must shall also</a> include protocols for the use of natural attenuation, <a href="including long-term natural">including long-term natural</a> attenuation where site conditions warrant, the use of institutional and engineering controls, and the issuance of "no further action" letters. The criteria for determining what constitutes a rehabilitation program task or completion of a site rehabilitation program task or site rehabilitation program must:

- (a) Consider the current exposure and potential risk of exposure to humans and the environment, including multiple pathways of exposure. The physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of each contaminant must be considered in order to determine the feasibility of risk-based corrective action assessment.
- (b) Establish the point of compliance at the source of the contamination. However, the department <u>may</u> is authorized to temporarily move the point of compliance to the boundary of the property, or to the edge of the plume when the plume is within the property boundary, while cleanup, including cleanup through natural attenuation processes in conjunction with appropriate monitoring, is proceeding. The department <u>may</u> also is authorized, pursuant to criteria provided for in this section, to temporarily extend the point of compliance beyond the property boundary with appropriate monitoring, if such extension is needed to facilitate natural attenuation or to address the

current conditions of the plume, provided human health, public safety, and the environment are protected. When temporarily extending the point of compliance beyond the property boundary, it cannot be extended further than the lateral extent of the plume at the time of execution of the brownfield site rehabilitation agreement, if known, or the lateral extent of the plume as defined at the time of site assessment. Temporary extension of the point of compliance beyond the property boundary, as provided in this paragraph, must include actual notice by the person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation to local governments and the owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend and constructive notice to residents and business tenants of the property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend. Persons receiving notice pursuant to this paragraph shall have the opportunity to comment within 30 days of receipt of the notice.

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(c) Ensure that the site-specific cleanup goal is that all contaminated brownfield sites and brownfield areas ultimately achieve the applicable cleanup target levels provided in this section. In the circumstances provided below, and after constructive notice and opportunity to comment within 30 days from receipt of the notice to local government, to owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, and to residents on any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, the department may allow concentrations of contaminants to temporarily exceed the applicable cleanup target levels while cleanup, including cleanup through natural attenuation processes in conjunction

with appropriate monitoring, is proceeding, if human health, public safety, and the environment are protected.

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- (d) Allow brownfield site and brownfield area rehabilitation programs to include the use of institutional or engineering controls, where appropriate, to eliminate or control the potential exposure to contaminants of humans or the environment. The use of controls must be preapproved by the department and only after constructive notice and opportunity to comment within 30 days from receipt of notice is provided to local governments, to owners of any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend, and to residents on any property into which the point of compliance is allowed to extend. When institutional or engineering controls are implemented to control exposure, the removal of the controls must have prior department approval and must be accompanied by the resumption of active cleanup, or other approved controls, unless cleanup target levels under this section have been achieved.
- (e) Consider the <u>interactive</u> additive effects of contaminants, including additive, synergistic, and antagonistic <u>effects</u>. The synergistic and antagonistic effects shall also be considered when the scientific data become available.
- (f) Take into consideration individual site characteristics, which shall include, but not be limited to, the current and projected use of the affected groundwater and surface water in the vicinity of the site, current and projected land uses of the area affected by the contamination, the exposed population, the degree and extent of contamination, the rate of contaminant migration, the apparent or potential rate of

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contaminant degradation through natural attenuation processes, the location of the plume, and the potential for further migration in relation to site property boundaries.

- (g) Apply state water quality standards as follows:
- 1. Cleanup target levels for each contaminant found in groundwater shall be the applicable state water quality standards. Where such standards do not exist, the cleanup target levels for groundwater shall be based on the minimum criteria specified in department rule. The department shall apply the following, as appropriate, in establishing the applicable cleanup target levels: calculations using a lifetime cancer risk level of 1.0E-6; a hazard index of 1 or less; the best achievable detection limit; and nuisance, organoleptic, and aesthetic considerations. However, the department may shall not require site rehabilitation to achieve a cleanup target level for any individual contaminant which is more stringent than the site-specific, naturally occurring background concentration for that contaminant.
- 2. Where surface waters are exposed to contaminated groundwater, the cleanup target levels for the contaminants <u>must shall</u> be based on the more protective of the groundwater or surface water standards as established by department rule, <u>unless it has been demonstrated that the contaminants do not cause or contribute to the exceedance of applicable surface water quality criteria. <u>In such circumstances</u>, the point of measuring compliance with the surface water standards shall be in the groundwater immediately adjacent to the surface water body.</u>
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department shall approve alternative cleanup target levels in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, based upon an applicant's demonstration, using sitespecific or other relevant data and information, risk assessment modeling results, including results from probabilistic risk assessment modeling, risk assessment studies, risk reduction techniques, or a combination thereof, that human health, public safety, and the environment are protected to the same degree as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2. Where a state water quality standard is applicable, a deviation may not result in the application of cleanup target levels more stringent than the standard. In determining whether it is appropriate to establish alternative cleanup target levels at a site, the department must consider the effectiveness of source removal, if any, which has been completed at the site and the practical likelihood of the use of low yield or poor quality groundwater, the use of groundwater near marine surface water bodies, the current and projected use of the affected groundwater in the vicinity of the site, or the use of groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the contaminated area, where it has been demonstrated that the groundwater contamination is not migrating away from such localized source, provided human health, public safety, and the environment are protected. When using alternative cleanup target levels at a brownfield site, institutional controls are shall not be required if:

- a. The only cleanup target levels exceeded are the groundwater cleanup target levels derived from nuisance, organoleptic, or aesthetic considerations;
  - b. Concentrations of all contaminants meet the state water

