

really. In fact, at some times we are over capacity and this will replace an outdated electrical system at Kearney State and it is something we feel is necessary to maintain the campus out there as it continues to grow. This concludes my part of the budget at this time.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you, sir. Moving to the next group of agencies, Senator Scofield, please.

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have, to begin with, the Department of Health and the first item that you will find under Department of Health is an environmental staffing position, a toxicologist position which is currently funded with federal funds. That position will be discontinued the first of July of this year and the purpose of that position is to provide technical assistance to public and state agencies, local health departments and so on regarding such things as indoor air, occupational health, domestic water sampling. Three and a half water supply specialists have been funded to provide technical assistance to these public water suppliers. Much of this comes about due to recent amendments at the federal level to the Safe Drinking Water Act which require public water suppliers to monitor for 85 additional contaminants. The water specialist will assist the public water suppliers as they comply with these new federal regulations. And the total amount funded for fiscal year 1991 is \$181,157 General Fund dollars. There are Cash Fund increases because of increased activities in the following three areas, one being well driller's licensing, two, engineering plan reviews for public water systems and asbestos workers certifications. The increase in that Cash Fund appropriation is 230,782 in FY'90 and '92. Same general area, laboratory funding. Environmental testing has increased at the state laboratory primarily due to the new EPA requirements on public water systems, and in addition to the increase in the testing activity, the new EPA required tests are also more expensive, so that increase is 512,000 in fiscal year 1990 and \$574,784 in fiscal year 1991. All of these are funds generated by fees so they are Cash Funds. As you are all too aware, we have a low-level waste facility being developed and the Department of Health is the agency that is statutorily charged with regulating sources of radiation as those relate to occupational and public health and the environment. The Department of Health has a memorandum of understanding with DEC which delineates health responsibility. All of these requirements are based on EPA guidelines and the experience of other states and the Department