

# Department of Environmental Quality

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## Department Description

The Department's mission is to provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare while considering sound policies that are consistent with statutory mandates.

The Department has set six goals to accomplish its mission. They are:

- Protect public health, safety, and welfare by protecting and improving the environment (land, water, and air).
- Enhance compliance with environmental laws using data-driven approaches and ensuring timely interventions.
- Improve operational efficiency and effectiveness by streamlining operations focusing on optimizing workflows and leveraging digital tools.
- Support employment and economic development while balancing environmental protection.
- Enhance customer service and public engagement by improving public responsiveness and transparency through effective communication strategies and outreach.
- Enhance the regulatory environment by creating frameworks that uphold stringent environmental standards while fostering innovative approaches to compliance.

## Department Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$15,229,685	\$13,853,948	\$15,482,342	\$13,882,754	\$13,853,948	(\$1,628,394)
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	3,748,562	3,239,295	3,239,295	3,305,145	3,239,295	0
Fees & Self-generated	83,573,068	109,046,620	113,981,858	111,951,180	107,776,535	(6,205,323)
Statutory Dedications	9,897,939	10,873,471	11,321,089	10,875,813	10,873,471	(447,618)
Federal Funds	18,698,993	20,290,956	20,928,520	20,310,048	20,425,956	(502,564)
<b>Total Means of Financing</b>	<b>\$131,148,247</b>	<b>\$157,304,290</b>	<b>\$164,953,104</b>	<b>\$160,324,940</b>	<b>\$156,169,205</b>	<b>(\$8,783,899)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Office of Environmental Quality	\$131,148,247	\$157,304,290	\$164,953,104	\$160,324,940	\$156,169,205	(\$8,783,899)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$131,148,247</b>	<b>\$157,304,290</b>	<b>\$164,953,104</b>	<b>\$160,324,940</b>	<b>\$156,169,205</b>	<b>(\$8,783,899)</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	702	703	703	703	703	0
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0



## 13-856-Office of Environmental Quality

### Agency Description

The mission of the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) is to provide strategic administrative oversight necessary to advance and fulfill the role, scope, and function of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). As the managerial and overall policy coordinating agency for the Department, the Office of Environmental Quality will facilitate achievement of environmental improvements by promoting initiatives that serve a broad environmental mandate, and by representing the Department when dealing with external agencies. OEQ fosters improved relationships with DEQ's customers, including community relationships and relations with other governmental agencies. OEQ reviews program objectives and budget priorities to assure they are in accordance with DEQ mandates. The Office of Environmental Quality provides executive oversight and leadership to the five program functions of the Department of Environmental Quality. They are: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance and Office of Environmental Assessment.

The goal of the Office of Environmental Quality is to improve Louisiana's environment by serving as the policy arm of the Department and coordinating agency wide efforts to advance the department's mission, whose central focus is to provide the people of Louisiana with comprehensive environmental protection while considering sound economic development and employment policies.

The Department is fully committed to ensuring full compliance with all human resources policies that provide assistance and support to females and families. All policies are monitored for compliance with state and federal rules and regulations. Initiatives that are presently utilized are: flexible work schedules, telecommuting, educational leave, availability of training courses, such as Diversity in the Workplace, Harassment/Discrimination/Workplace Violence, Ethics, etc. The Department also has policies and procedures for Family and Medical Leave and accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### Agency Budget Summary

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<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$15,229,685	\$13,853,948	\$15,482,342	\$13,882,754	\$13,853,948	(\$1,628,394)
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	3,748,562	3,239,295	3,239,295	3,305,145	3,239,295	0
Fees & Self-generated	83,573,068	109,046,620	113,981,858	111,951,180	107,776,535	(6,205,323)
Statutory Dedications	9,897,939	10,873,471	11,321,089	10,875,813	10,873,471	(447,618)
Federal Funds	18,698,993	20,290,956	20,928,520	20,310,048	20,425,956	(502,564)
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$131,148,247</b>	<b>\$157,304,290</b>	<b>\$164,953,104</b>	<b>\$160,324,940</b>	<b>\$156,169,205</b>	<b>(\$8,783,899)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Office of the Secretary	\$7,992,360	\$8,470,941	\$8,470,941	\$8,618,680	\$8,786,640	\$315,699
Office of Environmental Compliance	26,060,847	28,227,229	29,105,103	28,520,361	28,470,794	(634,309)
Office of Environmental Services	16,651,292	17,416,657	17,416,657	18,363,977	17,876,681	460,024
Office of Management and Finance	48,209,907	62,057,800	63,338,668	62,708,556	63,199,231	(139,437)
Office of Environmental Assessment	32,233,841	41,131,663	46,621,735	42,113,366	37,835,859	(8,785,876)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$131,148,247</b>	<b>\$157,304,290</b>	<b>\$164,953,104</b>	<b>\$160,324,940</b>	<b>\$156,169,205</b>	<b>(\$8,783,899)</b>



