

CHAPTER 444

APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE BILL 10-1309

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pommer, Ferrandino, Lambert;
also SENATOR(S) Keller, Tapia, White.**AN ACT****CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:***SECTION 1.** Part XIV of section 2 of chapter 464, Session Laws of Colorado 2009, is amended to read:Section 2. **Appropriation.**

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**PART XIV
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Personal Services	5,243,525		341,706		4,901,819 ^a	
	5,123,817		211,744		4,912,073 ^a	
	(59.8 FTE)					
	(58.8 FTE)					
Health, Life, and Dental	9,173,810		1,972,381	6,125,183 ^b	330,263^c	745,983
	9,030,537		1,833,678		325,693 ^c	
Short-term Disability	127,930		24,972	87,566 ^b	5,459^c	9,933
	123,206		23,577	84,920 ^b	5,163 ^c	9,546
S.B. 04-257 Amortization Equalization Disbursement	1,804,624		379,109	1,179,346^b	90,658^c	155,511
	1,742,057		360,735	1,144,167 ^b	86,784 ^c	150,371

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
S.B. 06-235							
Supplemental							
Amortization							
Equalization							
Disbursement	1,123,874		232,927		737,091^a	56,661^a	97,195
	1,084,599		221,444		715,105 ^b	54,240 ^a	93,810
Shift Differential	9,801		2,297		7,504 ^b		
Workers' Compensation	1,798,275		237,867		1,527,916^a	26,780	5,712
	1,697,801		224,577		1,442,547 ^b	25,284 ^a	5,393
Operating Expenses	1,251,953				1,060,977 ^b	185,639^a	5,337
	1,250,425					184,111 ^a	
Legal Services for 43,952							
44,890 hours	3,313,102		826,302		2,397,049^a	39,348 ^a	50,403
	3,383,808				2,467,755 ^b		
Purchase of Services							
from Computer Center	686,562		6,879		510,203^a	169,480^a	
	647,003		6,483		480,805 ^b	159,715 ^a	
Multiuse Network							
Payments	1,058,888		211,928		782,309 ^b	59,340 ^a	5,311
Management and							
Administration of OIT	237,634		50,164		171,985^a	9,948^a	5,537
	203,947		43,053		147,603 ^b	8,538 ^a	4,753

Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	1,026,249 963,820	92,559 140,499	929,996^a 796,465 ^b	2,895^a 20,325 ^a	799 6,531
Vehicle Lease Payments	2,997,379 3,120,395	393,903 412,477	2,542,381^a 2,650,625 ^b		61,095 57,293
Information Technology Asset Maintenance	282,477	53,746	125,957 ^b	90,538 ^a	12,236
Leased Space	1,277,044 1,218,143	543,969 506,899	709,620^a 685,302 ^b		23,455 25,942
Capitol Complex Leased Space	879,119 867,269	242,746 239,474	357,653^a 352,832 ^b	172,397^a 170,073 ^a	106,323 104,890
Communications Services Payments	<u>988,238</u>	117,207	871,031 ^b		
	33,280,484 32,796,231				

^a These amounts shall be from statewide and departmental indirect cost recoveries.

^b These amounts shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(2) DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING, AND SAFETY

(A) Coal Land Reclamation

Program Costs	2,139,662 2,117,901 (23.0 FTE)		448,746^a 444,165 ^a		1,690,916^a 1,673,736 ^b
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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Indirect Cost Assessment	142,656			30,393 ^a		112,263 ^b
	2,282,318					
	2,260,557					

^a These amounts shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S.

^b These amounts shall be from the United States Office of Surface Mining, and are shown for informational purposes only.

(B) Inactive Mines

Program Costs	1,839,497					
	1,797,349					
	(18.4 FTE)					
Mine Site Reclamation ³⁸	410,790					
	(1.2 FTE)					
Reclamation of Forfeited Mine Sites ³⁹	171,000					
Abandoned Mine Safety	100,000					
	(0.2 FTE)					
Indirect Cost Assessment	93,330					
	2,614,617			1,180,040 ^a	30,000 ^b	1,404,577
	2,572,469					1,362,429

^a Of this amount, \$660,040 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S., and \$520,000 shall be from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund created in Section 34-34-102 (1), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Public Health and Environment.

(C) Minerals

Program Costs	2,171,788	
	2,164,152	
	(24.1 FTE)	
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>109,392</u>	
	2,281,180	2,281,180 ^a
	2,273,544	2,273,544 ^a

^a Of this amount, ~~\$1,233,006~~ \$1,225,370 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S., and \$1,048,174 shall be from the Mined Land Reclamation Fund established pursuant to Section 34-32-127 (1) (a), C.R.S.

