

ANALYSIS OF THE PERMANENT OIL TAX TRUST FUND FOR THE 2001-03 BIENNIUM

Beginning balance - July 1, 2001		\$13,179,298
Add estimated revenues		
Oil and gas production tax and oil extraction tax collections (estimated June 30, 2003, transfer)	\$5,386,000	
Total estimated revenues		\$5,386,000
Total available		\$18,565,298
Less estimated expenditures		0 ¹
Estimated ending balance - June 30, 2003		\$18,565,298

¹ Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51.1-07.2, the principal of the permanent oil tax trust fund may only be spent upon a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTE: The estimated June 30, 2003, balance made at the end of the 2001 legislative session was \$21,488,435. The decrease in the estimated balance of \$2,923,137 is due to the actual July 1, 2001, balance of \$13,179,298 being \$843,458 more than the July 1, 2001, balance estimated at the close of the 2001 legislative session of \$12,335,840, and the estimated revenues being \$3,766,595 less than the previous estimate of \$9,152,595.

North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51.1-07.2 (1997 Senate Bill No. 2366) establishes a permanent oil tax trust fund and provides that at the end of each biennium beginning after June 30, 1997, all revenues deposited in the general fund during that biennium derived from taxes imposed on oil and gas under Chapters 57-51 (Oil and Gas Gross Production Tax) and 57-51.1 (Oil Extraction Tax) which exceed \$62 million are to be transferred into the permanent oil tax trust fund. The State Treasurer is to transfer the interest earned on the fund to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.