## Agency Budget Summary

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Classified	702	703	703	703	703	0
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<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0



## 8561-Office of the Secretary

### Program Authorization

*La. R.S. 30:2011.C(1)(a)(i)(ii)*

### Program Description

The mission of the Office of the Secretary is to provide strategic administrative oversight necessary to advance and fulfill the role, scope and function of DEQ. As the managerial and overall policy-coordinating agency for the Department, the Office of the Secretary will facilitate achievement of environmental improvements by promoting initiatives that serve a broad environmental mandate, and by representing the Department when dealing with external agencies. OSEC will ensure the Department meets its performance and policy objectives by working and coordinating with all program offices.

The goal of the Office of the Secretary is to improve Louisiana's environment by serving as the policy arm of the Department and coordinating agency wide efforts to advance the department's mission, whose central focus is to provide the people of Louisiana with comprehensive environmental protection.

The **Executive Administration** provides executive oversight and leadership of the five agency functions of the Department of Environmental Quality. They are: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance and Office of Environmental Assessment.

The **Business and Community Outreach Activity** provides both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to ensure protection and improvement of the environment through technical assistance, outreach and partnership building. This activity serves as the outreach arm for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by providing educational outreach and technical compliance assistance to businesses, municipalities/communities, non-governmental organizations, schools and the public at large.

The **Legal Affairs Division** provides advice, consultation, and representation to all offices of the Department and is organized to provide attorneys with expertise and experience for every major type of environmental (and internal) action. Attorneys litigate corrective and compensatory actions to repair environmental damage, pursue environmental violators, collect penalties and fees owed to the department, and defend permit and other agency actions in administrative hearings and in both state and federal courts. The Division also routinely draft, review, and negotiate contracts, agreements, and settlements, and research and prepare legal opinions, reports, and other documentation to support agency decisions and actions.

The **Criminal Investigations Division** operates in compliance with La. R.S. 30:2025.F (4). Once a determination has been made that a criminal violation of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act may have occurred, the Department is required to notify the district attorney in whose jurisdiction such possible violation has occurred. The Department is required to provide the district attorney with any and all information necessary to evaluate the alleged violation for criminal prosecution. In doing so, the criminal investigation division supports the overall mission of the Department and acts as the ultimate deterrent to would-be criminal violators of environmental laws. Deterrence is accomplished through arrests, serving search warrants, and developing and investigating environmental criminal cases for prosecution. The criminal investigations division compliments the Department's civil enforcement efforts by focusing on the most egregious, habitual violators and escalating leads to criminal referrals to the district attorney when civil enforcement remedies fail or fall short. The criminal investigations division partners with various state and federal law enforcement agencies on criminal cases with an environmental nexus.

The **Audit Services Section** conducts performance, operational, investigative, and financial audits of the operations of the Department. Also, Audit Services audits those private entities that do not appear to be paying fees to the Department on a self-reporting basis. These include new and used tire dealers and motor fuel distributors. Audit Services assesses fees and interest on delinquent accounts. These audits provide the Department with assurances that fees are remitted promptly and accurately.



The **Communications Section** handles all media functions including media inquiries, press releases, the LDEQ website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. These activities provide valuable information to the public on LDEQ environmental activities that are of interest to or that impact them. The section has video capabilities and produces educational and informational videos for public outreach and provides support for public hearings, workshops, environmental projects and outreach activities. These include a monthly e-newsletter Discover DEQ, the LDEQ Annual report and informational and education material and brochures.

