

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.21319a Administrative order.**

Sec. 21319a.

(1) In accordance with this section, if the department determines that there may be an imminent risk to the public health, safety, or welfare, or the environment, because of a release or threatened release, the department may require an owner or operator that is liable under section 21323a to take action as may be necessary to abate the danger or threat.

(2) The department may issue an administrative order to an owner or operator that is liable under section 21323a requiring that person to perform corrective actions relating to a site, or to take any other action required by this part. An order issued under this section shall state with reasonable specificity the basis for issuance of the order and specify a reasonable time for compliance.

(3) Within 30 days after issuance of an administrative order under this section, a person to whom the order was issued shall indicate in writing whether the person intends to comply with the order.

(4) A person who, without sufficient cause, violates or fails to properly comply with an administrative order issued under this section is liable for either or both of the following:

(a) A civil fine of not more than \$25,000.00 for each day during which the violation occurs or the failure to comply continues. A fine imposed under this subsection shall be based upon the seriousness of the violation and any good faith efforts by the violator to comply with the administrative order.

(b) For exemplary damages in an amount at least equal to the amount of any costs of corrective action incurred by the state as a result of a failure to comply with an administrative order but not more than 3 times the amount of these costs.

(5) A person to whom an administrative order was issued under this section may appeal the administrative order pursuant to section 21333.

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