



New Mexico Environment Department

Budget Hearing Update

Legislative Finance Committee

Monday, December 9, 2013

Budget

- Reorganization of HWB from Resource Protection Division to Environmental Protection Division
- FY15 requests a 33.6% increase of general fund dollars to support reallocation of FTE's and Superfund sites:
 - P567 \$591.0 IT 4.5 FTE, Office of Nuclear Advocacy 1 FTE
 - P568 Superfund \$1,555.6, Terrero Mines \$83.0, GWB 3 FTE's Compliance & unfunded vacancies \$890.0
 - P569 DWB 5 FTE's \$442.6
 - P570 RCB \$315.1

General Fund Budget

Program		FY14 Op Bud	FY15 Request	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Change
P567	Resource Management	\$ 2,427.0	\$ 3,018.0	\$ 591.0	24.3%
P568	Resource Protection	1,940.6	4,469.2	2,528.6	130.3%
P569	Environmental Health	5,160.6	5,603.2	442.6	8.6%
P570	Environmental Protection	2,014.6	2,329.7	315.1	15.6%
Totals		\$11,542.8	\$15,420.1	\$3,877.3	33.6%

Human Resources Update

- January of 2013: 130 vacancies
- December 2013: 110 vacancies
- Total vacancy rate is at 16.7%
- 2.7% decrease since January of 2013.
- NMED has 98 (less 12 unfunded vacancies) funded vacancies which equates to a 14.8% funded vacancy rate.

OIG Audit Update

- Completed on June 17, 2013
- Unapproved method of time-keeping for multiple projects
- Immediately updated timekeeping policy, effective November 23, 2013
- ASD conducted three internal audits to identify bureau's recommend changes to complying with agency policy and federal requirements.

Kirtland Air Force Base Fuel Spill

- Weekly Meetings with KAFB to Ensure Progress Towards the Remediation is Made
- Partnering With ABCWUA to Ensure that the Water Supply Wells are Offered Maximum Protection From Hazardous Constituents
- Currently have 115 wells drilled to characterize the site
- Completed Pump Test of Extraction Well to Assess Pump and Treat Options
- Completed Pilot Test of Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) Wells to Assess Expansion of the SVE system
- Developed Aggressive Action Plan to Address:
 - Expansion of the SVE System
 - Design and Implement Treatment of Fuel on the Water Table
 - Design and Implement Treatment of Fuel Dissolved in the Groundwater

LANL Legacy Waste Cleanup

- Framework Agreement
- Dictates how removal of TRU waste from MDA G will move forward
 - 171 shipments of TRU waste sent to WIPP in 2011*
 - 230 shipments of TRU waste sent to WIPP in 2012*
 - By comparison, LANL averaged 104 shipments of TRU waste to WIPP from 2005-2010
- Also prioritizes clean-up of ground water contamination and protection of Santa Fe's drinking water system
 - LANL initiated pumping tests at 2 groundwater extraction wells within the chromium plume

Water Infrastructure

- American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card Identifies over \$1 Billion in infrastructure needs for water over the next 20 years. (Drinking Water: \$933 Million / Wastewater \$103 Million)
- 1200 Public Water Systems (PWS) in NM (Many between 50 and 70 years old)
- ASCE Report Card Gives NM a D+ Grade for Infrastructure Condition
- Infrastructure needs include:
 - Replacement of aging pipes and pump stations, water treatment infrastructure to meet drinking water standards, and replacement of failed wells or development of new or additional sources

Ground Water Permitting

- Agricultural: Issued 37 of 198 active permits (19%) (Of the 81% of unissued permits, average number of days the permit has been awaiting action is 1,320 as of Sept. 1, 2013)
- Domestic: Issued 309 of 523 active permits (59%) (41% of unissued permits awaiting action for 1,069 days)
- Industrial: Issued 44 of 93 active permits (47%) (53% of unissued permits awaiting action for 1,304 days)
- Mining: Issued 13 of 42 active permits (31%) (69% of unissued permits awaiting action for 963 days)

Enforcement Update

Bureau	Assessed	Collected/Settled
Air Quality (AQB)	\$ 5,933,049.92	\$ 1,987,495.93
Occupational Health and Safety (OHSB)	\$ 181,742.50	\$ 127,304.38
Solid Waste (SWB)	\$ 36,000	\$ 3,000
Hazardous Waste (HWB)	\$ 25,473	\$ 40,181
Ground Water Quality (GWQB)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Petroleum Storage Tanks (PSTB)	\$ 0	\$ 3,760,000
Drinking Water (DWB)	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Radiation Control (RCB)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Department Totals	\$6,176,265.42	\$5,920,381.31

Data for January 1, 2013 to November 22, 2013

Future Goals

- Improve efficiency in groundwater permitting programs
- Continue to work with communities across the state to ensure citizens have access to a safe, reliable supply of drinking water
- Continue to aggressively clean up existing contamination sites around the state
- Decrease vacancy rate to 10% by end of FY14



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Questions?

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