## Program Budget Summary

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<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$156,609	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	6,535,997	6,940,916	6,940,916	7,088,206	7,256,615	315,699
Statutory Dedications	21,149	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Federal Funds	1,278,606	1,458,661	1,458,661	1,459,110	1,458,661	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$7,992,360</b>	<b>\$8,470,941</b>	<b>\$8,470,941</b>	<b>\$8,618,680</b>	<b>\$8,786,640</b>	<b>\$315,699</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$7,458,036	\$7,905,072	\$7,905,072	\$8,139,409	\$8,058,280	\$153,208
Operating Expenses	194,560	242,694	242,694	247,887	262,694	20,000
Professional Services	0	9,750	9,750	9,959	309,750	300,000
Other Charges	229,887	166,425	166,425	166,425	100,916	(65,509)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	109,878	147,000	147,000	55,000	55,000	(92,000)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$7,992,360</b>	<b>\$8,470,941</b>	<b>\$8,470,941</b>	<b>\$8,618,680</b>	<b>\$8,786,640</b>	<b>\$315,699</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	59	58	58	58	58	0
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015)
  - Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2418)
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
  - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205)
  - Oil Spill Contingency Fund (R.S. 30:2483)
- Federal Funds derived from:
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$46,364	\$8,470,941	67	<b>Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2024</b>
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$55,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$65,509)	0	Administrative Law Judges
\$0	(\$81,129)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$8,346	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$18,929	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$159,902	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$147,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$61,152	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$78,350)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$64,358	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$4,301)	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$300,000	0	Increase for legal contracts in the Office of the Secretary Program. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
\$0	\$20,000	0	Increase in travel budget funding due to more anticipated conference attendance and visits to the various sites and regional offices. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
\$0	\$320,000	0	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$46,364	\$8,786,640	67	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Environmental Trust Fund Account	\$6,166,565	\$6,715,916	\$6,715,916	\$6,863,120	\$7,031,615	\$315,699
Waste Tire Management Fund	369,432	225,000	225,000	225,086	225,000	0

### Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	21,149	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$304,750	Legal Services - To provide legal research and consultation for issues, strategy and litigation as required by the Secretary
\$5,000	Court Reporting - Services required to officially record and transcribe testimony and proceedings for discovery, appeals and hearings. This includes litigation and hearings to receive public comments on proposed permits and settlements, rule-making hearings and other scheduled department meetings and hearings
<b>\$309,750</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>



### Other Charges

Amount	Description
<b>Other Charges:</b>	
This program does not have funding for Other Charges for the Fiscal Year	
\$0	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>	
\$32,826	Administrative Law Judges Fees
\$24,453	Division of Administration - For publication of regulations
\$43,637	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$100,916	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
\$100,916	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$55,000	Replacement of one (1) vehicle
\$55,000	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 8561-02** Through the Business and Community Outreach Activity, to improve environmental compliance and protection among small businesses, municipalities/communities and non-governmental organizations by providing statewide educational outreach and technical assistance services in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of EnviroSchool class participants who demonstrate comprehension of the core subject matter	100	96	96	96	96
[K] Percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days	100	100	100	100	100

**Objective: 8561-03** Through the Legal Affairs Activity, to respond to all (100%) legal challenges to DEQ actions so that human health and the environment are protected without interruption, and to ensure compliance of all environmental regulatory operations with applicable laws and regulations in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of legally supported decisions sustained after challenge	100	95	95	95	95
[K] Percent of responses by Ombudsman to complaints involving public participation and environmental justice within 5 business days.	100	100	100	100	100
[K] Percent of referrals for which an initial legal review is provided within 30 business days of receipt	100	96	96	96	96





**Objective: 8561-04** Through the Criminal Investigations Activity, to ensure that 100% of the criminal cases investigated by LDEQ Criminal Investigations Division (CID), which meet established criteria, are referred to the appropriate district attorney as required by La. R.S. 30:2025(F)(4) and the Environmental Quality Act in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of criminal cases which meet established criteria and pursuant to La. R.S.30:2025 (F)(4) are referred to appropriate district attorney for criminal prosecution	100	100	100	100	100

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of criminal investigations conducted	44	88	72	113	99
Number of criminal investigations assisted	17	13	14	17	14
Number of administrative cases assisted	6	15	9	25	26
Number of leads	75	115	91	202	172
Number of criminal referrals	7	13	14	17	24
Number of law enforcement network/stakeholder development contacts	68	24	33	47	33

**Objective: 8561-05** Through the Audit Activity, to improve compliance with the department's rules and regulations, including those among the state's waste tire dealers and motor fuel distributors by conducting 96% of external compliance audits in the DEQ annual audit plan.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of compliance audits conducted of those identified in the annual audit plan	95	96	96	96	96

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees assessed	295,473	653,018	552,501	381,414	1,208,469
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties assessed	14,253	1,625	45,202	-8,518	-25,697
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest assessed	281,220	651,393	507,299	389,932	1,234,166
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest collected	118,649	168,568	222,843	183,180	154,200
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees collected	136,100	171,056	265,189	183,237	154,200
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties collected	17,451	2,488	42,346	\$57	\$0



**Objective: 8561-06** Through the Communications Activity, to communicate environmental awareness information statewide to the public through all media formats in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of responses to media requests within 4 business days	55	100	100	100	100

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of media mentions regarding DEQ's actions on environmental issues	6,325	9,751	10,856	5,854	6,334



## 8562-Office of Environmental Compliance

### Program Authorization

*La.R.S. 30:2011 (C)(1)(c)*

### Program Description

The mission of the Office of Environmental Compliance (OEC), consisting of the Surveillance, Emergency and Radiological Services, and Enforcement Divisions, is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people and environmental resources of Louisiana. OEC protects the citizens of the state by conducting inspections of permitted and non-permitted facilities, assessing environmental conditions, responding to environmental incidents such as unauthorized releases, spills and citizen complaints, and by providing compliance assistance to the community when appropriate.

