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**Department of Environmental Services**

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**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

October 20, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, NH

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTIONS**

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to accept and expend \$19,837,651 in federal funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to fund investments in drinking water infrastructure through New Hampshire's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is to be budgeted in the two accounts as follows:

DWSRF BIL Loans  
03-44-44-441018-5563  
Fiscal Year 2023

Class	Title	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Income</b>				
000-404646	Federal Funds	\$0	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
301-500833	Loans	\$0	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>

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DWSRF BIL Administration  
 03-44-44-441018-5564  
 Fiscal Year 2023

Class	Title	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Income</b>				
000-404646	Federal Funds	\$0	(\$7,837,651)	(\$7,837,651)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
18-500106	Overtime	\$0	\$15,105	\$15,105
20-500200	Current Expense	\$0	\$16,769	\$16,769
26-500251	Membership Fees	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
27-582703	Transfers to DOIT	\$0	\$8,640	\$8,640
28-582814	Transfers to General Services	\$0	\$7,570	\$7,570
30-500321	Equipment	\$0	\$68,000	\$68,000
37-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$0	\$11,800	\$11,800
38-500175	Technology- Software	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
39-500188	Telecommunications	\$0	\$2,516	\$2,516
40-500800	Indirect Costs	\$0	\$36,784	\$36,784
41-500801	Audit Set-Aside	\$0	\$19,783	\$19,783
42-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$12,317	\$12,317
50-500109	Part Time Salaries	\$0	\$259,966	\$259,966
59-500117	Full Time Temporary	\$0	\$138,852	\$138,852
60-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$210,665	\$210,665
66-500544	Employee Training	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
70-500705	In-State Travel	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500
72-500574	Grants- Federal	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
80-500710	Out of State Travel	\$0	\$9,384	\$9,384
102-500731	Contracts - Program Services	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,837,651</b>	<b>\$7,837,651</b>

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2. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 124:15,1, authorize NHDES to establish five full time temporary positions through June 30, 2023, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals. The positions were approved by the Division of Personnel on August 31, 2022, September 1, 2022, and September 12, 2022. Copies of the approval documentation are attached.

Classification Title	Position #	Labor Grade	Salary Range
Administrator II	9T3274	29	\$61,893-\$88,745
Environmental IV	9T3276	27	\$56,882-\$81,042
Environmental IV	9T3266	27	\$56,882-\$81,042
Env. Program Manager	9T3275	27	\$56,882-\$81,042
Accountant II	9T3280	18	\$39,098-\$54,093

**EXPLANATION**

The BIL (P.L. 117-58), also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021" (IIJA) includes \$50 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems. A significant portion of water infrastructure dollars is flowing through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), which represent a partnership between the EPA, states, tribes, territories, and local communities. This new funding includes \$7,555,000 from BIL for Emerging Contaminants, \$28,350,000 from the BIL for Lead Service Lines and \$17,992,000 from BIL for supplemental DWSRF funding. For decades, the SRFs have been the foundation of water infrastructure investments, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. EPA and the states have successfully worked together to steward more than \$200 billion in SRF funds since 1988. EPA and NHDES are committed to maximizing the impact of these funds in addressing urgent water challenges facing communities.

NHDES will utilize existing staff as well as temporary full-time personnel needed to administer all aspects of the DWSRF Supplemental, Lead Service Line and Emerging Contaminant BIL funds.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

- Class 018 To cover the cost for overtime for personnel
- Class 020 To cover costs for office supplies
- Class 026 To cover membership fees
- Class 027 To cover costs for Department of Information Technology services
- Class 028 To cover costs for state office building rent
- Class 030 To cover costs for office equipment

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- Class 037 To cover technology hardware
- Class 038 To cover technology software
- Class 039 To cover telecommunications
- Class 040 To cover the program share of statewide indirect costs.
- Class 041 To cover the cost of Audit Set-Aside charges related to the federal program.
- Class 042 To cover the program share of additional fringe benefit costs.
- Class 050 These funds are available in support of expanded or new program activities not previously budgeted. Employee support from existing NHDES programs will be used to conduct activities under this program. These funds will be used to replace funding for the following full-time positions, which are currently budgeted:

