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FY17 Budget Request Legislative Finance Committee

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Summary of Request

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- Requesting a \$1.2 million increase to General Fund (GF)
- Between FY08 and FY14, GF budget was cut by \$4,811.2 (41.7%)
- The FY16 appropriation was \$3,118.7 (23.6%) less than that of FY08



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P-Code	Program Name	GF Requested	Increase over FY16
P567	Resource Management	\$3,294.8	\$428.0
P568	Water Protection	\$3,446.4	\$470.0
P569	Resource Protection	\$1,504.7	\$129.3
P570	Environmental Protection	\$6,197.4	\$180.7
		\$14,443.3	\$1,208.0



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- Resource Management (P567):
 - \$110.0 transferred one unfunded position from another program
 - \$268.0 transfer three positions from other programs to the Office of Information Technology
 - \$50.0 decrease in indirect revenue due to decrease of Statewide Cost Allocation Plan
- Water Protection (P568):
 - \$445.0 to fund staff needed in the compliance and permitting program
 - \$25.0 revenue swap with reorg of Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau for WPD Director's Office
- Resource Protection (P569):
 - \$129.3 revenue swap with reorg of Environmental Health Bureau for RPD Director's Office
- Environmental Protection (P570):
 - \$180.7 to fund additional inspectors and integrated electronic data management system



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NMED Highlights in 2015

Kirtland Air Force Base Progress

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- Began extracting EDB-contaminated water in June 2015
 - Approximately 13 million gallons extracted and treated to date
- 20 monitoring wells were drilled in the last year
 - Defined the extent of the EDB plume
 - Plume not moving toward ABQ drinking water wells
- 2 additional extraction wells have been drilled and will come on line before the end of December
- NMED has co-hosted 3 public field trips since October 2014
- Cooperative Agreement with the USAF for \$750 thousand to support NMED staff involvement on KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility project over next three years and resolve outstanding compliance issue



Gold King Mine Spill

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- **NMED's Response:**
 - Deployed 25 staff members to San Juan County
 - Advised public water systems to stop taking water from the Animas River before plume arrived
 - Immediately notified downstream users, including the Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah
 - Mobilized field teams and sampling equipment
 - Authorized \$500 thousand in emergency funds
 - Set up a mobile lab and tested samples from 580 private domestic wells



Clean Air Act Progress

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- Negotiated the largest reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in the history of New Mexico:
 - 5,720,401 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be eliminated in the next 2 years



LANL/WIPP Progress

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- Very close to signing settlement agreements with DOE
 - Date when funds will arrive for roads projects at WIPP is final issue
- Settlement provides \$73 million for projects in the affected communities
 - Examples: Infrastructure (water lines at LANL, roads, and an Emergency Operations Center in Carlsbad)
- LANL and WIPP already implementing several corrective actions required by NMED
 - Examples: procedure changes, permit modifications, improvements in training programs



Ground Water Quality Bureau Progress (GWQB)

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□ **Pollution Prevention Section**

- GWQB's new Bureau Chief successfully eliminated the Orphan List (300+ unassigned permits) and all permits are now moving through the regulatory process. This Section is on track to issue 100% more permits this fiscal year.

□ **Agricultural Compliance Section**

- GWQB successfully negotiated the new Dairy Rule with industry and other stakeholders including environmental groups. The new rule became effective August 1.

□ **Mining Environmental Compliance Section**

- The MECs section has issued 17 permit amendments under the new Copper Rule.

□ **Remediation Oversight Section**

- The Brownfields Program is on track to make three Brownfield Loans this fiscal year. These loans total approximately \$1 million to various communities throughout New Mexico to encourage and support redevelopment of formerly contaminated and blighted sites.



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Questions?