

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** January 28, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Air Pollution Control Amendment Act of 2002"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because there is no significant financial impact associated with the provisions of the proposal.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would increase current air pollution and asbestos control fines from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per violation to make them equivalent to federal fines. It also would repeal obsolete alternative fuel technology provisions and make conforming amendments to certain environmental regulations.

**Financial Plan Impact**

The proposed legislation would not have a significant financial impact. According to the Department of Health, violations are currently prosecuted under federal law because the fines are significantly higher than those levied for the same violation by the District. The proposed legislation would make the penalties and fines equal. Very few violations are expected to be prosecuted each year and any resulting expenditures or revenues associated with prosecution and fine collection cannot be estimated at this time.