

**Delaware Geological Survey**  
**OMB Operating Budget Request FY 2024**  
**November 15, 2022**

**Comments of Dr. David Wunsch, State Geologist and Director**

**Talking Points:**

- I am pleased to provide you with the Budget Request of the Delaware Geological Survey (DGS) for Fiscal Year 2024.
- The DGS is unique among state agencies in that our mission is to provide our state's decision makers and sister state agencies with unbiased scientific information, analysis, and advice on earth and water-resource issues.
- Our FY2024 budget request is consistent with our FY 2023 operational lines, and incorporates a \$38.9K cost-contingency increase that was applied to our FY 2023 budget.
- Our request for the state's contribution to the Delaware River Master program remains the same as our FY 2023 request of \$127.3K.
- For FY2024, the DGS requests an Enhancement of \$29.2K for an increase in pass-through funding requested by the UD Center for Environmental Monitoring and Analysis (CEMA).
- In FY 2007, the State provided \$80K via the DGS budget to support the Office of the State Climatologist and the Delaware Environmental Observation System (DEOS, now part of CEMA) at UD to support the collection and archiving of climate and weather data.
- In 2008, statewide budget reductions resulted in a reduction in support for the DEOS program from \$80K to \$50.8K, where it has remained since.
- In 2018, CEMA was deemed the official repository for historical and real-time weather and climatological observations for the state of Delaware, pursuant to the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's Senate Joint Resolution No. 4.
- This request for a budget Enhancement of \$29.2K would bring back the CEMA support level to the originally intended amount (\$80K) and would offset rising costs of operation.
- Our Total DGS Budget Request Target for FY2024 is \$2,201K.
- Thank you, and I will be glad to answer any questions.

