



New Mexico Environment Department

# FY16 Budget Request

Legislative Finance Committee

Thursday, November 20, 2014

# Human Resources Update

- Total vacant positions filled since January 2014: 110
- Total vacancy rate is 14.8%
  - Total funded vacancy rate is 11.7%
  - GWQB total vacancy rate is 26.6%
- Reduced hiring turnaround time by 18 days (20%)

# Summary of Request

- Requesting a \$1.4 million increase to General Fund (GF)
- Between FY08 and FY13, GF budget was cut by \$5,097.8 (45.3%)
- The FY15 appropriation was \$3,596.2 (28%) less than that of FY08

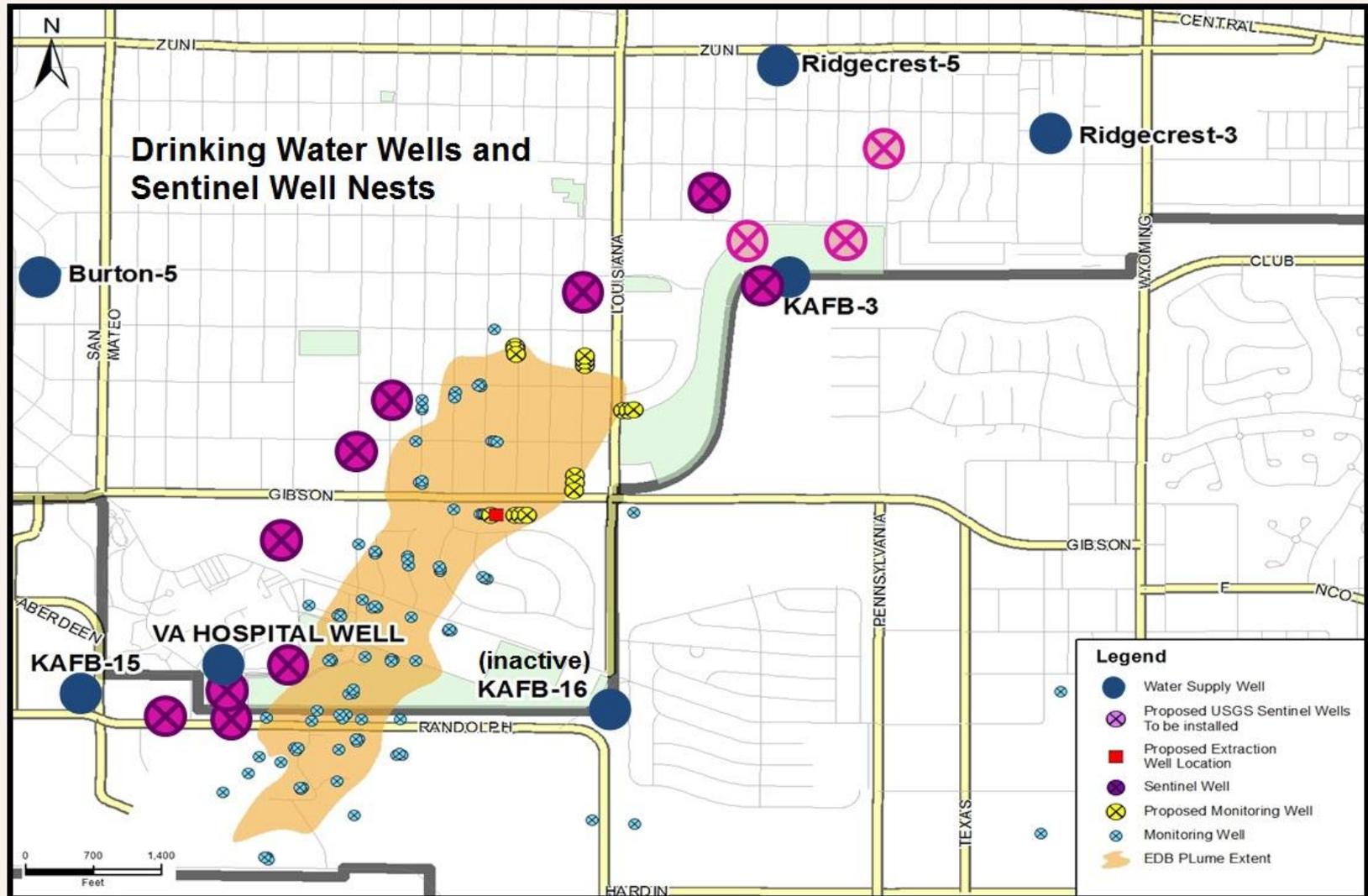
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<b>P-Code</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>GF Requested</b>	<b>Increase over FY15</b>
P567	Resource Management	\$ 3,150.8	\$ 558.9
P568	Resource Protection	\$ 3,144.6	\$ 523.0
P569	Environmental Health	\$ 5,661.4	\$ 162.0
P570	Environmental Protection	\$ 2,224.9	\$ 180.0
		\$14,181.7	\$1,423.9

# Summary of Request

- Resource Management (P567):
  - two technical consultant contracts for remediation and cleanup efforts at the WIPP and KAFB (\$100k)
  - transfer five vacant positions from other programs to the Office of Information Technology to develop online permitting and online payments, and improving public access to information
- Resource Protection (P568):
  - \$523.0 to fund staff needed in the compliance and permitting program
- Environmental Health (P569):
  - \$162.0 to fund two additional inspectors for increased Liquid Waste permits
- Environmental Protection (P570):
  - \$80.0 to fund inspection of radiation sources
  - Indoor Radon Outreach Program state match (\$100k)