The OEC establishes a multimedia compliance approach; creates a uniform approach for compliance activities; assigns accountability and responsibility to appropriate parties; and provides standardized response training for all potential responders. The OEC provides for vigorous and timely resolution of enforcement actions.

The goals of the OEC are to operate in an open, fair, and consistent manner; to strive for and assist in attaining environmental compliance in the regulated community; and to protect environmental resources and the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

The function of the **Surveillance Division** inspects facilities for compliance with their permits or other authorizations (regulations, or enforcement actions), responds to and investigates incidents and complaints, and conducts media sampling. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorized DEQ to administer, implement, and enforce federal statutes for air, water and hazardous waste. Through an inspection strategy DEQ achieves that mission. DEQ Surveillance Division engages other state agencies and plays a critical role in their decision-making process. Data collected achieves meaningful environmental results that promote compliance statewide of state and federal statutory mandates. The adaptability and flexibility allows opportunities to provide compliance assistance to small and medium facilities that are not permitted, but reported to ensure they understand the requirements of environmental regulations. Surveillance is responsive to citizens who report information; DEQ Surveillance incident and complaint investigations/inspections are initiated based on information received from citizens, required upset/release notifications, and from other sources of information (such as sister agencies). Ambient water monitoring is conducted statewide under Clean Water Act requirements and policies to ensure there is adequate data to evaluate and set standards related to uses for specific water bodies (swimming, fishing, drinking water supplies). The data is provided to the Water Planning & Assessment Division (who set standards), and also to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (for habitat and aquatic propagation), and Department of Health Drinking Water program, as needed.

The **Emergency and Radiological Services Division** responds to chemical and environmental emergencies and provides administrative services for radiation sources. The ERSD established the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for public reporting of spills and complaints to the Department. Emergency Response (ER) conducts monitoring at incidents where chemicals have been released or have the potential to be released into the environment or to affect public health. ER reviews and monitors cleanup activities at incidents to ensure the protection of the environment and the safety of Louisiana's citizens. SPOC receives and processes spill and complaint notifications from the general public and routes them to either ER responders or Surveillance inspectors. Chemical Accident Prevention (CAP) inspects specially designated facilities, which if involved in a catastrophic release, would affect a significant segment of a population with life-threatening chemical exposure. CAP inspections verify these facilities are conducting required maintenance, have sufficient response resources allocated, and have trained personnel and up-to-date plans in place to protect the public in the event of a catastrophic release. Radiological Emergency Planning & Response (REP&R) plans, coordinates and implements training to meet Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements for three nuclear power plants. REP&R provides training to first responders that would come in contact with low level radiation ship-



ments that routinely travel by land, water, and air. REP&R administers testing of radiographers that certify competency to safely and knowledgeably handle and utilize radioactive sources. In addition, Radiation registers licenses and inspects all radioactive sources in the state. These sources, found extensively in medical and industrial settings, are used for the treatment and identification of disease, to locate flaws in construction where conventional inspection means would be inadequate and in maintenance of the thousands of miles of pipelines throughout the state.

The **Enforcement Division** ensures compliance with the environmental permitting laws and regulations and to deter future non-compliance by issuing the appropriate enforcement actions. Enforcement activity strives to ensure that the government, the private sector, and the public comply with federal and state laws designed to protect human health and the environment and sustain the environmental resources of the state. Enforcement works to achieve this goal by: 1) review of inspection reports; 2) assign accountability to violators; 3) issue timely and appropriate enforcement actions; 4) collect penalties issued to violators of state and federal environmental laws and regulations; 5) maintain environmental compliance databases; 6) provide expertise in the negotiation, litigation, and settlement of cases; and 7) provide awareness of environmental compliance. Priority is given to cases posing the greatest risk to human health or environmental resources in order to ensure prompt mitigation of any damages caused by the non-compliance.

