Legal Title
Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 12, Statutes of 2009-2010 (AB 12XXX)
Government Code section 8610.5

Fund Classification
GAAP Basis
Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

Fund Classification
Legal Basis
Governmental/General Fund Special Accounts

Purpose
This fund provides moneys to reimburse state and local agencies for costs not reimbursed by federal funds for the coordination and integration of all emergency planning programs and response plans, with respect to implementing the State Nuclear Power Emergency Response Plan.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
California Emergency Management Agency/Org 0690

Major Revenue Source
Each operator, upon notification by the California Emergency Management Agency, shall pay its share of actual or anticipated state and local agency costs, not reimbursed by federal funds.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Any amounts remaining in the account, upon repeal of Section 8610.5 of the Government Code, shall be refunded pro rata to the contributing utility operators.

Appropriation Authority
These moneys are available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

State Appropriations Limit
Excluded—Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues have a logical, direct relationship with the use or purposes for which they are used.

Comments/Historical Information
The Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account was originally created by Chapter 956, Statutes of 1979 to provide for a study by the Office of Emergency Services of the consequences of a serious nuclear powerplant accident. All state and local costs related to carrying out the study, not reimbursed by federal funds, will be borne by the operators of the four existing nuclear powerplants. Each powerplant operator shall initially deposit $25,000 into the account. The funds in the account were originally continuously appropriated.

Chapter 722, Statutes of 1986 amended the appropriation authority and made these moneys in the fund available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Chapter 759, Statutes of 1993 amended the code section and changed the purpose of this account. This
fund shall now provide moneys to reimburse state and local agencies for costs not reimbursed by federal funds for the coordination and integration of all emergency planning programs and response plans, with respect to implementing the State Nuclear Power Emergency Response Plan.

Government Code Section 8610.5 as created by Chapter 956, Statutes of 1979 and was amended by chapters 864, Statutes of 1982; Chapter 722, Statutes of 1986; Chapter 450, Statutes of 1987; Chapter 1607, Statutes of 1988; Chapter 759, Statutes of 1993; Chapter 577, Statutes of 1996; Chapter 1023, Statutes of 1996; and Chapter 543, Statutes of 1998.

Per Chapter 372, Statutes of 2008, the Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security are merged to form the California Emergency Management Agency.

Per Chapter 12, Statutes of 2009, each year the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account will be adjusted based on the percentage increase in the California Consumer Price Index of the previous fiscal year.