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That is correct. The General Fund is not able to subsidize this enterprise.

Thanks for asking.

David

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From: Leonard, Mary Lou
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Hi David and Lou,

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (Air Board) will be considering proposed fee increases in December that are intended to cover program the cost. Federal and NM law require or authorize, depending on permit type, collection of fees to cover costs. Current fees are insufficient and resulted in a $290,000 deficit in FY10. Current fees only cover 68% of Title V (large facility) program costs and 82% of other program costs. Current fee structures were put in place in 1997 and 2004.

At its October meeting, one of the Air Board members asked what the ramifications of not passing the proposed fee increase would be to the Air Quality Division and its operating permit programs. He specifically asked if the General Fund would cover deficits if the fee increase were not approved. My sense is that the question was asked as a matter of due diligence and not that the overall sentiment of the Board is to reject the proposed fee increases.

I am running this by both of you, because I want to make sure my response is consistent with that of the Administration. Am I correct in responding that the City's General Fund would not be able to cover a continued Air Quality operating permit fund deficit, should the proposed fee increases not be approved by the Board?

I would appreciate your feedback as soon as possible.
Thanks,
MLL

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