



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 22, 2024

The Honorable Ken 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 and among classes within an accounting unit, in the amount of \$306,442, for more effective use of Emerging Contaminant funds, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Emerging Contaminant Funds

Funding is to be re-budgeted as follows:

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS
 03-44-44-444010-88730000
 Fiscal Year 2025

Class	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
Income				
009-401831	Emerging Contaminants	(\$72,650,459)	(\$0)	(\$72,650,459)
Expenditures				
010-500100	Personal Services Permanent	\$108,242	\$0	\$108,242
018-500106	Overtime	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
020-500200	Current Expense	\$12,550	\$0	\$12,550
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
027-582703	Transfers to OIT	\$58,795	\$0	\$58,795
028-582814	Transfers to General Services	\$32,182	\$0	\$32,182
030-500321	Equipment	\$9,100	\$0	\$9,100

Class (Cont.)	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
038-500175	Technology Software	\$39,400	\$0	\$39,400
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$10,250	\$0	\$10,250
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$66,255	\$0	\$66,255
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$99,143	\$0	\$99,143
049-588575	Transfer to other State Agencies	\$27,726	\$0	\$27,726
050-500109	Temporary Personnel	\$231,087	\$0	\$231,087
059-500117	Full Time Temporary	\$471,081	\$0	\$471,081
060-500601	Benefits	\$393,483	\$0	\$393,483
066-500544	Employee Training	\$9,250	\$0	\$9,250
070-500705	In-State Travel	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
073-500580	Grants – Non federal	\$12,951,419	\$200,000	\$13,151,419
080-500710	Out of State Travel	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250
101-500729	Medical Payments to Provider	\$500	\$0	\$500
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$442,152	\$106,442	\$548,594
300-500830	Reimbursements	\$12,939,916	\$0	\$12,939,916
301-504059	Loans	\$44,731,678	(\$306,442)	\$44,425,236
	Total Expenditures	\$72,650,459	\$0	\$72,650,459

EXPLANATION

The Emerging Contaminants account is administered by NHDES 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 loans to facilitate their use for grants and contracts to address PFAS contamination. The transfer into class 073-Grants is to provide funding for the Pembroke Water Works to remediate PFAS in drinking water through interconnection with another public water system. The transfer into class 102-Contracts will facilitate implementation and completion 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 re-budget these funds as shown below:

- Class 073 An increase to cover the cost of offering grants to public water systems and municipalities to address PFAS in drinking water.
- Class 102 An increase to be used to finance the AFFF Takeback Program.

Class 301 A reduction to accommodate the budget increase in other classes.

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. No
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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