***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Clean Water Laws**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another of our state’s newest laws…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: for House Bills….**

[House Bills 2134 & 1956](https://house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HB2134&year=2024&code=R) modifies permit requirements and exemptions in relation to Missouri fertilizer and clean water laws. Since this measure features an emergency clause, it became law when the governor signed it on July 12.

Senator Jill Carter of Granby handled this proposal on the floor of the Missouri Senate this year…

 **Carter 1 :17 Q: close that loophole.**

She also says this legislation takes in additional elements than the original bill…

 **Carter 2 :18 Q: was also removed.**

When Missouri senators discussed House Bills 2134 & 1956 on May 7, Sen. Steven Roberts of St. Louis successfully added language to the measure…

 **Roberts :24 Q: Authority is included.**

This new law says land application of industrial wastewater, industrial wastewater sludge and related process wastes must be subject to a standard established by Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This new law authorizes the Missouri Clean Water Commission to exempt any entity from the requirement to obtain any water pollution permit based on licensure under the Missouri fertilizer law. The new law also specifies entities storing combined bulk fertilizers in storage basins may not be exempt from design requirements for "agrichemical facilities," as defined in the bill, when constructing new facilities.

In the meantime, Missouri senators continue to pre-file legislation for the next regular legislative session. Pre-filed bills will start to receive their official numbers on Dec. 2. The First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will begin in January. We will continue to highlight legislation from *this* year’s regular legislative session that could become a part of the *next* session.

With a new General Assembly will come some new faces in the Missouri Senate. The first step toward putting new members into place happened this week, when both senators and senators-elect met in the Capitol to decide new leadership for the next two years.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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