

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 869

Short Title: Pitt Landfill Reimbursement Funds.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Pitt.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 13, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PARTIALLY REIMBURSE PITT COUNTY FOR ITS COSTS TO MONITOR, INVESTIGATE, AND CONTAIN CONTAMINATION CAUSED BY THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AT ITS COUNTY LANDFILL IN 1979 AT THE URGING OF THE STATE.

Whereas, in 1979, at the request of the State and Coastal Chemical Corporation, Pitt County allowed hazardous waste from the Coastal Chemical Warehouse fire to be disposed of at its county landfill. The State's representatives assured Pitt County that the County would not be responsible for future problems; and

Whereas, in 1987, Pitt County began to monitor groundwater around the landfill, several years before it was required by the State; and

Whereas, in 1992-93, concentrations of chemical constituents above the allowable standards were detected in a monitoring well; and

Whereas, in 1995, an Administrative Agreement on Consent was executed between the State and the County, which agreement generally set out the requirements for conducting groundwater investigations; and

Whereas, in 1995, the State informed Pitt County that it had detected considerable emissions of ethylenedibromide at certain monitoring sites; and

Whereas, in 1997, at considerable expense, Pitt County installed a cap over the contaminated cell of the landfill, which landfill is currently closed but will require monitoring for the indefinite future; Now, therefore;

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Pitt County the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to partially reimburse Pitt County for the substantial costs Pitt County has incurred to monitor, investigate, and contain contamination caused by the disposal of hazardous waste at its county landfill in 1979 at the State's urging and with the State's assurance of protection.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.