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Groundwater Protection Fund — Solid Waste Authorization

Purpose and History

The 1987 General Assembly created the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF) for the purpose of protecting State groundwater. The GWPF is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Since 2000, the General Assembly has appropriated from the GWPF to the DNR for administrative support of Groundwater Protection Act programs.

The Solid Waste Authorization appropriation supports the staffing and administration of a special waste authorization program that assists in the proper disposal of special waste. The DNR defines special waste as waste that presents a threat to human health or the environment or that is difficult for a solid waste sanitary landfill to manage.

Funding History

Since 2000, the General Assembly has appropriated a total of \$50,000 for the Solid Waste Authorization.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [455E](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [567—109](#)

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More Information

1987 Groundwater Protection Strategy: www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/water/wse/ground1987.pdf
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