(D) Mines Program

Colorado and Federal Mine Safety Program	519,170	328,303^a	190,867
	507,608	316,741 ^a	
	(5.0 FTE)		
Blaster Certification Program	109,486	22,842^a	86,644
	105,782	22,064 ^b	83,718
	(1.0 FTE)		
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>29,958</u>	14,644 ^b	15,314
	658,614		
	643,348		

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

^a Of this amount, ~~\$318,303~~ \$306,741 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S., and \$10,000 shall be from fees.

^b These amounts shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S.

**(E) Emergency
Response Costs**

25,000

25,000^a

^a This amount shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (c), C.R.S.

~~7,861,729~~
7,774,918

(3) GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Environmental Geology
and Geological Hazards
Program

~~2,544,199~~
2,502,704
(17.2 FTE)

~~1,484,990^c~~
1,449,220^a

~~456,429^b~~
454,384^b

~~602,780~~
599,100

Mineral Resources and
Mapping

~~1,460,932~~
1,444,319

~~1,134,111^c~~
1,122,183^c

~~326,821~~
322,136

	(10.5 FTE)			
Colorado Avalanche Information Center	690,146	284,702^a	387,053^a	18,391
	675,812	273,664 ^d	384,187 ^e	17,961
	(7.7 FTE)			
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>186,137</u>	167,844 ^f		18,293
	4,881,414			
	4,808,972			

^a Of this amount, ~~\$930,963~~ \$906,838 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (b), C.R.S., and ~~\$554,027~~ \$542,382 shall be from fees for geological services.

^b This amount shall be from fees for geological services from the Department of Transportation, other state agencies, and indirect cost recoveries.

^c Of this amount, ~~\$1,041,721~~ \$1,030,788 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (b), C.R.S., and ~~\$92,390~~ \$91,395 shall be from fees paid by local governments.

^d Of this amount, ~~\$159,509~~ \$156,213 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (b), C.R.S., ~~\$123,193~~ \$115,451 shall be from grants and training and materials fees, and \$2,000 shall be from the Snowmobile Recreation Fund established pursuant to Section 33-14-106, C.R.S.

^e This amount shall be from the Department of Transportation.

^f This amount shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (b), C.R.S.

(4) OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Program Costs	5,975,347	5,975,347^a		
	5,943,311	5,943,311 ^a		
		(71.0 FTE)		
Underground Injection Program	96,559			96,559
				(2.0 FTE)

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plugging and Reclaiming Abandoned Wells	220,000			220,000 ^b		
Environmental Assistance and Complaint Resolution	312,033			312,033 ^b		
Emergency Response ⁴⁰	1,500,000			1,500,000 ^b		
Special Environmental Protection and Mitigation Studies ⁴¹	325,000			325,000 ^b		
S.B. 07-198 Coalbed Methane Seepage Projects	445,200			445,200 ^b		
Indirect Cost Assessment	313,768			310,119 ^b		3,649
	<u>9,187,907</u>					
	9,155,871					

^a Of this amount, ~~\$3,095,122~~ \$3,081,356 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (a), C.R.S., and ~~\$2,880,225~~ \$2,861,955 shall be from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund established pursuant to Section 34-60-122 (5), C.R.S.

^b These amounts shall be from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund established pursuant to Section 34-60-122 (5), C.R.S.

(5) STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

Program Costs 3,772,447

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM			
			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	(2.0 FTE)					
Operations and Maintenance	1,969,000					
	(14.5 FTE)					
Statewide Programs	1,657,000					
	(6.0 FTE)					
	<u>4,335,000</u>			4,335,000 ^a		

^a This amount shall be from the Great Outdoors Colorado Board and is shown for informational purposes only.

(C) Special Purpose

Snowmobile Program	1,007,001			1,007,001 ^a		
	1,003,186			1,003,186 ^a		
	(1.3 FTE)					
River Outfitters Regulation	74,466			74,466 ^b		
Off-highway Vehicle Program	402,224			402,224 ^a		
	394,376			394,376 ^c		
				(3.0 FTE)		
Federal Grants	518,516					518,516 ^a

	514,107		514,107 ^d
S.B. 03-290 Enterprise Fund	200,000	200,000 ^e	
System Operations and Support	735,000	735,000 ^f	
Connectivity at State Parks	370,000	370,000 ^f	
Asset Management	300,000	300,000 ^f	
Law Enforcement Equipment	126,780	126,780 ^f	
S.B. 08-226 Aquatic Nuisance Species	2,701,461 2,690,954	2,701,461^g 2,690,954 ^g	
		(7.0 FTE)	
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>1,294,669</u> 7,730,117 7,703,538	1,222,324 ^h	72,345 ⁱ

^a This amount shall be from the Snowmobile Recreation Fund established pursuant to Section 33-14-106, C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the River Outfitters Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-32-111, C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Off-highway Vehicle Recreation Fund established pursuant to Section 33-14.5-106 (1), C.R.S.

