

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

Primary Focus Areas:

- State Energy Program
- Clean Water
- Diesel Emissions Reductions
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup
- Brownfields Cleanup and Training

State Energy Program -- \$24 million (Final plan to be submitted mid-May and funds must be spent within three years) see <http://www.recovery.delaware.gov/documents/grant-applications/DNREC-SEP-all.pdf> for the full application

Home Energy Efficiency – funds will be used to conduct home energy audits and implementation of retrofitting for HVAC, windows, insulation, air stripping and other materials. Start-up expected late 2009.

Business, Commercial and Manufacturing Energy Efficiency – funds will be used for energy audits, installation of efficient lighting, updated refrigeration systems, HVAC and motor and process efficiency improvements. Start-up expected June.

Contact -- Ralph Nigro – Applied Energy Group, 302-239-8325 (potential energy auditors and contractors) rnigro@appliedenergygroup.com

Renewable Energy Funding – funds will be used to assist with installation of renewable energy technology such as solar, wind, or geothermal systems. Green Energy Fund currently operational.

Energy Efficiency in Schools and State facilities – funds will be used to enter into performance contracts or in other mechanisms for upgrades in certain state buildings. Timelines to be determined.

Energy Community Block Grants – \$11 million (Final plan and formula to be submitted end of May) – funds to be distributed to municipalities for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

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Clean Water -- Wastewater and stormwater infrastructure improvements \$19.2 million –

Funds added to existing clean water funds and will be awarded to county and municipal governments to upgrade wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in the state. Projects will be bid and contracts awarded at the local level. Construction dates vary but are expected to begin as soon as May/June 09 and continue through 2011.

Contact – Local government or Terry Deputy – DNREC Division of Water Resources 302-739-9941 Terry.Deputy@state.de.us

Diesel Emission Reductions -- \$1.7 million

Funds will be used to retrofit public buses in school districts to reduce potentially harmful emissions.

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Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup -- \$1.4 million

Funds will be used to cleanup sites where petroleum products have leaked from underground tanks and contaminated soils and/or groundwater.

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Brownfields Cleanup Training -- \$500,000

Funds will be used to provide training to workers in order to qualify them to be able to work in locations where low levels of chemical and/or petroleum contamination may exist. Training will be conducted in conjunction with Del Tech.

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