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HOUSE BILL 375

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN INVENTORY AND DATABASE OF
DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK WELLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars
(\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
office of the state engineer for expenditure in fiscal years
2001 and 2002 to inventory, update permit information and
establish a database on all domestic and livestock wells.
The state engineer shall publish notices in each county and
otherwise inform citizens through state and local government
offices and agricultural, environmental, civic and other
organizations throughout the state that all well owners are
required to submit information on all their domestic or
livestock wells, including active and abandoned wells. The
information solicited shall include well location; extraction

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1 method; purpose of well; whether the well is active or
2 abandoned; the year, if known, when the well was drilled; if
3 applicable and if known, the year the well was abandoned and
4 why; and other information as determined by the state
5 engineer. The state engineer shall provide forms and a
6 process for the collection of the information. Any
7 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
8 fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

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