

1 SENATE BILL 275

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FOR
12 WATER WELL TESTING IN CURRY AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES TO ASSESS
13 THE EXTENT OF THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL
14 CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES ASSOCIATED WITH CANNON AIR FORCE BASE IN
15 DRINKING AND AGRICULTURAL WATER.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 ENVIRONMENT.--

20 A. Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) is
21 appropriated from the general fund to the department of
22 environment for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 to
23 fund a well testing program for signs of contaminated drinking
24 and agricultural water resources in Curry and Roosevelt
25 counties as follows:

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1 (1) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)
2 for the purpose of conducting a series of up to one thousand
3 well water tests, as approved by the well owner, on a quarterly
4 basis for the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances,
5 including perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid,
6 by one or more laboratories accredited pursuant to the national
7 environmental laboratory accreditation program in order to
8 determine the proximity, progress and intensity of a per- and
9 polyfluoroalkyl chemical plume known to be present in areas to
10 the east and southeast of Cannon air force base. The
11 information collected from these tests shall be updated and
12 reported quarterly to the legislative finance committee, the
13 appropriate interim legislative committee, the department of
14 environment, the department of health, impacted municipal and
15 county governments and residents of Curry and Roosevelt
16 counties; and

17 (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
18 for public communications and outreach and administrative costs
19 in support of the well testing program conducted pursuant to
20 Paragraph (1) of this subsection.

21 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
22 at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general
23 fund.