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Items Included by the House and Senate

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| 1. Response Activities. The Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee included funds for brownfield grants and loans for implementation of response activities at facilities with redevelopment potential. | \$13,000,000 |
| 2. Contaminated Lake and River Sediments. Funding for reducing or eliminating PCB's, mercury, DDT, and other toxins from lakes and rivers was included by the Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee. | 5,220,000 |
| 3. Nonpoint Pollution Control and Wellhead Protection. The House, Senate, and Conference Committee included funds for a volunteer river, stream, and creek cleanup program. | 100,000 |
| 4. Water Pollution Prevention and Monitoring. The Governor, House, Senate and Conference Committee included funds for voluntary stormwater permit grants (\$3,000,000); failing on-site septic systems (\$5,000,000); protecting high quality waters (\$3,000,000); an illicit storm sewer connection grant program (\$5,000,000); remedial action plan and lakewide management plan implementation grant programs (\$5,000,000); matching Federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program funds (\$3,000,000); and an abandoned well management grants program (\$1,200,000). | 25,200,000 |
| 5. Pollution Prevention. The Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee included \$1,000,000 in CMI funds each for the development and dissemination of an environmental education curriculum; a household hazardous waste collection grant program; and a regional pollution prevention grant program focused on waste generation reduction. The Governor's proposed \$1,500,000 CMI funded small engine trade-in program was not included by the House, Senate, or Conference Committee. The Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee included \$500,000 from the Retired Engineers Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) Fund to expand and improve the RETAP. | 3,500,000 |
| 6. Waterfront Improvements. The Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee included funds for the final round of waterfront redevelopment grants. The Governor has announced that \$3,000,000 from these funds would be for the revitalization of publicly owned lighthouses. | 30,000,000 |
| 7. Administration. From the 3% of CMI funds, or \$17.1 million, allowed for administrative purposes under the CMI implementing legislation, the Governor, House, Senate, and Conference Committee included funds for an existing accounting and internal audit position (\$150,000); for seven new positions in the Surface Water Quality Division to administer the CMI supported water pollution prevention and quality monitoring activities (\$525,000); and for one new position in the Environmental Assistance Division to administer the pollution prevention activities under CMI (\$75,000). | 750,000 |

Conference Agreement on Items of Difference

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| 8. Water Quality Monitoring. The House included \$3 million Gross, \$1.5 million CMI funds, and \$1.5 million GF/GP for water quality monitoring. The Governor and Senate proposed \$3 million in CMI bond funds for the first year of a fifteen year CMI funded water quality monitoring program. The Conference Committee included \$1.5 million in CMI funds. | 1,500,000 |
| 9. Lead Abatement. The Governor, Senate, and Conference Committee included \$5.0 million for a Lead Abatement Program in the Department of Community Health. The House did not include lead abatement funding. | 5,000,000 |
| 10. School Security and Building Demolition. The Senate included \$1,000,000 GF/GP for improving school security and the demolition of abandoned buildings that are within 5 miles of a school. The Governor, House, and Conference Committee did not include this funding. | 0 |

FY 1999-2000 Conference Report Gross Appropriation	\$84,270,000
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1. **Reporting.** House, Senate and Conference Committee reporting requirements include a report containing specific information on cleanup and redevelopment projects funded with appropriations from the bill, as well as status of sites included in a list compiled pursuant to Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act; and a plan for a report on the expenditure of bond proceeds including information on the amounts of bonds sold. (Sec. 208, Sec. 211)
2. **Work Projects.** The House, Senate, and Conference Committee included a requirement for a report from the State Budget Director on proposed work projects funded in whole or in part from appropriations in the bill. (Sec. 207)
3. **Environmental Education Curriculum.** House, Senate, and Conference Committee language describes purposes of appropriation for environmental education; requires Department to work with the Department of Education and a technical advisory committee to develop curricula and materials; prohibits duplication of materials currently in use. (Sec. 301)
4. **Volunteer River, Stream, and Creek Cleanup Program.** House, Senate and Conference Committee language dedicates volunteer program funding to cleanup of river debris; allows local match requirements to be met with local contributions, landfill fee credits, and donated equipment. (Sec. 402)

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1. **Grant/Loan Reporting.** The House included language requiring a report of descriptive and application information on all grant and/or loan programs administered by the Department, including a requirement that the Department provide a report on the recipients of grants and loans to the Appropriations Committees 30 days before notifying the recipients of grant or loan awards. The Senate and Conference Committee modified the language to require the report via the Department's website and to require a 5 day notification of awards. (Sec. 205)
2. **Two Year Appropriations.** The House included language designating appropriations in the bill as two year appropriations, with unexpended balances lapsing to the Clean Michigan Initiative Fund, subject to reappropriation. The Senate deleted the language. Conference Committee language appropriates funds for three years, with unexpended and unencumbered balances requiring reappropriation. (Sec. 209)
3. **Economic Viability.** House language, not included by the Senate or Conference Committee, prohibited distribution of funds to projects that would compete with a private business, or would result in a loss of jobs in another part of the State.
4. **Parks and Recreation Water Quality.** House language required monitoring of surface water quality in State parks and recreation areas; weekly sampling and analysis between May 1 and September 30, 2000; posting of site and beach summaries on the Internet for the general public. Senate and Conference Committee language requires an allocation of not less than \$146,000 to local agencies for critical beach monitoring, not limited to State parks; and the development of a database to be posted to the Internet. (Sec. 401)
5. **Expenditure Tracking.** The House required the Department to track expenditures of the CMI Clean Water Fund and CMI funds allocated for nonpoint source pollution prevention and control by the watershed in which expenditures are made. The Senate and Conference Committee required the Department to track grants and contracts for these purposes, as well as for contaminated sediments, by watershed. (Sec. 403)
6. **School Security and Building Demolition.** Senate language allocating funds for improving security and demolition of abandoned buildings within a 5-mile radius of an elementary, middle, or high school building was not included by the House and Conference Committee.
7. **Lead Abatement.** Conference Committee language not included by the House or Senate requires that the lead abatement appropriation be spent in accordance with a plan submitted to the legislature by the Department of Community Health (DCH) for approval; and requires the DCH to seek additional Federal funds for lead abatement. (Sec. 501)

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