Position Number	Title	Account 03-44-44-	Funding Mix	Amount
42201	Hydrogeologist IV	441018-4718	100% Federal	\$ 26,615
42167	Environmentalist III	441018-4718	100% Federal	19,936
19337	Program Specialist I	441018-4718	100% Federal	18,743
41225	Environmentalist III	441018-4718	100% Federal	34,846
41226	Accountant IV	441018-4718	100% Federal	21,409
42197	Program Specialist III	441018-4718	100% Federal	17,474
42198	Supervisor IV	441018-4718	100% Federal	19,905
42199	Program Specialist II	441018-4718	100% Federal	18,427
42200	Program Specialist I	441018-4718	100% Federal	20,612
42166	Environmentalist IV	441018-4718	100% Federal	27,518
19869	Sanitary Engineer II	441018-4718	100% Federal	34,481
			TOTAL	\$259,966

Funding in the amount of \$259,966 which is budgeted for the current positions, will either be lapsed or closed to control resulting in a net zero increase in budgeted funds.

Class 059 To cover the costs for the five temporary full time positions noted below for coordination and execution of NHDES's management of investments in drinking water infrastructure projects.

Position Number	Title	Account 03-44-44-	Funding Mix	Amount
9T3274	Administrator II	441018-5564	100% Federal	\$33,894
9T3275	Environmental Program Manager	441018-5564	100% Federal	25,297
9T3276	Environmentalist IV	441018-5564	100% Federal	31,033
9T3266	Environmentalist IV	441018-5564	100% Federal	31,033
9T3280	Accountant II	441018-5564	100% Federal	17,595
			TOTAL	\$138,852

- Class 060 To cover benefits for personnel
- Class 066 To cover costs for employee training
- Class 070 To cover Instate travel to project sites and outreach/public meetings
- Class 072 To cover grants to entitles for lead service line inventories, source water protection and emerging contaminant investigations and mitigation planning for drinking water supplies
- Class 080 To cover out-of-state technical training travel costs for staff
- Class 102 To cover costs for lead service line assessments and analysis
- Class 301 To cover the cost of loans for drinking water projects

The following is intended to address the seven questions required by the Fiscal Committee with respect to the acceptance of federal and other funds in which new positions are established or extended:

**1. List All Personnel by Classification, Labor Grade, and Salary:** Five fulltime, temporary positions as listed below:

The five positions below are being established in response to new Financial Assistance Programs associated with the Federal Infrastructure Bill and new Federal Lead and Copper Rule technical requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 and continuing for the next five years, the Federal government will be providing a 600%-700% increase in funding through three new financial assistance programs for public water systems.

- **Administrator II (LG 29, \$61,893 - \$88,745)** This position will administer short and long-term objectives for the NHDES the Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding programs and public water systems statewide. Further, this position will develop and implement program policies and procedures, oversee staffing and productivity analysis, and manage the DWGW Bureau's

environmental review requirements for entities applying to receive grants and/or loans. The role will administer and establish the necessary systems to communicate, record, and report grant and loan activities in accordance with state and federal regulations and policies.

- **Environmental IV (LG27, \$56,882-\$81,042)** This position will supervise environmental program activities that support and achieve compliance with State and Federal standards for emerging contaminants, including Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Manganese, Arsenic, and Radon. Further, this position will support and assist the engineering and survey staff with technical expertise, design review, inspections, investigations, guidance, and managerial and financial outreach to small public water systems related to compliance with the State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts.
- **Environmental IV (LG27, \$56,882-\$81,042)** This position will provide technical expertise to support and achieve compliance with State and Federal Lead and Copper Rule revisions and other Lead in Drinking Water regulations for approximately 1200 non-transient public water systems, 600 public and private schools, and 800 licensed childcare facilities. Further, this position will develop, perform, and coordinate technical assistance, inspections, and approvals of lead service line and lead component historical inventories, replacement, and communication plans, and will support the engineering, survey, information management, and funding section activities leading to reduction of lead in drinking water.
- **Env. Program Manager (LG27, \$56,882-\$81,042)** This position will administer the Infrastructure Sustainability Program which provides financial assistance through grants to municipalities and other divisions engaged in Lead Service Line replacement projects. Further, this position will support the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines, lead connectors, and galvanized iron contaminated with lead for the State's non-transient public water systems, public and private schools, and licensed childcare facilities through the utilization of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other regulatory and incentive-based programs including the Lead Service Line Program.
- **Accountant II (LG 18, \$39,097-\$54,093)** This position will process grant and loan disbursements, maintain financial records, perform monthly reconciliations of expenditures and income, and coordinate sub-recipient monitoring. This role will ensure all SRF federal funds are disbursed timely and accurately, as required by federal and state guidelines.

