

Amendment to SB 123-FN

1 Amend RSA 485-C:6, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 I. The commissioner shall establish and adopt ambient groundwater quality standards for
4 regulated contaminants which adversely affect human health or the environment. Ambient
5 groundwater standards shall apply to all regulated contaminants which result from human
6 operations or activities, but do not apply to naturally occurring contaminants. Where state
7 maximum contaminant levels have been adopted under RSA 485:3, I(b), or established in law,
8 ambient groundwater quality standards shall be equivalent to such standards~~[-]~~ **or** where federal
9 maximum contaminant level or health advisories have been promulgated under the Federal Safe
10 Drinking Water Act or rules relevant to such act, **the commissioner may adopt** ambient
11 groundwater quality standards ~~[shall be no less stringent than]~~ **equivalent to** such standards. The
12 commissioner may **also** adopt standards **that are** more stringent than federal **or state** maximum
13 contaminant levels or **federal** health advisories if, accounting for an adequate margin of safety to
14 protect human health at all life stages, including but not limited to pre-natal development, the
15 commissioner determines federal standards are insufficient for protection of human health. Where
16 such standards are ~~[established]~~ **adopted** based upon health advisories **promulgated under the**
17 **Federal Safe Drinking Water Act** that address cancer risks, the ambient groundwater quality
18 standards shall be equivalent to that exposure which causes a lifetime exposure risk of one cancer in
19 1,000,000 exposed population. Where no federal or state maximum contaminant level or health
20 advisory has been ~~[issued]~~ **adopted**, the commissioner may adopt ambient groundwater quality
21 standards on a basis which provides for an adequate margin of safety to protect human health and
22 safety.