



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DRINKING WATER WEB DEVELOPMENT

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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ISSUE BRIEF 1

SUMMARY

The mission of the Division of Drinking Water is to protect the public from waterborne disease through education, assistance and oversight of drinking water sources.

DISCUSSION

Action of the Legislature during the 2008 General Session provided a 1% loan origination fee on all loans approved by the Drinking Water Board. The fees were expected to cover administration expenses of the Drinking Water Loan Program. The collections since 2008 and through FY 2010 have exceeded administrative expenses by approximately \$300,000. The department has requested and appropriation from this General Fund Restricted – Water Development Security Fund – Drinking Water Loan Origination Fee Account of \$90,000 to begin development of an interactive web site.

This will provide the Division of Drinking Water's partners (Local Health Departments, District Engineers, Rural Water Association of Utah, and Certified Laboratories with information to enhance their capability to assist public water personnel.

The request does not require any new FTE's. Estimated cost of the interactive site is expected to total \$270,000. The request is the first year installment of what is expected to be a three year program. This request will not decrease funds going to the State loan program.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst is recommending an appropriation of \$90,000 from the General Fund Restricted – Water Development Security Account – Drinking Water Origination Fee Subaccount for FY 2012.