Agency Option Submission

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Commissioner 10/17/14

Signed (Agency Head) Title Date

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	FY 2016 Amount	FY 2017 Amount
11000 - General Fund				
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	1	Conservation Districts & Soil and Water Councils	(300,000)	(300,000)
	2	Northeast Interstate Forest Fire Comp	(3,371)	(3,390)
	3	New England Interstate Water Pollution Commission	(29,496)	(29,660)
	4	Interstate Environmental Commission	(49,915)	(50,193)
	5	Mosquito Control	(74,000)	(74,000)
	6	Personal Services	(200,000)	(200,000)
	7	Personal Services	(200,000)	(200,000)
	8	Personal Services	(22,000)	(22,000)
	9	Emergency Spills	(144,564)	(152,104)
	10	State Superfund Site Maintenance	(525,972)	(528,902)
	Total		(1,549,318)	(1,560,249)
12006 - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund				

	1	Other expenses	(350,000)	(350,000)
	Total		(350,000)	(350,000)
Total			(1,899,318)	(1,910,249)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Conservation Districts & Soil and Water Councils

Agency Description: Connecticut's Conservation Districts were created by C.G.S. 22a-315a. Conservation Districts are locally governed, natural resource based agencies. District programs are implemented by staff at the direction of each of the five Districts' locally elected Board of Directors. Districts were created to provide timely and unbiased, technical and educational services on local land use issues, for farmers, municipal land use decision makers and land owners. The Council supports its mission to strengthen and extend a statewide program to conserve and protect the land and water resources of Connecticut through its legislative charge of coordinating projects of the Conservation Districts with other state, regional and local agencies on various natural resource and land use projects.

Agency Priority: 1 System ID: 3335

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
12561 - Conservation Districts & Soil and Water Co	01000 - Other Expenditures	01200 - Environmental Quality	(300,000)	(300,000)
	Total-12561 - Conservation Districts & Soil and Water Co		(300,000)	(300,000)
Total Financials			(300,000)	(300,000)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Northeast Interstate Forest Fire Comp

Agency Description: The Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission (Compact) was established in June of 1949, under the auspices of an agreement between the Governors of the New England States, New York, Quebec and New Brunswick. The Compact coordinates a program providing for the exchange of personnel and equipment in emergency situations. Although the Compact owns no equipment, a cooperative understanding provides that manpower and equipment will be furnished as needed and as available when a fire emergency arises. The Compact is made up of three representatives from each State or Province.

Agency Priority: 2 System ID: 3336

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
16052 - Northeast Interstate Forest Fire Comp	01000 - Other Expenditures	01300 - Environmental Conservation	(3,371)	(3,390)
	Total-16052 - Northeast Interstate Forest Fire Comp		(3,371)	(3,390)
Total Financials			(3,371)	(3,390)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: New England Interstate Water Pollution Commission

Agency Description: The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission was established in 1947 to assist its compact member states in the management and protection of water quality and help the New England states and New York cooperatively address interstate water issues, challenges and conflicts. DEEP agreed, through the compact, to pay annual dues that are assessed by the Commission. This payment is very cost effective given the services and benefits. DEEP will no longer be able to support membership dues; therefore, losing a valuable resource, forum, efficiencies and significant assistance to work on water pollution, water quality, wastewater and water supplies, nonpoint source, wetlands, groundwater issues that affect our region or the state. The Commission's assistance is especially valuable with respect to actions of upper CT River basin states and such impacts affecting Long Island Sound. The compact requires that the commissioners of Energy and Environmental Protection and Public Health be members and failure to meet compact obligations may result in legal actions.

Agency Priority: 3 System ID: 3339

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
16046 - N E Interstate Water Pollution Comm	01000 - Other Expenditures	01200 - Environmental Quality	(29,496)	(29,660)
	Total-16046 - N E Interstate Water Pollution Comm		(29,496)	(29,660)
Total Financials			(29,496)	(29,660)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Interstate Environmental Commission

Agency Description: Eliminate funding for Interstate Environmental Commission. Similar to reducing funding for NEIWPCC - will leave the interstates without funding from Connecticut.

Agency Priority: 4 System ID: 3340

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
16015 - Interstate Environmental Commission	01000 - Other Expenditures	01200 - Environmental Quality	(49,915)	(50,193)
	Total-16015 - Interstate Environmental Commission		(49,915)	(50,193)
Total Financials			(49,915)	(50,193)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Mosquito Control

Agency Description: Mosquito control is not part of the Agency/BNR core mission. Would terminate DEEP monitoring of mosquito breeding pools and treatment with larvicides on state land and adjacent marshes. Terminate ground spraying of adult mosquitos on state land. Agency will maintain permanent staff with mosquito control experience but would no longer be able to take preventative measures or respond quickly in the event of an outbreak. Potential health and safety issues in the event of a disease outbreak. Particular concern for addressing EEE outbreak as occurred in 2013. Reduction in seasonal staffing will also reduce capacity of proactive wetlands management program.

