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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 180.10, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2025 (17 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 180.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 180.10. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund for the Corporation Commission to be designated the "Corporation Commission Plugging Fund". The plugging fund shall consist of monies received by the Corporation Commission as required by law to be deposited to the credit of the fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall not be subject to legislative appropriations. Expenditures from the plugging fund shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state and the statutes relating to the Corporation Commission. For each fiscal year, the Commission may expend not more than eight percent (8%) of the total amount deposited to the credit of the plugging

1 fund during the previous fiscal year for the purpose of responding
2 to occurrences of seeping natural gas as provided for in Section
3 317.1 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition,
4 expenditures from the plugging fund may be made pursuant to Section
5 2 of this act and the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1
6 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for purposes of
7 immediately responding to emergency situations, within the
8 Commission's jurisdiction, having potentially critical environmental
9 or public safety impact. Warrants for expenditures from the fund
10 shall be drawn by the State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an
11 authorized employee of the Corporation Commission and approved for
12 payment by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
13 Services. The provisions of this act section; Sections 102, 310,
14 and 318 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and Sections 1101,
15 1102, 1103, and 1103.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or rules
16 promulgated pursuant thereto shall not be construed to relieve or in
17 any way diminish the surety bonding requirements required by Section
18 318.1 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 B. Prior to July 1, 2031, the plugging fund shall be maintained
20 at Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). If the plugging fund falls
21 below the five-million-dollar maintenance level, the Corporation
22 Commission shall notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the
23 plugging fund has fallen below the required maintenance level and
24 that the excise tax which has been levied by subsection A of Section

1 1101 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and subsection A of
2 Section 1102 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes which is credited
3 and apportioned to the Corporation Commission Plugging Fund pursuant
4 to Section 1103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes is to be
5 imposed. Such additional excise tax shall be imposed and collected
6 until such time as is necessary to meet the additional five-million-
7 dollar maintenance level. The Tax Commission shall notify the
8 persons responsible for payment of the excise tax on oil and gas of
9 the imposition of such tax. The provisions of this subsection shall
10 terminate on July 1, 2031.

11 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.14 of Title 17, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The Corporation Commission shall create a method by which a
15 homeowner, whose residence has become contaminated by a substance
16 within the Commission's jurisdiction, including, but not limited to,
17 brine or oil, may apply for remediation assistance.

18 B. 1. The remediation assistance shall include a monetary
19 denomination, the amount to be decided by the Corporation
20 Commission, from the Corporation Commission Plugging Fund pursuant
21 to Section 180.10 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 2. A homeowner's insurance claim shall not be required prior to
23 any monetary assistance provided pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
24 subsection.

1 3. In order to receive remediation assistance pursuant to
2 paragraph 1 of this subsection, a homeowner must prove contamination
3 occurred from an abandoned well as defined in Section 53.3 of Title
4 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 C. The Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules to
6 effectuate the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
9 February 5, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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