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Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: Orphan site remediation funding.

Subject: Orphan site remediation funding.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides funding mechanisms for orphan site remediation. An "orphan site" is a contaminated site for which the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is unable to identify a viable responsible party.
- The bill authorizes funds from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Account, the Corrective Action Account (CAA) and a reclamation account under W.S. 35-11-424(a) to be used for orphan site remediation.
- The bill creates an Orphan Site Remediation Account (OSRA).
- The bill specifies maximum distributions that the Director of DEQ must make from the CAA to the OSRA and amends distributions the Director must make from the CAA to the Solid Waste Landfill Remediation Account (SWLRA) in 2019 through 2028.
- Beginning 2029 and each year thereafter, the Director must determine expected expenditures from the CAA for the underground storage tank program for the next fiscal year and retain monies equal to that amount in the CAA, with the remainder of the monies being divided and deposited at the Director's discretion into the SWLRA and the OSRA. This authority is subject to the requirement that monies in the CAA on July 1 of any year may not be less than \$2 million.
- The bill allows the Director to withhold distributions from the CAA to the SWLRA and OSRA if (1) there is an emergency involving a leaking underground storage tank requiring immediate corrective action and an expenditure of monies above that available in the CAA; or (2) monies in the CAA are less than federal law requirements for financial assurance coverage or adequate leaking underground storage tank remediation.

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- The bill requires the Director to report to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee by June 15, 2019, and by June 15 each year thereafter on distributions of monies from the CAA to the SWLRA and OSRA.

Comments:

- Amends a major program.
- Requires a report.

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