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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to monitoring and reporting on the air quality around wastewater treatment plants

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-531 to read as follows:

§ 24-531 Wastewater treatment plant air quality monitoring. a. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, shall develop an air quality monitoring program pursuant to which the department shall monitor the air quality in the vicinity of any wastewater treatment plant operated by the department.

b. The program shall annually measure and record the levels of air pollutants that are hazardous to human health, including but not limited to gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrogen sulfide, and pathogenic airborne microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, protozoa, or parasites. Where, due to conditions unique to a particular wastewater treatment plant the commissioner believes other hazardous air pollutants may have been released into the air, the commissioner shall also monitor the air for such other pollutants.

c. The commissioner shall report findings of the program for each wastewater treatment plant to the Council on an annual basis. The report shall include at minimum what hazardous air pollutants were found through the monitoring and in what quantities. The commissioner shall also make each report available on the department's website in a machine-readable format.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, provided, however, that the commissioner of environmental protection, in consultation with the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, shall take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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