

**8.57A Environment first fund.**

1. An environment first fund is created under the authority of the department of management. The fund shall consist of appropriations made to the fund and transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as provided by law. The fund shall be separate from the general fund of the state and the balance in the fund shall not be considered part of the balance of the general fund of the state. However, the fund shall be considered a special account for the purposes of [section 8.53](#), relating to generally accepted accounting principles.

2. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or earnings on moneys in the environment first fund shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund.

3. Moneys in the fund in a fiscal year shall be used as appropriated by the general assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment.

4. *a.* There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of forty-two million dollars to the environment first fund, notwithstanding [section 8.57, subsection 5](#), paragraph “c”.

*b.* There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund each fiscal year for the period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2012, the sum of thirty-three million dollars to the environment first fund, notwithstanding [section 8.57, subsection 5](#), paragraph “c”.

*c.* There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, the sum of thirty-five million dollars to the environment first fund, notwithstanding [section 8.57, subsection 5](#), paragraph “c”.

5. Annually, on or before January 15 of each year, a state agency that received an appropriation from the environment first fund shall report to the legislative services agency and the department of management the status of all projects completed or in progress. The report shall include a description of the project, the progress of work completed, the total estimated cost of the project, a list of all revenue sources being used to fund the project, the amount of funds expended, the amount of funds obligated, and the date the project was completed or an estimated completion date of the project, where applicable.

[2000 Acts, ch 1225, §22; 2006 Acts, ch 1179, §34; 2007 Acts, ch 215, §8; 2007 Acts, ch 219, §28; 2008 Acts, ch 1179, §38; 2010 Acts, ch 1184, §77; 2011 Acts, ch 133, §20, 50; 2012 Acts, ch 1021, §126](#)