**3. Explain the Nature, Need, and Duration of the Program:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that was signed into law on November 15, 2021, established and funded new programs from FFY2022 through 2027 to fund investments in drinking water infrastructure through New Hampshire's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program.

**3. What Is the Relationship to Existing Programs?** The BIL funds will complement the existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs as well as the Drinking Water/Ground Water Trust Fund In providing grants/loans for water infrastructure improvements.

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**4. Has a Substantially Similar Program Been Requested of the Legislature and Denied?** No

**5. Why was this Program and Its Funding Not Included In the Operating Budget?** The new federal grant funds were not available at the time the department created its FY22/23 operating budget request.

**6. Can any Portion of the Funds Be Utilized If Either, None, or Only Part of the Positions are Authorized?**  
No, the contracts loans and grant portions of the requested funding could not be effectively awarded without approval of the positions. Current staff resources would preclude timely review and processing of work scope authorizations, reports, engineering plans and loan/grant applications. Current staffing is not sufficient to allow timely execution of the work required under the federal requirements.

**7. What Is the Estimate of the Amount of Funding Required to Continue the Positions In Future Years?** It is anticipated that the positions are likely to continue until the BIL funding is awarded and projects are completed. The BIL funding will be awarded to states from FFY2022-2026. However, NHDES may administer funds awarded in this time period in subsequent years as water systems implement their projects after receiving notice of their funding award. The estimated cost of these positions in FY 24/25 is \$654,143.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner  
NH Department of Environmental Services

**NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND BIL  
 FISCAL SITUATION FY 2023  
 03-44-44-441018-5564, 5563**

Total Federal Awards	\$53,897,000
Less Expenditures thru 06/30/22	\$0
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$53,897,000
Less Current FY2023 Budget Authorization	\$0
Total Available for Budgeting	\$53,897,000
<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	<b>\$19,837,651</b>
Available to Budget at a later date	\$34,059,349

Grant Award Number	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Expenses to 06/30/22</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4E99115E22	\$7,555,000	\$0	\$7,555,000
4L99115L22	\$28,350,000	\$0	\$28,350,000
4D99115S22	\$17,992,000		\$17,992,000
TOTAL	\$53,897,000	\$0	\$53,897,000

 <b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b> <b>Grant Agreement</b>	<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 99115E22		<b>DATE OF AWARD</b>
	<b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 0		08/25/2022
	<b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> 4E		<b>MAILING DATE</b>
	<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b>		08/30/2022
<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b>		<b>ACH#</b>	
ASAP		10108	
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b>		<b>Send Payment Request to:</b>	
State		Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
<b>RECIPIENT:</b>		<b>PAYEE:</b>	
New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 <b>EIN:</b> 02-6000618		New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
<b>PROJECT MANAGER</b>		<b>EPA PROJECT OFFICER</b>	<b>EPA GRANT SPECIALIST</b>
Johnna McKenna 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 <b>Email:</b> Johnna.M.McKenna@des.nh.gov <b>Phone:</b> 603-271-7017		Katie Marrese 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, 6-WI Boston, MA 02109 <b>Email:</b> Marrese.Katie@epa.gov <b>Phone:</b> 617-918-1658	Trevor Tavano Grants Management Branch, 05-5 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109 <b>Email:</b> Tavano.Trevor@epa.gov <b>Phone:</b> 617-918-1235
<b>PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION</b>			
Fiscal Year 2022 New Hampshire Emerging Contaminant Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant See Attachment 1 for project description.			
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b>	<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b>
10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	\$7,555,000.00	\$7,555,000.00
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>			
Based on your Application dated 07/14/2022 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$7,555,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$7,555,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
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<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			
<b>Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official</b> Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division			<b>DATE</b>
			08/25/2022

