

AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program
[LFB Paper #152]

Motion:

Move to increase the ACCP fertilizer tonnage surcharge fee from 38[^] to 63[^] (revenues would not be expected until 2005-06).

Further, adopt alternatives B.I. and C. 1 .c. from paper #152.

Moreover, specify that DATCP may not collect or analyze samples of plants, soils, surface water, and/or groundwater for possible agrichemical contamination (under s. 94.73(12m)) before making a determination that probable cause exists that a discharge of hazardous substances under s. 292.11 has occurred at the site, and that either: (a) sufficient funds are available in the ACCP to pay a claim that may result from the testing; or (b) has reason to believe the discharge poses a significant risk to human health.

Note:

A 25[^] increase in the surcharge would be expected to generate \$325,000 annually for the ACCP beginning in 2005-06.

Alternative B.I. would adopt the Governor's recommendation to lower the ACCP reimbursement rate from 80 to 75 of costs in excess of the ACCP's deductible. This would reduce estimated program expenditures by \$200,000, to \$3,000,000, in 2004-05.

Alternative C.2.c. would eliminate the current requirement that the ACCP maintain a balance of between \$2 million and \$5 million, and instead require that the ACCP maintain a balance of not more than \$2.5 million.

[Change to Bill: -\$1,277,200 SEG and -\$650,000 SEG-REV]