



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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The Honorable Kenneth Weyler, 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 ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to transfer funds in the amount of \$3,036,553 between classes within accounting unit, Emerging Contaminants, for more effective use of appropriated funds and greater program efficiency, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2023. Funding is 61% Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Funds and 39% General Funds. Funding is to be rebudgeted as follows:

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS
 03-44-44-444010-88730000
 Fiscal Year 2023

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
009-401831	Emerging Contaminants	(\$39,169,334)	(\$0)	(\$39,169,334)
005-000010	General Funds	(\$25,000,000)	(\$0)	(\$25,000,000)
	Total Funding	(\$64,169,334)	(\$0)	(\$64,169,334)
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	\$24,150	\$0	\$24,150
020-500200	Current Expense	\$12,914	\$0	\$12,914
027-582703	Transfers to OIT	\$80,427	\$0	\$80,427
028-582814	Transfers to General Services	\$22,912	\$0	\$22,912
030-500321	Equipment	\$8,997	\$0	\$8,997
038-500175	Technology Software	\$148	\$0	\$148
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$20,769	\$0	\$20,769

Class (Con't)	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$97,317	\$0	\$97,317
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$120,584	\$0	\$120,584
049-588575	Transfer to other State Agencies	\$17,912	\$0	\$17,912
050-500109	Temporary Personnel	\$576,394	\$0	\$576,394
059-500117	Full Time Temporary	\$606,273	\$0	\$606,273
060-500601	Benefits	\$632,376	\$0	\$632,376
066-500544	Employee Training	\$5,711	\$0	\$5,711
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$7,611	\$0	\$7,611
073-500580	Grants – Non federal	\$10,000,000	\$2,470,000	\$12,470,000
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$8,658	\$0	\$8,658
101-500729	Medical Payments to Provider	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$1,744,016	\$566,553	\$2,310,569
300-500830	Reimbursements	\$20,181,165	(\$3,036,553)	\$17,144,612
301-504059	Loans	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
	Total Expenditures	\$64,169,334	\$0	\$64,169,334

EXPLANATION

The Emerging Contaminants account is administered by NHES for a variety of purposes related to addressing PFAS contamination of soil, groundwater, and other media. This request is to transfer a portion of funds originally budgeted for reimbursements to facilitate their use for grants and contracts to address PFAS contamination. The transfer into class 073-Grants is to provide funding for two PFAS Remediation grant applications for the Towns of Merrimack and Bedford. Using these funds, the Towns will establish municipal PFAS rebate programs that will complement the NHDES PFAS rebate program administered under this same account. The transfer into class 102-Contracts will facilitate completion of several initiatives including investigations into the occurrence of PFAS contamination in water, wastewater and other media and implementation of NHDES' Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Takeback program, which will provide for collection and proper disposal of PFAS-containing firefighting foams from New Hampshire's municipal fire departments.

NHDES is requesting to rebudget these funds as shown below:

Class 073 An increase to cover the cost of offering these grants for the towns to facilitate their rebate programs.

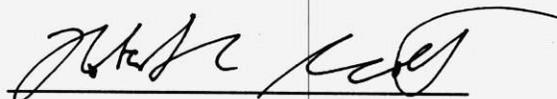
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- Class 102 An increase to be used to finance PFAS contamination studies and the AFFF Takeback Program.
- Class 300 A reduction to facilitate the above requested budget revisions without increasing the total program appropriation.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

- 1) Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects? This is an ongoing program.
- 2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level? This is to maintain program levels.
- 3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory. RSA 485-H:3
- 4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer. Funds are a combination of Drinking Water Trust funds and a General Fund appropriation.
- 5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved? No.
- 6) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved? No.
- 7) Are personnel services involved? There are no personnel services involved in this transfer.
If yes, answer the following:
 - a. Number of positions budgeted in each account.
 - b. Number of positions filled in each account.
 - c. Reason for vacant positions.
 - d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts?
 - e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request?

We respectfully request your approval of this item.



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