

1 HOUSE BILL 174

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO GROUND WATER; CREATING THE UNDERGROUND INJECTION
12 CONTROL FUND; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. A new section of the Water Quality Act is
16 enacted to read:

17 "[NEW MATERIAL] UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL FUND.--The
18 "underground injection control fund" is created as a
19 nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund consists of
20 appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. The energy,
21 minerals and natural resources department shall administer the
22 fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the energy,
23 minerals and natural resources department to carry out a state
24 underground injection control program. Money in the fund shall
25 be disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of finance and

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1 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of
2 energy, minerals and natural resources or the secretary's
3 designee."

4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.--

5 A. One million four hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$1,400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 underground injection control fund for expenditure in fiscal
8 years 2024 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of the
9 fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
10 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

11 B. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated
12 from the general fund to the energy, minerals and natural
13 resources department for expenditure in fiscal year 2024 to
14 provide full-time-equivalent employees for the state
15 underground injection control program and provide support in
16 the application process for state primary enforcement authority
17 over class six wells. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
18 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the
19 general fund.