**Program Budget Summary**

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$716,903	\$30,000	\$469,279	\$30,642	\$30,000	(\$439,279)
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	21,606,586	25,023,026	25,287,470	25,300,851	25,131,591	(155,879)
Statutory Dedications	242,075	31,229	31,229	31,280	31,229	0
Federal Funds	3,495,283	3,142,974	3,317,125	3,157,588	3,277,974	(39,151)
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$26,060,847</b>	<b>\$28,227,229</b>	<b>\$29,105,103</b>	<b>\$28,520,361</b>	<b>\$28,470,794</b>	<b>(\$634,309)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$22,601,464	\$23,467,721	\$23,467,721	\$24,434,191	\$23,948,986	\$481,265
Operating Expenses	1,354,430	1,791,399	1,791,399	1,829,735	1,791,399	0
Professional Services	1,211,713	1,346,999	1,615,871	1,375,825	1,786,999	171,128
Other Charges	106,599	215,110	286,637	215,110	215,110	(71,527)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	786,642	1,406,000	1,943,475	665,500	728,300	(1,215,175)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$26,060,847</b>	<b>\$28,227,229</b>	<b>\$29,105,103</b>	<b>\$28,520,361</b>	<b>\$28,470,794</b>	<b>(\$634,309)</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	239	240	240	240	240	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Source of Funding**

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015);



- Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2418);
- Lead Hazard Reduction Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2351.41)
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
  - Oil Spill Contingency Fund (R.S. 30:2483)
- Federal Funds derived from:
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - Department of Energy

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$469,279	\$29,105,103	240	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2024
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$728,300	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$485,205)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$137,996	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$71,518	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$659,127	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$1,406,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$439,279)	(\$877,874)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$24,760	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$245,329)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$318,398	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$439,279)	(\$1,074,309)	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$440,000	0	Increase for the renewal of the air quality labs and laboratory analysis contracts. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account and Federal Funds from the Environmental Protection Agency.
\$0	\$440,000	0	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$30,000	\$28,470,794	240	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	\$166	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	21,388,331	24,773,026	25,037,470	25,050,797	24,881,591	(155,879)
Waste Tire Management Fund	216,043	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	2,046	20,000	20,000	20,054	20,000	0



### Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$5,061	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	180,359	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	56,656	31,229	31,229	31,280	31,229	0

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$976,999	Laboratory Analysis - Outsourced Analytical Services to provide the analysis of samples collected by the department in support of permitting, surveillance and other department activities
\$780,000	Federal portion of Lab Analysis Contracts
\$30,000	Lab analysis for Mercury Samples
<b>\$1,786,999</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
<b>Other Charges:</b>	
\$53,000	Transuranic Waste Shipment - Training of emergency personnel at the state and local levels and preparation of procedures to successfully deal with any radiological emergencies
\$40,000	Multi Purpose Grant for inspection activities
<b>\$93,000</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>	
\$112,360	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$6,250	LSU Radiation Safety Office for Calibration of Survey Meters
\$3,500	Department of Public Safety - Registration fees for vehicles and boats
<b>\$122,110</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$215,110</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$525,000	Replacement of 11 vehicles
\$203,300	Replacement of various field and testing equipment
<b>\$728,300</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 8562-01** Through the Surveillance Activity, to inspect regulated facilities related to air emissions, solid and hazardous waste, waste tires, water discharges and asbestos statewide following procedures outlined in the Compliance Monitoring Strategy in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of major water facilities inspected	33	33	33	33	33
[K] Percent of significant minor water facilities inspected	20	20	20	20	20



Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of air Title V facilities inspected	25	25	25	25	25
[K] Percent of operating hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal (HW TSD) facilities inspected	50	50	50	50	50
[K] Percent of permitted solid waste facilities inspected	50	50	50	50	50
[K] Percent of waste tire generators inspected	10	10	10	10	10

## General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of top-rated asbestos projects inspected	241	269	297	266	330
Number of air synthetic minor, minor source, and minor source general permitted facilities inspected.	46	238	330	294	321
Number of hazardous waste large quantity, small quantity, and very small quantity generator facilities inspected.	149	174	204	152	150
Number of Class II water facilities inspected	3	124	155	110	86

**Objective: 8562-02** Through the Surveillance Activity, to monitor and sample approximately 25% of targeted surface water subsegments from 496 named waterbody subsegments statewide annually

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of waterbody subsegments monitored and sampled	25	25	25	25	25

**Objective: 8562-03** Through the Surveillance Activity, to address 88% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within 10 business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of environmental incidents and citizen complaints addressed within 10 business days of receiving notification	96	85	85	88	88

## General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of spill notifications	2,925	2,632	2,443	2,223	1,994
Number of citizen complaints	2,359	2,917	3,151	2,838	2,731