Agency Priority: 5 System ID: 3341

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
12054 - Mosquito Control	00300 - Salary & Wages - Other	01300 - Environmental Conservation	(74,000)	(74,000)
	Total-12054 - Mosquito Control		(74,000)	(74,000)
Total Financials			(74,000)	(74,000)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Personal Services

Agency Description: Temporary workers used by District construction/maintenance crews and the Wetlands Habitat and Mosquito Management Unit will be eliminated. Infrastructure maintenance and repair will be dramatically reduced. Infrastructure includes public boat launches, dams, roads, buildings, water and wastewater systems, bridges, etc. In addition the renovation of degraded wetlands and the control and eradication of mosquito will be eliminated. Public Health and Safety will be impacted.

Agency Priority: 6 System ID: 3342

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
10010 - Personal Services	00300 - Salary & Wages - Other	14000 - Administration	(200,000)	(200,000)
	Total-10010 - Personal Services		(200,000)	(200,000)
Total Financials			(200,000)	(200,000)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Personal Services

Agency Description: Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, DEEP's seasonal workforce makes up 87% of staff in the state park system. In addition, seasonals are utilized by DEEP's EnCon Division to patrol campgrounds, lakes, Long Island Sound, parks and forests. DEEP's Boating Division utilizes seasonals to prevent the spread of invasive species and promote safe boating. This seasonal budget reduction exacerbates the current challenges of staffing the state's park and forest system for the 8 to 9 million annual visitors. As a result of this reduction, public services may be significantly limited during the summer recreational season. Specific impacts include: reducing operations at dozens of state parks, forests and boat ramps. Two collateral impacts associated with this reduction: fixed costs associated with utilities and fuel will be reduced as a result of significantly curtailed operations; revenue to the state will be diminished as a result of campground closures, fewer parks and forests charging parking fees and decreased visitorship.

Agency Priority: 7 System ID: 3344

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
10010 - Personal Services	00300 - Salary & Wages - Other	01300 - Environmental Conservation	(200,000)	(200,000)
	Total-10010 - Personal Services		(200,000)	(200,000)
Total Financials			(200,000)	(200,000)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Personal Services

Agency Description: Eliminate two seasonal positions in the Wildlife Division. Seasonal staff in these positions assist permanent staff in responding to public inquiries regarding wildlife related questions and concerns including those related to damage caused by bears, coyotes, beaver, etc. Wildlife Division currently receives heavy call volume that exceeds the capacity of existing staff resources. The loss of two seasonal positions will exacerbate this situation.

Agency Priority: 8 System ID: 3345

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
10010 - Personal Services	00300 - Salary & Wages - Other	01300 - Environmental Conservation	(22,000)	(22,000)
	Total-10010 - Personal Services		(22,000)	(22,000)
Total Financials			(22,000)	(22,000)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Emergency Spills

Agency Description: Reduction of the Spill Cleanup funds will reduce the number of cleanups that will be performed when a responsible party is unwilling, unable or unknown. This reduction will negatively affect the environment and public health & safety as immediate time critical response actions will not be able to be undertaken in an expeditious manner. Such delays or limitations to emergency mitigation measures would likely result in further pollution and contamination of land or water and increase the associated exposure threat to human health and wildlife.

Agency Priority: 9 System ID: 3346

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
12487 - Emergency Spill Response	01000 - Other Expenditures	01200 - Environmental Quality	(144,564)	(152,104)
	Total-12487 - Emergency Spill Response		(144,564)	(152,104)
Total Financials			(144,564)	(152,104)

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: State Superfund Site Maintenance

Agency Description: The state is currently obligated by contract with the federal government to perform O&M at two Fund-Lead Federal Superfund Sites. These are being maintained and monitored to ensure the safety of the public and the environment following the implementation of the final remedy which was 90% federally funded. A Superfund-State Contract (SSC) and an MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) was executed pursuant to federal law between EPA and the State for assignment of response costs including Operation and Maintenance (O&M) at two sites. Section K of the SSC obligates the State to provide 100% of the Operation and Maintenance of the remedy. Section Y of the SSC (Failure to Comply with Terms of the Contract) states: If the State fails to comply with the terms of the SSC, the EPA may proceed under the provisions of the Section 104(d)(2) of CERCLA and may seek in the appropriate Federal district court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the Contract. Reduction of the current level of funding is therefore expected to subject the State to legal action by EPA to enforce the terms of the SSC and the MOA. This may be a national precedent issue for the EPA and will become a high priority matter for them.

Agency Priority: 10 System ID: 3347

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
12084 - State Superfund Site Maintenance	01000 - Other Expenditures	01200 - Environmental Quality	(525,972)	(528,902)
	Total-12084 - State Superfund Site Maintenance		(525,972)	(528,902)
Total Financials			(525,972)	(528,902)

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12006 - Consumer Counsel/Public Utility Fund

Adjustment Type: Reduction

Agency Title: Other expenses

Agency Description: Reduction of building related services paid to DAS for property management, security, snow removal, lawn maintenance, HVAC maintenance, janitorial services and fire suppression. The State has recently taken ownership of the site and realigned resources to ensure security at the site, a healthy work environment and safe building grounds. This reduction of services will have a negative impact on DEEP, DCC and Siting Council and visitor. Reductions will also impact public hearing schedules and review of utility rate cases.

Agency Priority: 1 System ID: 3348

SID	Account	Program	Agency 2016	Agency 2017
Financials				
10020 - Other Expenses	53401 - Premises Repair/Maint Services	01400 - Energy	(350,000)	(350,000)
	Total-10020 - Other Expenses		(350,000)	(350,000)
Total Financials			(350,000)	(350,000)