



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

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 New Hampshire's Environment*



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Rep. D.L. Chris Christensen, Chairman

*Oil Fund Disbursement Board*

November 26, 2012

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
 and

*[Signature]*  
 Approved by Fiscal Committee Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
 and the Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Oil Fund Disbursement Board (Board) to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds under the provisions of RSA 146-G:4, I, in the amount of \$750,000 for purposes of gasoline ether cleanup effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2013. 100% Gasoline Ether funds.

Funding to be budgeted as follows.

**Gasoline Remediation & Elimination of Ethers  
 03-44-44-444010-1419  
 FY 2013**

Class	Title	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
009-405397	Agency Income	(\$1,948,060)	(\$750,000)	(\$2,698,060)
	Total Revenue	(\$1,948,060)	(\$750,000)	(\$2,698,060)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
102	Contracts for Program Services	\$1,097,958	\$0	\$1,097,958
300-500830	Reimbursements	\$850,102	\$750,000	\$1,600,102
	Total Expenditures	\$1,948,060	\$750,000	\$2,698,060

**EXPLANATION**

The Gasoline Remediation and Elimination of Ethers (GREE) Fund was established in 2001 under RSA 146-G to provide funding for methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MtBE) contamination cleanup and monitoring, including reimbursement of costs incurred by affected parties. Although MtBE was banned from the gasoline fuel supply in New Hampshire effective January 1, 2007, the compound remains in the environment. This necessitates cleanup and increased monitoring at many locations

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statewide where public and private water supplies are impacted or threatened. The GREE Fund, which is funded through an import fee on gasoline, provides coverage so affected parties do not face significant and unplanned financial hardship.

The budget increase requested herein will be used to pay cleanup cost reimbursement claims from owners of contaminated properties and owners of public water supplies with MtBE monitoring costs. The increase is needed because additional cleanup funding is necessary for various investigation and remediation projects. These projects may also include performance of feasibility studies to determine if new public water systems, and/or expansion of existing systems, is available to individual property owners with contaminated wells. The current FY 2013 reimbursement budget was based on the best available information at the time of biennium budget development. Budgets are developed in consideration of planned projects and contingencies, and maintaining a minimum fund balance for unanticipated work and long term project planning. Thus, carry forward funds are available to budget an additional \$750,000 in Class 300 Reimbursements expenditures.

On behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Services approves all reimbursable cleanup work in advance for both scope and cost, and eligible applicants may request payment when work is completed. Applications are reviewed in accordance with applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Board under N.H. Administrative Rule Odb 400.

We respectfully request your approval.



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Supplemental Information

Gasoline Remediation & Elimination of Ethers Fund  
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	<u>FY 2013</u>
Balance carried forward July 1	\$ 1,630,555
Revenue Received Thru 11/2/12	94,853
Estimated income to be received	<u>1,655,147</u>
Available	3,380,555
Less current budget	<u>(1,948,060)</u>
Available to budget	1,432,495
Less current request	<u>(750,000)</u>
Available Balance	\$ 682,495

