



Natural Resources Operations State Special Revenue Account

Purpose:

The Natural Resources Operations State Special Revenue Account is appropriated for, “. . . administrative expenses, including salaries and expenses for personnel and equipment, office space, and other expenses necessarily incurred in the administration of natural resource operations.”

Administrating Agency:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Statutory Reference:

Title 15, Chapter 38, Part 301, MCA



Types of Expenditures:

- o Judiciary - Administration of water court operations
- o Bureau of Mines - Operations
- o Department of Environmental Quality - Match federal funding for the Industrial Energy Minerals Bureau (IEMB) Coal Program, partially funds IEMB Opencut Program, partially funds the Environmental Management Bureau Hard Rock Mining Program, partially funds the attorney pool as well as the Enforcement Division
- o Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Administration of Natural Resource Operations

Legislative Appropriations:

For the FY 2013 biennium \$9.5 million was appropriated from the Natural Resources Operations Account. The following is the breakdown of the appropriation:

- o Judiciary - Water Court Operations - \$2,069,702
- o Commission of Higher Education - Bureau of Mines - \$351,772
- o Department of Environmental Quality - \$3,996,558
- o Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - \$3,088,521

Approving Authority:

Final approval is provided by the Legislature

Source of Funding:

- o 65% of the interest income of the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund
- o 7% of the metal mines license tax proceeds
- o 2.02% oil and gas taxes
- o Any fees or charges collected by the department pursuant to MCA 85-1-616 for the servicing of loans, including arrangements for obtaining security interests
- o Transfers from the Legislature

