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Measure: SB488

If passed, SB 488 will give the Department of Environmental Quality the authority to accurately assess how many tons of medical waste is burned annually at a trash incinerator facility and, if the specified weight limits are exceeded, apply the stricter emission limits required for medical waste incinerators under federal law.

Waste incineration creates and releases harmful chemicals and pollutants into the air and surrounding environment. Particulate matter in the air has been shown to cause lung and heart disease, heavy metals such as lead and mercury which can cause neurological diseases and PFAS and dioxins which can cause cancer and other health problems.