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03/03/2025	606	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
03/20/2025	943	Withdrawn and re-referred to Higher Education

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A bill for an act

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relating to environment; modifying permissible uses of the remediation fund to

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allow for cost reimbursement for PFAS contamination remediation at emergency

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response training centers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

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2024, section 116.155, subdivision 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.155, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** (a) Money in the general portion of the remediation fund is

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appropriated to ~~the agency and the commissioners of agriculture and~~ natural resources, and

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the Pollution Control Agency for the following purposes:

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(1) to take actions related to releases of hazardous substances, or pollutants or

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contaminants as provided in section 115B.20;

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(2) to take actions related to releases of hazardous substances, or pollutants or

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contaminants, at and from qualified landfill facilities as provided in section 115B.42,

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subdivision 2;

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(3) to provide technical and other assistance under sections 115B.17, subdivision 14,

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115B.175 to 115B.179, and 115C.03, subdivision 9;

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(4) for corrective actions to address incidents involving agricultural chemicals, including

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related administrative, enforcement, and cost recovery actions pursuant to chapter 18D; ~~and~~

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(5) together with any amount approved for transfer to the agency from the petroleum

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tank fund by the commissioner of management and budget, to take actions related to releases

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of petroleum as provided under section 115C.08; and

(6) notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to reimburse the owner and operator of an emergency response training center for costs incurred to address contamination of PFAS, as defined in section 116.943, arising from or associated with the use of firefighting foam at the training center, so long as the use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam stopped at the training center on or before January 1, 2015. Under this clause, the commissioner may reimburse costs incurred on or after January 1, 2023, for or related to:

(i) an approved investigation work plan and other investigation, response, removal, remediation, and monitoring efforts;

(ii) planning, legal, fiscal, economic, engineering, or architectural studies or other studies, investigation, or actions; or

(iii) any other necessary or appropriate activities approved by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner of management and budget ~~shall~~ must allocate the amounts available in any biennium to ~~the agency, and the commissioners of agriculture and, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency~~ for the purposes provided in this subdivision based upon work plans submitted by the agency and the commissioners of agriculture and, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency and may adjust those allocations upon submittal of revised work plans. Copies of the work plans ~~shall~~ must be submitted to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment and environment finance.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING CENTER.**

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the environmental fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for grants to state colleges or universities that are eligible to be reimbursed for costs under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.155, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6), that were incurred on or after January 1, 2023. In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner must give preference to a state college or university that has enrolled as a cooperative responsible party in the agency's remediation program.