

HB 1455 -- Air Conservation

Sponsor: Black

This bill permits the Department of Natural Resources to use an independent contractor to expedite the review of construction permits for air contaminant sources when the permit applicant agrees. The independent contractor will be obtained through the state's competitive procedure process and will not be subject to the existing fee limitation. After review and approval, the department will bill the applicant for the contractor's costs. If the department cannot deliver the expedited review, the additional-cost fee is forfeited. If an applicant withdraws an application, the department and any independent contractor must be reimbursed for the costs they incurred in the evaluation.