**A** **BILL**

TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM DAILY ARSENIC DISCHARGE FOR ANY COAL‑FIRED POWER PLANT DISCHARGING WASTEWATER FROM ANY WATER SOURCE INTO A RIVER IN, OR THAT IS A BOUNDARY OF, RICHLAND COUNTY, UPSTREAM FROM THE RIVER’S CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONGAREE RIVER; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REMOVE THE ARSENIC CONTAMINATION WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THIS RIVER AND GROUNDWATER CONNECTED TO THE RIVER AND TO PREVENT FURTHER CONTAMINATION OF THESE WATERS; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THIS PLAN FOR APPROVAL WITHIN ONE YEAR TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. (A) There is established a daily maximum arsenic discharge of forty parts per billion for any wastewater discharge from a coal‑fired power plant that discharges, directly or indirectly, into a river in, or that is a boundary of, Richland County, upstream from the river’s confluence with the Congaree River. For purposes of this section, wastewater includes, wastewater that flows directly or indirectly into this river or into groundwater that is hydrologically connected to the river, from any water source, including, but not limited to, any surface water, ground water, seepage, spillway, or reservoir, pond, or other wastewater holding system.

(B). The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall develop a plan to achieve removal of this arsenic contamination from this river and from groundwater that is hydrologically connected to this river and to prevent further arsenic contamination of these waters within five years. This plan must be submitted for approval to the Richland County Legislative delegation within one year of this act’s effective date.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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