 <b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b> <b>Grant Agreement</b>	<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 99115L22 <b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 0 <b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> 4L	<b>DATE OF AWARD</b> 08/29/2022	
	<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b> New	<b>MAILING DATE</b> 09/01/2022	
	<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b> ASAP	<b>ACH#</b> 10108	
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b> State	<b>Send Payment Request to:</b> Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov		
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<b>PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION</b> Fiscal Year 2022 New Hampshire Lead Service Line Replacement Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant See Attachment 1 for project description.			
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b> 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b> 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b> \$28,350,000.00	<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b> \$28,350,000.00
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>			
<p>Based on your Application dated 07/14/2022 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$28,350,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$28,350,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.</p>			
<b>ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)</b>		<b>AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE</b>	
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<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			
<b>Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official</b> Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division			<b>DATE</b> 08/29/2022

	<b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b> <b>Grant Agreement</b>		<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 99115S22 <b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 0 <b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> 4D	<b>DATE OF AWARD</b> 08/19/2022
			<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b> New	<b>MAILING DATE</b> 08/24/2022
			<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b> ASAP	<b>ACH#</b> 10108
			<b>Send Payment Request to:</b> Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b> State			<b>PAYEE:</b> New Hampshire D.E.S. 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
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<b>PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION</b> FY 2022 New Hampshire Supplemental BIL Drinking Water SRF Grant See Attachment 1 for project description.				
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b> 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b> 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2029	<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b> \$19,791,200.00	<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b> \$19,791,200.00	
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>				
Based on your Application dated 07/14/2022 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$17,992,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 90.91% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$17,992,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.				
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<b>Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official</b> Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division				<b>DATE</b> 08/19/2022



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August 31, 2022

Ms. Pamela Sopczyk—Director of Human Resources  
Department of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

Regarding: Request to establish a full time temporary Administrator II, pay schedule A000 – position #9T3274.

Dear Ms. Sopczyk,

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on 07/14/22 for the Department of Environmental Services to establish position #9T3274 as a full-time, temporary Administrator, LG29; pending approval of funding.

This position is being established in response to new Financial Assistance Programs associated with the Federal Infrastructure Bill and new Federal Lead and Copper Rule technical requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 and continuing for the next five years, the Federal government will be providing a 600%–700% increase in funding through three new financial assistance programs for public water systems administered by the Drinking Water Ground Water Bureau (DWGWB). This position will administer short and long-term objectives for the NH Department of Environmental Services for the Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding programs and public water systems statewide. Further, this position will develop and implement program policies and procedures, oversee staffing and productivity analysis, and manage the DWGW Bureau's environmental review requirements for entities applying to receive grants and/or loans. The role will administer and establish the necessary systems to communicate, record, and report grant and loan activities in accordance with state and federal regulations and policies.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

It will be your responsibility to bring the request for funding before the Fiscal Committee. You may use this letter as confirmation of our decision. Once you have obtained Fiscal Committee approval, please notify the Division of Personnel Operations Section at [CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov](mailto:CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marianne Rechy  
Classification & Compensation Administrator

Cc: Lorrie Rudis, Director of Personnel  
Joanne Lydick – Administrator of Operations



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September 1, 2022

Ms. Pamela Sopczyk—Director of Human Resources  
Department of Environmental Services  
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Regarding: Request to establish a full time temporary Environmental Program Manager, pay schedule A000 – position #9T3275.

Dear Ms. Sopczyk,

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on 07/15/22 for the Department of Environmental Services to establish position #9T3275 as a full-time, temporary Environmental Program Manager, LG27; pending approval of funding.