**Objective: 8562-04** The Emergency & Radiological Services Activity, to assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants and the use of radiation sources and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of emergency planning objectives demonstrated	100	100	100	100	100
[K] Percent of reported emergency incidents that are responded to per procedure	100	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100	100
[K] Percent of radiation licenses inspected	90	90	90	90	90
[K] Percent of x-ray registrations inspected	85	85	85	85	85
[K] Percent of mammography facilities inspected	99	100	100	100	100
[K] Percentage of radioactive material applications for registration, licensing and certification processed within 30 business days of receipt	93	95	95	95	95

**Objective: 8562-05** Through the Enforcement Activity, to increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of enforcement actions issued within the prescribed timelines	97	80	80	80	80

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of air quality enforcement actions issued	349	226	353	331	263
Number of solid waste enforcement actions issued	649	431	548	487	388
Number of hazardous waste enforcement actions issued	85	67	80	212	91
Number of water quality enforcement actions issued	490	499	567	522	456
Number of radiation enforcement actions issued	114	105	134	187	118
Number of underground storage tanks actions issued	176	56	45	51	15





## 8563-Office of Environmental Services

### Program Authorization

La. R.S. 30:2011(C)(1)(d)

### Program Description

The mission of the Office of Environmental Services (OES) is to ensure that the citizens of Louisiana have a clean and healthy environment for present and future generations. This will be accomplished by establishing and assessing environmental standards, regulating pollution sources through permitting activities which are consistent with laws and regulations, interface between the department and its customers, including public participation. The permitting activity will provide single entry/contact point for permitting; a multimedia team approach; technical guidance for permit applications; permit tracking; and focus on applications with the highest potential for environmental impact.

The goal of OES is to maintain, protect and enhance the environment of Louisiana through establishing and assessing environmental standards, permitting and licensing, and by issuing multi-media accreditations, notifications and registrations.

The **Air Permits Division (APD)** ensures the protection of air quality by issuing permits protective of human health and the environment. The APD maintains and protects Louisiana's environment and natural resources by conducting comprehensive technical evaluations of incoming air permit applications. Permits must be compliant with the United States Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act; accurately reflect all applicable laws and regulations; ensure compliance with federal and state air quality standards; and contain testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements sufficient to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. Permit decisions are based on sound, comprehensive information that is scientifically supported. Louisiana has been delegated by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement the air permitting program established by Title V of the CAA. Other federal requirements implemented by the APD include the Prevention of Significant Deterioration program, the Non-attainment New Source Review program, and the permitting aspects of the Acid Rain Program. The APD also processes applications for other actions such as administrative amendments, authorizations to construct, changes of tank service, exemptions to test, variances, Emission Reduction Credits, and issues applicability determinations and other letters of response. The APD also reviews and performs air quality modeling for air permits to ensure that emissions from permitted facilities will not cause a violation of air quality standards. While EPA retains oversight of the APD's Part 70 Operating Permits Program, no activities duplicate or overlap with those of federal government or another state agency. Nor are the APD's services available elsewhere in the public sector or in the private sector. DEQ has been given jurisdiction over matters affecting the regulation of the environment within the state, including the regulation of air quality (R.S. 30:2011(A)(1)).

The **Waste Permits Division (WSTPD)** ensures protection of the soil and groundwater resources by issuing permits and standards that are protective of human health and the environment. WSTPD performs comprehensive technical reviews of permit requests and performs regulatory determinations for generators, processors, and disposers of solid and hazardous waste. WSTPD issues operating and post-closure permits for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and/or disposal facilities. For solid waste, the WSTPD issues operating permits to municipal landfills, industrial landfills, construction and demolition debris landfills, surface impoundments, processors, processing transfer stations, composting facilities, and separation, wood waste processing facilities, and waste tire processors. The WSTPD also supervises the proper closure of solid and hazardous waste management facilities. The WSTPD reviews, comments on, and approves closure plans requiring monitoring of groundwater in the vicinity of closed landfills and surface impoundments. Additionally, the WSTPD provides technical expertise and reviews groundwater monitoring reports, monitoring well installation and construction plans, assessment and corrective action monitoring reports and work plans, groundwater statistical evaluations, and plugging and abandonment of groundwater monitoring wells via the geology section. Permit decisions are based on sound scientific principles. Compliance with the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act and applicable local, state, and federal regulations is required. As we work to protect the natural resources of the state, we provide an important benefit to the general public, municipalities, and industry for allow-



ing waste to be handled in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. The WSTPD also reviews, processes, and responds to other requests such as solid waste beneficial reuse, one-time soil reuse, waste tire beneficial reuse, household hazardous waste collection events and facilities, local recycling collections, waste minimization plans, technical inquiries from the public, elected officials, and the regulated community. The WSTPD reviews and approves hazardous waste transfer stations and regulated used oil processors. Act 662 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature enacted as LA R.S. 30:2413.1 and directed the DEQ to develop and implement a comprehensive debris management plan for certain debris generated by natural disasters. The WSTPD issues pre-approvals to emergency debris sites that aid in a more efficient and effective response to natural disasters.

