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H.B. No. 3309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition and use of money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 81.067(c), Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fund consists of:

(1) proceeds from bonds and other financial security required by this chapter and benefits under well-specific plugging insurance policies described by Section 91.104(c) that are paid to the state as contingent beneficiary of the policies, subject to the refund provisions of Section 91.1091, if applicable;

(2) private contributions, including contributions made under Section 89.084;

(3) expenses collected under Section 89.083;

(4) fees imposed under Section 85.2021;

(5) costs recovered under Section 91.457 or 91.459;

(6) proceeds collected under Sections 89.085 and 91.115;

(7) interest earned on the funds deposited in the fund;

(8) oil and gas waste hauler permit application fees collected under Section 29.015, Water Code;

(9) costs recovered under Section 91.113(f);

1 (10) hazardous oil and gas waste generation fees
2 collected under Section 91.605;

3 (11) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on oil
4 collected under Section 81.116;

5 (12) oil-field cleanup regulatory fees on gas
6 collected under Section 81.117;

7 (13) fees for a reissued certificate collected under
8 Section 91.707;

9 (14) fees collected under Section 91.1013;

10 (15) fees collected under Section 89.088;

11 (16) fees collected under Section 91.142;

12 (17) fees collected under Section 91.654;

13 (18) costs recovered under Sections 91.656 and 91.657;

14 (19) two-thirds of the fees collected under Section
15 81.0521;

16 (20) fees collected under Sections 89.024 and 89.026;

17 (21) legislative appropriations; ~~and~~

18 (22) any surcharges collected under Section 81.070;
19 and

20 (23) fees collected under Section 91.0115.

21 SECTION 2. Section 81.068, Natural Resources Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 81.068. PURPOSE OF OIL AND GAS REGULATION AND CLEANUP
24 FUND. Money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund may be
25 used by the commission or its employees or agents for any purpose
26 related to the regulation of oil and gas development, including oil
27 and gas monitoring and inspections, oil and gas remediation, oil

1 and gas well plugging, public information and services related to
2 those activities, the study and evaluation of electronic access to
3 geologic data and surface casing depths necessary to protect usable
4 groundwater in this state, and administrative costs and state
5 benefits for personnel involved in those activities.

6 SECTION 3. Section 91.0115, Natural Resources Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to
8 read as follows:

9 (c) The commission shall charge a fee not to exceed \$75, in
10 addition to the fee required by Subsection (b), for processing a
11 request to expedite a letter of determination. [~~Money collected~~
12 ~~under this subsection may be used to study and evaluate electronic~~
13 ~~access to geologic data and surface casing depths under Section~~
14 ~~91.020.~~]

15 (d) The fees collected under this section shall be deposited
16 in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.