

Regulation 56

Funding of the Environmental Compensation Fund

1. Consistent with the polluter-pays principle, the Fund shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following monies:

- (a) Contributions paid by Contractors or the Enterprise, as determined by the Authority, following the approval of a Plan of Work and prior to the commencement of activities under an Exploitation Contract;
- (b) A percentage of any monetary penalties imposed on Contractors or the Enterprise, as determined by the Authority;
- (c) Any additional monies paid to the Fund at the direction of the Council, based on recommendations of the Finance Committee;
- (d) Any income or interest generated from the investment of monies belonging to the Fund;
- (e) An annual levy paid by Contractors or the Enterprise to the Fund, as determined by the Authority;
- (f) Voluntary contributions from States Parties to the Convention;
- (g) Contributions] paid by Sponsoring States as advances determined by the Authority, until the Fund reaches a minimum threshold also determined by the Authority. Once that threshold is met, the obligation to provide advances shall cease, and any amounts exceeding the threshold may be reimbursed to Sponsoring States on a proportionate basis, while ensuring that the Fund remains above the minimum threshold at all times; and-
- [(h) Donations or grants from international organisations, non-governmental organisations or other entities, as appropriate and consistent with the objectives the Fund.