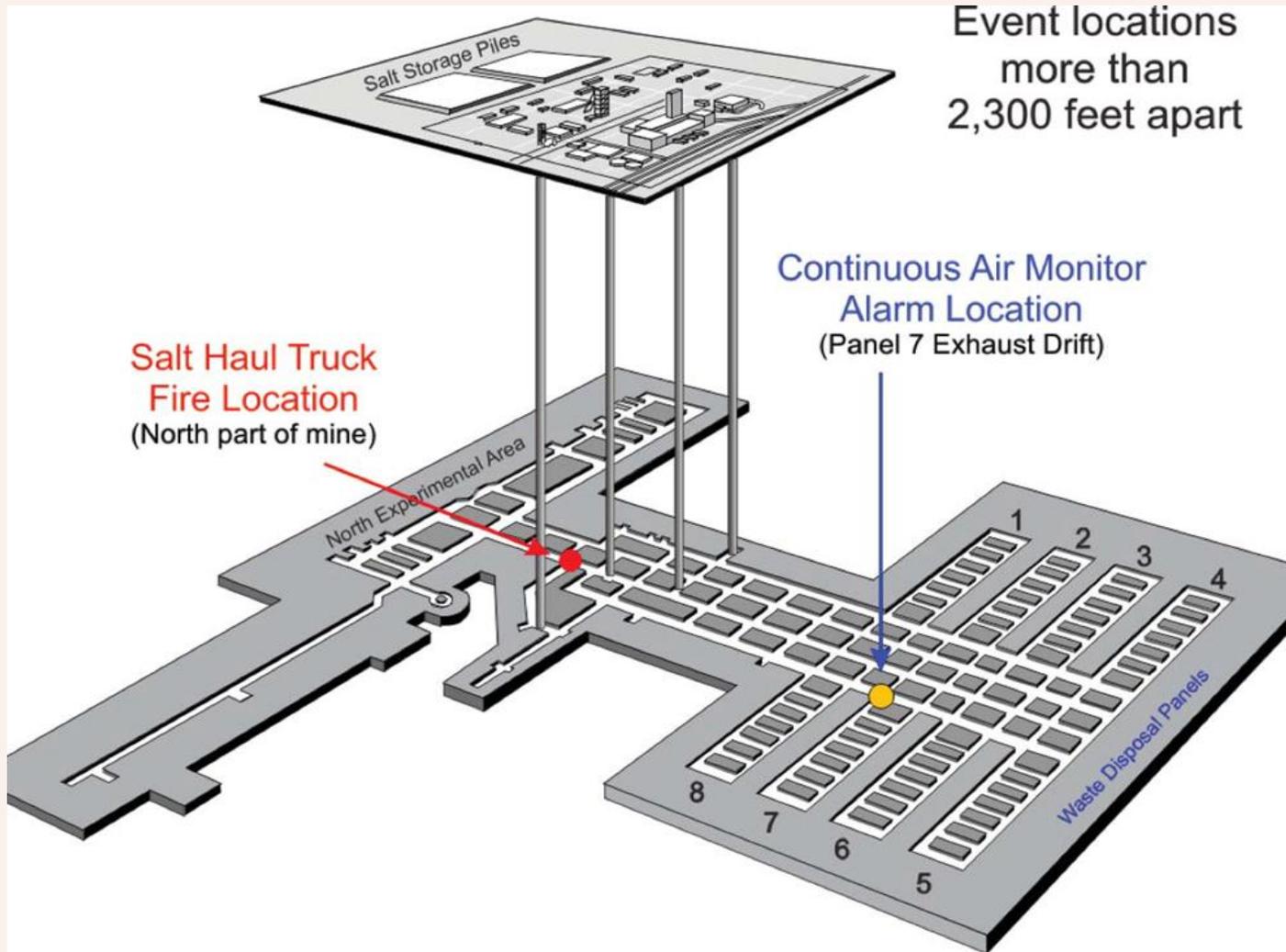
# Kirtland Air Force Base Fuel Spill



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- Protect Drinking Water Supply Wells
  - Monthly testing of drinking water wells
  - Installation of sentinel wells
- Collapse and remediate the fuel plume
- Soil vapor extraction in the Source Area
  - 500,000 gallons of fuel have been removed
- Communication and public outreach

# Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



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- Fire occurred on Feb 5; release occurred on Feb 14
- Release caused by LANL drum, confirmed on May 16
- NMED issued orders to secure facilities on May 19 (LANL) and May 20 (WIPP)
- Ongoing Investigation by NMED, DOE Accident Investigation Board, DOE Inspector General, and Independent Investigator
- Schedule and cost of recovery for WIPP are currently uncertain

# Ground Water Permitting

- The Ground Water Quality Bureau (P568) oversees 998 ground water protection/discharge permits
- Unfunded vacancies are preventing GWQB from meeting responsibilities
  - 145 expired permits in backlog due to vacancies
  - Processing renewal application is too slow. Average permit issuance time is 2.7 years
  - Compliance is being handled through abatement rather than compliance assistance
- Improvement with Funding Request
  - fill unfunded vacancies
  - issue/renew permits in a timely manner
  - conduct more field inspections
  - provide adequate level of customer service



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