



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



July 5, 2017

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Department) to **retroactively** pay calendar year 2017 membership dues to the Ground Water Protection Council, (VC #172317), Oklahoma City, OK in the amount of \$9,500.00, effective upon Governor & Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	<u>FY 2018</u>
03-44-44-441018-4718-026-500251	\$9,500.00
Dept Environmental Services, DWSRF Administration, Organizational Dues	

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Drinking Water Program has been a member of the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) for more than two decades. The GWPC is a national association of state ground water and underground injection control agencies to promote the protection and conservation of ground water resources for all beneficial uses, recognizing ground water as a critical component of the ecosystem. The GWPC provides a forum for stakeholder communication and research in order to improve governments' role in the protection and conservation of ground water. Since the invoice for the membership dues was received by the Department in April this request is retroactive.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- 1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?**

The Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) is a national association of state ground water and underground injection control agencies, formed in 1983, to promote the protection and conservation of ground water resources for all beneficial uses, recognizing ground water as a critical component of the ecosystem. DES has been a member for over twenty years.

- 2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?**

There is no other organization for State Ground Water Program managers. There are portions of NH's Ground Water program that are also being addressed by other organizations, but GWPC is the only

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

As part of the GWPC collaborative process, the GWPC Board of Directors creates working committees to address important ground water related issues. These committees are made up of and led by volunteers from the states. Sarah Pillsbury, NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Administrator, sits on the Water Availability and Sustainability Division.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

The greatest negative impact loss if NH were no longer a member would be the loss of early involvement in federal groundwater initiatives and new regulations, particularly those related to discharges to groundwater. Learning from and having working relationships with other state ground water managers and EPA would also be lost.

We respectfully request your approval.



for Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



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State Dues 2017

\$9,500.00

Total

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PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: GROUND WATER PROTECTION COUNCIL

GWPC is a 501(c) 6 non-profit organization

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