

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3457/1	Introduction Number	SB-371	Estimate Type	Original
Description Nitrogen oxide emission standards for certain simple cycle combustion turbines					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Natural Resources Board created ch. NR 428, Wis. Adm. Code, to meet Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for controlling nitrogen oxide (NOx) emitted by stationary sources operating within ozone nonattainment counties. Requirements under s. NR 428.05, Wis. Adm. Code, set NOx emission limits for stationary sources in existence when the rule became effective on February 1, 2001. Other requirements under s. NR 428.04, Wis. Adm. Code, require existing stationary sources that are modified after February 1, 2001 to meet the same limit as a new source. This means that a combustion turbine meeting the existing source emission limit will become subject to a more stringent NOx emission limit if it is modified after February 1, 2001.

The Department has identified that certain existing combustion turbines cannot meet the emission limit applicable to modified combustion turbines. The bill provides an alternative emission limit which reflects the next best level of NOx emission control for this case. Since the bill simply changes the emission limitation applicable to certain combustion turbines and does not change the number of sources subject to regulation, there is no change in workload for the Department or other government agencies. In addition, the proposed fix will require combustion turbines to maintain emission rates at current levels; therefore, the Department does not anticipate a change in emission fees or state revenue due to the proposed changes. For these reasons the adoption of the bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact for state or local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There are no long-range fiscal implications to local or state government agencies related to the bill.