

The state **Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award** (PECFA) program is funded from a portion of a \$.02 per gallon petroleum inspection fee. The program reimburses owners for a portion of the cleanup costs of discharges from petroleum product storage systems and home heating oil systems.

PECFA awards reached a high in the mid - 1990s and have declined from \$106,960,700 in 1995/1996 fiscal year to \$21,311,100 in fiscal year 2005/2006. The Legislature reduced the original \$.03 per gallon petroleum inspection fee to \$.02 during the last state budget process.

Members of the Joint Committee on Finance believe that there may be a surplus of \$8 to \$28 million for the coming fiscal year.