^d This amount reflects funds anticipated to be received from the United States Coast Guard and is shown for informational purposes only.

^e This amount shall be from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-10-111 (1), C.R.S.

^f These amounts shall be from lottery proceeds (including reserves from prior years) and are shown for informational purposes.

^g This amount shall be from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund created in Section 33-10.5-108 (1) (a), C.R.S., is continuously appropriated to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and is shown for informational purposes.

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

^b Of this amount, \$1,131,790 shall be from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-10-111 (1), C.R.S., and \$90,534 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (f), C.R.S.

ⁱ This amount reflects anticipated funds from the United States Coast Guard and the Bureau of Reclamation and is shown for informational purposes only.

~~36,128,365~~

36,021,813

(7) COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

(A) Administration

Personal Services	2,981,923
	2,944,892
	(31.0 FTE)
Operating Expenses	95,677
	95,176
Interstate Compacts	350,071
Western States Water Council Dues	27,500
River Decision Support Systems	551,540
	536,558
	<u>(5.0 FTE)</u>

4,006,711	3,710,684^a	296,027 ^b
3,954,197	3,658,170 ^a	

^a Of this amount, ~~\$3,666,934~~ \$3,614,420 shall be from reserves in the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund established pursuant to Section 37-60-121 (1) (a), C.R.S., and from indirect cost recoveries, and \$43,750 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (d), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Wildlife Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-1-112 (1) (a), C.R.S.

(B) Special Purpose

Intrastate Water Management and Development	470,464	470,464 ^a	
Federal Emergency Management Assistance	146,120 141,726 (2.0 FTE)	13,941 ^a	132,179 127,785
Weather Modification	25,000	25,000 ^b	
Water Conservation Program	274,042 264,434	274,042^a 264,434 ^a (4.0 FTE)	
H.B. 05-1254 Water Efficiency Grant Program	600,029	600,029 ^c (1.0 FTE)	
Severance Tax Fund	1,275,500	1,275,500 ^d	

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interbasin Compacts	1,145,067				1,145,067 ^e		
					(3.7 FTE)		
Platte River Basin Cooperative Agreement	233,418				233,418^f		
	229,958				229,958 ^f		
					(1.0 FTE)		
S.B. 02-87 Colorado Watershed Protection Fund	119,942				119,942 ^g		
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>481,731</u>				472,542 ^a		9,189
	4,771,313						
	4,753,851						

^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund established pursuant to Section 37-60-121 (1) (a), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from weather modification permit fees pursuant to Section 36-20-113 (1), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Water Efficiency Grant Program Cash Fund created in Section 37-60-126 (12) (a), C.R.S.

^d This amount shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (d), C.R.S.

^e This amount shall be from the Interbasin Compact Committee Operation Fund created in Section 37-75-107, C.R.S., is continuously appropriated to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and is shown for informational purposes.

^f This amount shall be from the Fish and Wildlife Resources Fund established pursuant to Section 37-60-121 (6), C.R.S.

^g This amount shall be from the Colorado Watershed Protection Fund, established pursuant to Section 39-22-2403 (1) C.R.S.

8,778,024

8,708,048

(8) WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Personal Services	18,926,874	18,411,977	514,897^e	
	18,412,173	17,899,552	512,621 ^a	
	(261.4 FTE)			
	(256.1 FTE)			
Operating Expenses	1,455,484	1,015,976	439,508 ^a	
	1,430,751	991,243		
Interstate Compacts	76,002	76,002		
Republican River Compact Compliance	321,012	321,012		
	314,558	314,558		
	(5.0 FTE)			
Satellite Monitoring System	402,599	257,710	144,889^e	
	397,187	212,298	184,889 ^b	
	(2.0 FTE)			
Augmentation of Water for Sand and Gravel Extraction	44,400		44,400 ^c	
Dam Emergency Repair	50,000		50,000 ^d	
Federal Grant	94,782			94,782 ^e
	94,246			94,246 ^c

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
River Decision Support Systems	391,300 381,383				391,300 ^a 381,383 ^d (4.0 FTE)		
H.B. 03-1334 Temporary Interruptible Water Supply Agreements	61,589				61,589 ^e		
S.B. 04-225 Well Enforcement	1,489				1,489 ^e		
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>42,670</u>				40,849 ^b		1,821
		21,868,201 21,306,448					

^a Of these amounts, ~~\$532,360~~ \$530,084 shall be from the Division of Water Resources Ground Water Management Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 37-80-111.5 (1) (d), C.R.S., \$364,098 shall be from the Well Inspection Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 37-80-111.5 (1) (d), C.R.S., and \$57,947 shall be from various sources of cash funds, including indirect cost recoveries.

