State of Washington
Decision Package

Agency: 490 Department of Natural Resources
Decision Package Code/Title: SM Surface Mine Reclamation
Budget Period: 2009-11
Budget Level: PL - Performance Level

Recommendation Summary Text:

Enactment of the 2006 legislation (E2SSB 6175) resulted in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Surface Mining Program receiving additional revenue as a result of a raise in permit fees. The fiscal note for SSB 6175 added staff which would allow for more effective regulatory coverage of 1,113 mine sites statewide. During the last two years the Program has expanded its operations shy one inspector as identified in this plan. Current calculations have revealed the need to increase the original cost estimate of this plan to provide for hiring this last inspector. Revenue generation due to the permit fee increase noted above is being collected as originally estimated. This request will provide the necessary appropriation authority to accomplish Surface Mining Program inspection, enforcement and training functions.

Fiscal Detail

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Package Description:

This request will add a final mine inspector who was part of the plan mentioned in SSB 6175. The inspector will perform required program inspections, enforcement and training. The additional inspector will allow the Surface Mining Program to have more frequent inspections which improves reclamation, helps public safety and the environment. The field inspector will perform approximately 200 inspections per year.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?

Approximately 200 additional inspections will be done per year. Reclamation enforcement will increase as a result of the inspections. The inspector will generate approximately 100 compliance and/or enforcement actions per year.
Performance Measure Detail

Activity: A041  Surface Mining

No measures submitted for package

Is this decision package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?

This proposal supports the Department of Natural Resources' strategic plan as follows:

Agency Goal: The public we serve widely and consistently holds DNR in high esteem.

Strategy: Provide accurate, useful, and timely information and assistance.

Does this decision package provide essential support to one of the Governor's priorities?

This proposal supports the following Priorities of Government:

1) Improve the safety of people and property.
2) Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources.
3) Improve the ability of state governmental to achieve results efficiently and effectively.

Does this decision package make key contributions to statewide results? Would it rate as a high priority in the Priorities of Government process?

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What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?

None

What alternatives were explored by the agency, and why was this alternative chosen?

There is no substitute to having an inspector that actually goes to the mine site to look at the reclamation and operation. We use air photos but they are not a complete substitute for actual on-the-ground inspections.

What are the consequences of not funding this package?

By not having the proper number of inspectors in the field there will be an increase in illegal mining, unpermitted mines, poorer reclamation and resultant poorer water quality.

What is the relationship, if any, to the state's capital budget?

None

What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?

None

September 5, 2008
Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumptions

The Surface Mining Program requires one field inspector (Environmental Specialist 3) to fulfill its plan to adequately staff and regulate the surface mining program. The field inspector will perform approximately 200 inspections per year.

Goods and services and travel are based on program averages.

A workstation for $7,000 and a desktop computer for $1,200 are one-time equipment costs.

Agency administrative cost is calculated at 27% and shown as object T. FTE associated with agency admin is estimated at .3 of a position.

Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?

Workstation and computer cost are one time.

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