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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/14/13

SPONSOR Alcon LAST UPDATED _____ HM 49

SHORT TITLE Study Legacy Solid Waste Monitoring Program SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI			n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of the Environment (NMED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 49 requests that the NMED evaluate options and make recommendations regarding the development of a program and a funding mechanism to complete site assessments, monitor, and remediate legacy solid waste landfills and unauthorized disposal sites on lands owned by local governmental entities and school districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The NMED states that the fiscal implications relative to the NMED to evaluate and make recommendations to the Legislature would be minimal. This effort could be completed with existing technical staff with the necessary expertise.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NMED notes that legacy unlined registered landfills and unauthorized buried waste dump sites are located in numerous incorporated and unincorporated areas in New Mexico due to historic solid waste disposal practices. If left unevaluated, unmonitored and unremediated, these sites have a higher potential to contaminate ground and surface waters of New Mexico. A significant number of the unlined landfills do not have any groundwater monitoring wells. Others, in rural counties and towns, have not been monitored for years due to lack of available funds.

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