
Issue Brief – Hazardous Substance Mitigation Funds

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SUMMARY

Emergency provisions of the Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act (Utah Code 19-6-300) provide for state cleanup of hazardous material releases causing a direct and immediate threat to public health or the environment when the responsible party is unwilling, unavailable, or unable to take appropriate action.

DISCUSSION

Expenditures required by statute the last five years are:

FY 2001	\$1,833,614
FY 2002	\$217,242
FY 2003	\$93,949
FY 2004	\$68,277
FY 2005	\$120,011

The Department is requesting a transfer from the General Fund Restricted – Environmental Quality Account to replenish funds in the Hazardous Substance Mitigation Fund to be able to continue these clean up responsibilities.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst is recommending an appropriation of \$400,000 from the General Fund Restricted – Environmental Quality Account be made to address emergency statewide hazardous materials releases.