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quality standards or the minimum criteria, based on the protection of human health, provided in subparagraph 1.;

- c. All of the groundwater cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph 1. are met at the property boundary;
- d. The person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation has demonstrated that the contaminants will not migrate beyond the property boundary at concentrations exceeding the groundwater cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph 1.;
- e. The property has access to and is using an offsite water supply and no unplugged private wells are used for domestic purposes; and
- f. The real property owner provides written acceptance of the "no further action" proposal to the department or the local pollution control program.
- (h) Provide for the department to issue a "no further action order," with conditions, including, but not limited to, the use of institutional or engineering controls where appropriate, when alternative cleanup target levels established pursuant to subparagraph (g)3. have been achieved, or when the person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation can demonstrate that the cleanup target level is unachievable within available technologies. Before Prior to issuing such an order, the department shall consider the feasibility of an alternative site rehabilitation technology at in the brownfield site area.
  - (i) Establish appropriate cleanup target levels for soils.
- 1. In establishing soil cleanup target levels for human exposure to each contaminant found in soils from the land surface to 2 feet below land surface, the department shall apply

the following, as appropriate: calculations using a lifetime cancer risk level of 1.0E-6; a hazard index of 1 or less; and the best achievable detection limit. However, the department may shall not require site rehabilitation to achieve a cleanup target level for an individual contaminant which is more stringent than the site-specific, naturally occurring background concentration for that contaminant. Institutional controls or other methods shall be used to prevent human exposure to contaminated soils more than 2 feet below the land surface. Any removal of such institutional controls shall require such contaminated soils to be remediated.

- 2. Leachability-based soil <u>cleanup</u> target levels shall be based on protection of the groundwater cleanup target levels or the alternate cleanup target levels for groundwater established pursuant to this paragraph, as appropriate. Source removal and other cost-effective alternatives that are technologically feasible shall be considered in achieving the leachability soil <u>cleanup</u> target levels established by the department. The leachability goals <u>are shall</u> not be applicable if the department determines, based upon individual site characteristics, and in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, that contaminants will not leach into the groundwater at levels that pose a threat to human health, public safety, and the environment.
- 3. Using risk-based corrective action principles, the department shall approve alternative cleanup target levels in conjunction with institutional and engineering controls, if needed, based upon an applicant's demonstration, using sitespecific or other relevant data and information, risk assessment

modeling results, <u>including results from probabilistic risk</u>
<u>assessment modeling</u>, risk assessment studies, risk reduction
techniques, or a combination thereof, that human health, public safety, and the environment are protected to the same degree as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2.

- (2) The department shall require source removal, as a risk reduction measure, if warranted and cost-effective. Once source removal at a site is complete, the department shall reevaluate the site to determine the degree of active cleanup needed to continue. Further, the department shall determine if the reevaluated site qualifies for monitoring only or if no further action is required to rehabilitate the site. If additional site rehabilitation is necessary to reach "no further action" status, the department is encouraged to utilize natural attenuation monitoring, including long-term natural attenuation and monitoring, where site conditions warrant.
- (3) The cleanup criteria described in this section govern only site rehabilitation activities occurring at the contaminated site. Removal of contaminated media from a site for offsite relocation or treatment must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.1995 Economic development ad valorem tax exemption.-

(3) The board of county commissioners or the governing authority of the municipality that calls a referendum within its total jurisdiction to determine whether its respective jurisdiction may grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions may vote to limit the effect of the referendum to

authority to grant economic development tax exemptions for new businesses and expansions of existing businesses located in an enterprise zone or a brownfield area, as defined in  $\underline{s.\ 376.79(5)}$   $\underline{s.\ 376.79(4)}$ . If an area nominated to be an enterprise zone pursuant to  $\underline{s.\ 290.0055}$  has not yet been designated pursuant to  $\underline{s.\ 290.0065}$ , the board of county commissioners or the governing authority of the municipality may call such referendum prior to such designation; however, the authority to grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions does not apply until such area is designated pursuant to  $\underline{s.\ 290.0065}$ . The ballot question in such referendum shall be in substantially the following form and shall be used in lieu of the ballot question prescribed in subsection (2):

Shall the board of county commissioners of this county (or the governing authority of this municipality, or both) be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions for new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are located in an enterprise zone or a brownfield area and that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the county (or municipality, or both)?

- ....Yes-For authority to grant exemptions.
- 633 .... No-Against authority to grant exemptions.
  - Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 287.0595, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 287.0595 Pollution response action contracts; department rules.—
  - (1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall

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establish, by adopting administrative rules as provided in chapter 120:

(a) Procedures for determining the qualifications of responsible potential vendors prior to advertisement for and receipt of bids, proposals, or replies for pollution response action contracts, including procedures for the rejection of unqualified vendors. Response actions are those activities described in s. 376.301(39) s. 376.301(37).

Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.1175 Agriculture education and promotion facility.-

- (5) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall competitively evaluate applications for funding of an agriculture education and promotion facility. If the number of applicants exceeds three, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall rank the applications based upon criteria developed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, with priority given in descending order to the following items:
- (c) The location of the facility in a brownfield site as defined in  $\underline{s.\ 376.79(4)}$   $\underline{s.\ 376.79(3)}$ , a rural enterprise zone as defined in  $\underline{s.\ 290.004}$ , an agriculturally depressed area as defined in  $\underline{s.\ 570.74}$ , or a county that has lost its agricultural land to environmental restoration projects.

Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.