^b This amount shall be from the Satellite Monitoring System Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 37-80-111.5 (1) (c), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Gravel Pit Lakes Augmentation Fund established pursuant to Section 37-90-137 (11) (f), C.R.S.

^d These amounts shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund established pursuant to Section 37-60-121 (1) (a), C.R.S.

^e This amount reflects funds anticipated to be received from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and is shown for informational purposes only.

^f This amount shall be from the Division of Water Resources Ground Water Management Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 37-80-111.5 (1) (d), C.R.S.

^g This amount shall be from the Well Enforcement Cash Fund created pursuant to Section 37-90-111.5 (5) (b), C.R.S.

^h Of this amount, \$20,746 shall be from reserves in the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund established pursuant to Section 37-60-121 (1) (a), C.R.S., and \$20,103 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(9) DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

(A) Division Operations

(1) Director's Office	2,058,660		
	2,017,083		
	(18.0 FTE)		
(2) Wildlife Management	65,897,433		
	65,562,479		
	(554.4 FTE)		
(3) Technical Services	6,616,044		
	6,573,812		
	(61.0 FTE)		
(4) Information Technology	2,957,658		
	2,922,551		
	(18.0 FTE)		
	<u>77,529,795</u>	67,247,262^r	40,282,533
	77,075,925	66,878,349 ^a	10,197,576

^a Of this amount, ~~\$57,658,118~~ \$57,289,205 shall be from the Wildlife Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-1-112 (1) (a), C.R.S., \$6,200,000 shall be from the Great Outdoors Colorado Board and is shown for informational purposes only, \$1,569,144 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (e), C.R.S., \$1,100,000 shall be from the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund established pursuant to Section 33-1-112 (3.5) (a), C.R.S., \$555,000 shall be from subscription revenues from Colorado Outdoors Magazine, \$150,000 shall be from cash grants and donations, and \$15,000 shall be from the Federal Aid Projects Income Fund.

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(B) Special Purpose						
Wildlife Commission Discretionary Fund	160,000 ^a					
Game Damage Claims and Prevention	1,050,000 ^a					
Instream Flow Program	296,027 ^a					
Habitat Partnership Program	2,500,000 ^b					
S.B. 08-226 Aquatic Nuisance Species	1,304,544 ^c					
Indirect Cost Assessment	3,281,465 ^a					
	<u>8,592,036</u>			8,592,036		

^a Of these amounts, \$4,738,372 shall be from the Wildlife Cash Fund established pursuant to Section 33-1-112 (1) (a), C.R.S., and \$49,120 shall be from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1) (e), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Habitat Partnership Cash Fund created pursuant to Section 33-1-112 (8) (a), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Division of Wildlife Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund created in Section 33-10.5-108 (2) (a), C.R.S., is continuously appropriated to the Division of Wildlife, and is shown for informational purposes.

86,121,831

85,667,961

TOTALS PART XIV

**(NATURAL
RESOURCES)**

\$212,045,852	\$29,680,331	\$157,654,223 ^a	\$7,310,734	\$17,400,564
<u>\$210,148,483</u>	<u>\$28,782,003</u>	<u>\$156,824,375^a</u>	<u>\$7,305,823</u>	<u>\$17,236,282</u>

^a This amount includes ~~\$13,534,671~~ \$13,457,994 from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1), C.R.S.; this includes \$1,124,432 in the Executive Director's Office which is shown as being from various sources of cash funds.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

- 38 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, Inactive Mines, Mine Site Reclamation -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds shall remain available until completion of the project or the close of FY 2011-12, whichever comes first. At project completion or the end of the three-year period, any unexpended balances shall revert to the Operation Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund from which they were appropriated.
- 39 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, Inactive Mines, Reclamation of Forfeited Mine Sites -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation to this line item remain available until the completion of the project or the close of FY 2011-12, whichever comes first. At project completion or the end of the three-year period, any unexpended amount shall revert to the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund, from which this appropriation was made.

- 40 Department of Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Emergency Response -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for this line item be expended in the event that there is an oil and gas related emergency under the jurisdiction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The purpose of this funding is for investigation, prevention, monitoring, and mitigation of circumstances which are caused by or are alleged to be associated with oil and gas activities and which call for immediate action by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. An emergency creates a threat to public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment as proclaimed by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Director and approved by order of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 41 Department of Natural Resources, Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Special Environmental Protection and Mitigation Studies -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for this line item be used for special environmental protection and mitigation studies including, but not limited to gas seepage mitigation studies, outcrop monitoring studies, soil gas surveys in the vicinity of plugged orphaned wells, and baseline water quality and subsequent follow-up studies.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 10, 2010