This position is being established in response to new Financial Assistance Programs associated with the Federal Infrastructure Bill and new Federal Lead and Copper Rule technical requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 and continuing for the next five years, the Federal government will be providing a 600%–700% increase in funding through three new financial assistance programs for public water systems administered by the Drinking Water Ground Water Bureau (DWGWB). This position will administer the Infrastructure Sustainability Program which provides financial assistance through grants to municipalities and other divisions engaged in Lead Service Line replacement projects. Further, this position will support the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines, lead connectors, and galvanized iron contaminated with lead for the State's non-transient public water systems, public and private schools, and licensed child care facilities through the utilization of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other regulatory and incentive-based programs including the Lead Service Line Program.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

It will be your responsibility to bring the request for funding before the Fiscal Committee. You may use this letter as confirmation of our decision. Once you have obtained Fiscal Committee approval, please notify the Division of Personnel Operations Section at [CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov](mailto:CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marianne Rechy  
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Cc: Lorrie Rudis, Director of Personnel  
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September 12, 2022

Ms. Pamela Sopczyk—Director of Human Resources  
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Regarding: Request to establish a full time temporary Environmentalist IV, pay schedule A000 – position #9T3266.

Dear Ms. Sopczyk,

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on 07/14/22 for the Department of Environmental Services to establish position #9T3266 as a full-time, temporary Environmentalist IV, LG27; pending approval of funding.

This position is being established in response to new Financial Assistance Programs associated with the Federal Infrastructure Bill and new Federal Lead and Copper Rule technical requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 and continuing for the next five years, the Federal government will be providing a 600%–700% increase in funding through three new financial assistance programs for public water systems administered by the Drinking Water Ground Water Bureau (DWGWB). This position will provide technical expertise to support and achieve compliance with State and Federal Lead and Copper Rule revisions and other Lead in Drinking Water regulations for approximately 1200 non-transient public water systems, 600 public and private schools, and 800 licensed childcare facilities. Further, this position will develop, perform, and coordinate technical assistance, inspections, and approvals of lead service line and lead component historical inventories, replacement, and communication plans, and will support the engineering, survey, information management, and funding section activities leading to reduction of lead in drinking water.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

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Regarding: Request to establish a full time temporary Environmentalist IV, pay schedule A000 – position #9T3276.

Dear Ms. Sopczyk,

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on 07/14/22 for the Department of Environmental Services to establish position #9T3276 as a full-time, temporary Environmentalist IV, LG27; pending approval of funding.

This position is being established in response to new Financial Assistance Programs associated with the Federal Infrastructure Bill and new Federal Lead and Copper Rule technical requirements. Beginning in the Fall of 2022 and continuing for the next five years, the Federal government will be providing a 600%–700% increase in funding through three new financial assistance programs for public water systems that will be administered by the Drinking Water Ground Water Bureau (DWGWB). This position will supervise environmental program activities that support and achieve compliance with State and Federal standards for emerging contaminants, including Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Manganese, Arsenic, and Radon. Further, this position will support and assist the engineering and survey staff with technical expertise, design review, inspections, investigations, guidance, and managerial and financial outreach to small public water systems related to compliance with the State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

It will be your responsibility to bring the request for funding before the Fiscal Committee. You may use this letter as confirmation of our decision. Once you have obtained Fiscal Committee approval, please notify the Division of Personnel Operations Section at [CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov](mailto:CentralHRProcessing@nh.gov).

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September 26, 2022

Ms. Pamela Sopczyk—Director of Human Resources  
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Regarding: Request to establish a full-time temporary Accountant II, LG 18, pay schedule A000 – position # 9T3280

Dear Ms. Sopczyk:

The Division of Personnel approves your request received on 8/12/2022 for the Department of Environmental Services to establish position # 9T3280 as a full-time, temporary Accountant II, LG 18, pending funding approval.

This Accountant II position is being established as 1 of 3 federally funded positions in the Administrative Services Unit needed to manage new federal funding for infrastructure and to meet the grant requirements of adequate staffing. The Accountant II, in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Section, will process grant disbursements and loan payments, maintain financial records, perform monthly reconciliations of expenditures and income, and coordinate sub-recipient monitoring. This role will ensure all SRF federal funds are disbursed timely and accurately, as required by federal and state guidelines. This position is needed immediately to align to the projected timeline for receiving federal funds and will provide temporary assistance as a necessary resource to perform these duties until a decision is made regarding the approval of a permanent Accountant II position requested in the FY 24-25 7D budget process.

This position number will be inactive until you receive funding approval from the Fiscal Committee per RSA 124:15.

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