



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to transfers funds in and among classes within an accounting unit, in the amount of \$695,600, and create a new expenditure class to address emerging contaminants in small or disadvantaged communities (EC-SDC), effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. Funding is 100% Federal Funds.

**WIIN EMERGING CONTAMINANTS
 03-44-44-442010-6361**

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
000-404646		(\$24,128,955)	\$0	(\$24,128,955)
Expenditures				
018-500106	Overtime	\$19,940	\$0	\$19,940
020-500200	Current Expense	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
030-500302	Equipment New Replacement	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$4,050	\$14,355	\$18,405
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$3,868	\$24,371	\$28,239
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$3,200	\$4,305	\$7,505
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$0	\$107,410	\$107,410
059-500117	Salary Temp Full Time	\$19,229	\$71,275	\$90,504
060-500602	Benefits	\$15,967	\$173,884	\$189,851
066-500544	Employee Training	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500

Class Cont.	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
072-500574	Grants Federal	\$19,570,291	(\$695,600)	\$18,874,691
080-500716	Out Of State Travel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
085-588590	Interagency Transfer Out of Fed Funds	\$3,322,910	\$0	\$3,322,910
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$1,100,000	\$300,000	\$1,400,000
TOTAL		\$24,128,955	\$0	\$24,128,955

EXPLANATION

The BIL (P.L. 117-58), also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021" includes \$50 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems. Among its provisions, BIL provides a total of \$5 billion in federal fiscal years 2022-2026 for the emerging contaminants in small or disadvantaged communities (EC-SDC) grant program, which focuses on addressing emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in small or disadvantaged communities' drinking or source water. NHDES is receiving \$9,457,000 per year for six years to assist public water systems and private well owners with emerging contaminants.

Funds are being reallocated to cover staffing and contract needs to implement activities in the workplan including managing infrastructure grants, toxicology reviews and risk assessments for emerging contaminants, source water protection initiatives for PFAS in drinking water, and sample collection and analysis at private wells located in proximity to areas that are known to be or are potentially contaminated with PFAS.

NHDES is requesting to budget these funds as shown below:

- Class 040 To cover the program share of statewide indirect costs.
- Class 041 To cover the state Audit Set-aside costs.
- Class 042 To cover the program share of additional fringe benefits
- 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
9T2912	19-4040 ENV SCIENCE TECHS-3	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$21,172
9T2984	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$32,748
9T2987	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS-2	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$26,745

9T2988	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS-2	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$26,745
			TOTAL	\$107,410

Class 059 To cover the costs for the two temporary fulltime positions already approved, for the remainder of FY 2025 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
9T3353	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS and GEOSCIENTIST-3	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$35,637
9T3354	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS and GEOSCIENTIST-3	442010-6361	100% Federal	\$35,638
			TOTAL	\$71,275

Class 060 To cover benefits for personnel.

Class 072 To reduce grants in order to properly fund staffing and contract needs

Class 102 To cover costs for contracts with laboratories to complete advanced PFAS testing in wastewater.

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

- 1) Does transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects? This is a continuing program.
- 2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level? No. It will not increase the program level.
- 3) Cite and requirements which makes this program mandatory. BIL (P.L. 117-58), also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021"
- 4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer. 100% Federal
- 5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved. No
- 6) Are the funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved. No.
- 7) Are personnel services involved? yes
 If yes, answer the following:
 - a. Number of positions budgeted in each account. 2
 - b. Number of positions filled in each account. 2
 - c. Reason for vacant positions. n/a

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- d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts? No
- e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request? No

We respectfully request your approval of this item.



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