The **Water Permits Division (WPD)** ensures protection of water quality by issuing permits protective of human health and the environment. WPD is delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination (LPDES) program. WPD is responsible for the issuance of LPDES water permits. Other responsibilities, include biosolids/sewage sludge permits and registrations, and Clean Water Act water quality certifications. WPD is responsible for coordinating all water permitting and other related activities of the State's LPDES Program for approximately 14,940 permits. Water permits incorporate monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting requirements, to ensure that waters of the state meet all water quality standards, thus protecting human health and the environment. Point source entities which discharge pollutants into surface waters of the state must apply for and obtain a water discharge permit prior to any actual discharge. WPD manages water quality certification activities; these certifications are required for all federal permits and licenses which includes every United States Army Corps of Engineers permit which involves "discharge of fill material into the waters of the United States". The DEQ 401 Water Quality Certification assures that all dredge and fill activity permitted under a 404 permit will be protective of site-specific water quality standards. WPD oversees the regulation and permitting of all generators of sewage sludge and biosolids for use or disposal. This affects all domestic wastewater treatment facilities; and selected industrial facilities. Additionally, WPD manages the registration of sewage sludge haulers. DEQ has jurisdiction over matters affecting the regulation of the environment within the state, including the regulation of water quality (La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq.).

The **Public Participation and Permit Support Division (PPPSD)** function is to facilitate public participation and provide administrative, database and certification notifications support to the media-based permit divisions. PPPSD consists of two sections: Permit Support and LELAP (Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program) Section (PLS) and Notifications and Accreditations Section (NAS). PLS provides administrative services to the media permit divisions in processing applications and issuing permits within statutory and regulatory timelines. PLS also processes notifications for Name and Ownership changes. Within the PLS, Permits Application Administrative Review (PAAR) Group receives and analyzes all incoming documents for OES to ensure proper placement into the DEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). PAAR conducts all initial administrative reviews, creates permitting records in DEQ's database, TEMPO, and ensures that all permit fees received are properly handled. The Public Participation Database Support Group (PPDSG) in the PLS ensures that permits generated by OES are properly public noticed as required by state and federal regulation. The group also organizes and conducts all public hearings and/or public meetings for OES. PPDSG manages TEMPO, which is used by permits, inspections, enforcement divisions, and fiscal staff to perform many of their duties. PPDSG also converts federal and state regulations into standard database language for use in permits, inspection checklists, and enforcement documents. The Laboratory Accreditation Group (LAG) within the PLS accredits and audits commercial laboratories to confirm approved methods and quality to ensure accuracy, precision, and reliability of data provided to DEQ. NAS processes multimedia accreditations, notifications, and registrations. Within NAS, the Certifications and Accreditations Group (CAG) registers Solid Waste (SW) Generators and Transporters and conducts certification testing for SW Operators; CAG oversees providers of asbestos and lead training courses, verifies qualifications of individuals conducting training courses, and accredits asbestos and lead workers to ensure that they are trained to follow proper work practice controls to protect the public from asbestos and lead exposure. CAG also reviews asbestos and lead project notifications to ensure contractors are licensed. CAG uses manifests to ensure proper handling of asbestos-related waste by approved transporters and landfills. In addition, CAG reviews Asbestos Management Plans for schools and State buildings to ensure safety of children and adults learning and working in these buildings. The Waste Notifications and Reporting Group (WNRG)

in NAS ensures Annual Hazardous Waste (HW) Report information submitted by Large Quantity Generators and Treatment, Storage and Disposal facilities (TSDs) is properly maintained by managing the process for the information upload into the EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Information database. The WNRG also processes all Hazardous Waste notifications for Large Quantity Generators, Small Quantity Generators, Very Small Quantity Generators, Transporters, and other notifications required by regulation. The WNRG prepares the annual Hazardous Waste Import/Export Report for the Legislature.

## Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$102	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	12,892,049	13,700,971	13,700,971	14,647,728	14,160,995	460,024
Statutory Dedications	326,738	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Federal Funds	3,432,403	3,215,686	3,215,686	3,216,249	3,215,686	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$16,651,292</b>	<b>\$17,416,657</b>	<b>\$17,416,657</b>	<b>\$18,363,977</b>	<b>\$17,876,681</b>	<b>\$460,024</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$16,552,588	\$17,242,276	\$17,242,276	\$18,186,889	\$17,697,300	\$455,024
Operating Expenses	51,263	121,520	121,520	124,120	121,520	0
Professional Services	0	5,000	5,000	5,107	10,000	5,000
Other Charges	47,440	47,861	47,861	47,861	47,861	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$16,651,292</b>	<b>\$17,416,657</b>	<b>\$17,416,657</b>	<b>\$18,363,977</b>	<b>\$17,876,681</b>	<b>\$460,024</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	160	160	160	160	159	(1)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>(1)</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
  - Fees paid for Solid Waste Operator Certification.
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015);
  - Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund (R.S. 30:2418);
  - Lead Hazard Reduction Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2351.41).
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (R.S. 30:2301).
- Federal Funds derived from:
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$17,416,657	160	<b>Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2024</b>
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	(\$353,048)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$47,743	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$49,868	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$448,027	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$269,976	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$182,895)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$311,894	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$591,565	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$5,000	0	Increase for court reporting services used at public meetings. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
\$0	(\$136,541)	(1)	Transfers two (2) positions into the Office of Management and Finance Program utilizing one (1) vacant Environmental Project Specialist position from the Office of Environmental Services Program and one (1) vacant Environmental Scientist position from the Office of Environmental Assessment Program.
\$0	(\$131,541)	(1)	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$0	\$17,876,681	159	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	\$13,934	\$19,790	\$19,790	\$19,871	\$19,790	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	12,597,338	13,302,189	13,302,189	14,248,609	13,762,213	460,024
Waste Tire Management Fund	280,734	303,992	303,992	304,248	303,992	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	43	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0

### Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$326,738	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$10,000	Court Reporting Services for Public Hearings.
\$10,000	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>



### Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Other Charges:</b>
	This program does not have funding for Other Charges for the Fiscal Year
\$0	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$47,861	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, telephone services, and printing services
\$47,861	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
\$47,861	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for the Fiscal Year

**Objective: 8563-01** Through the Air Permits Activity, to provide high quality technical evaluations of air permit applications for sources requesting initial or substantially modified permits and take final action in the form of approval or denial within 300 days as established by Louisiana regulations, and take final action in the form of approval or denial for sources requesting renewal or minor permit modifications, thereby ensuring protection of ambient air quality by limiting air pollutant levels to federal and state standards in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of air permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	92.1	94	94	94	94

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of air permits division work products completed	1,767	3,052	1,627	1,458	1,410
Number of air modeling reviews completed	27	49	87	88	44

**Objective: 8563-02** Through the Waste Permits Activity, to provide high quality technical evaluations of solid and hazardous waste permit applications for sources requesting initial or substantially modified permits and take final action in the form of approval or denial within 300 days as established by Louisiana regulations, and take final action in the form of approval or denial for sources requesting renewal or minor permit modifications, thereby ensuring statewide control of solid and hazardous waste in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of solid and hazardous waste permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	70	85	85	85	85



### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Number of solid waste work products completed	360	546	1,444	615	751
Number of hazardous waste work products completed.	126	87	213	236	241

**Objective: 8563-03** Through the Water Permits Activity, to provide high quality technical evaluations of water quality permit applications for sources requesting initial or substantially modified permits and take final action in the form of approval or denial within 300 days as established by Louisiana regulations; and take final action in the form of approval or denial for sources requesting renewal or minor permit modifications, water quality certifications, and biosolids registrations and permits, thereby ensuring proper state-wide control of point source discharges and water quality in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26
[K] Percent of water quality permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	85.7	90	90	90	90

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Number of individual water quality permit final decisions including master generals issued	419	549	235	293	593
Number of general water quality permit decisions including stormwater decisions issued	2,912	2,364	3,100	1,467	7,588
Number of water quality certification decisions completed	230	173	118	81	147
Number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed	241	383	346	355	350

**Objective: 8563-04** Through the Public Participation & Permit Support Activity, to administratively process 94% of complete permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications, within established business timelines in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26
[K] Percentage of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications processed within established timelines.	86.4	94	94	94	94



## General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Number of name, ownership, operator changes completed	599	709	393	738	346
Number of asbestos management plan activities completed	110	48	28	14	36
Number of asbestos accreditation activities completed	3,040	4,395	3,803	3,620	3,200
Number of hazardous waste notification activities completed	665	968	1,216	1,546	1,247
Number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed	414	418	438	459	689



## 8564-Office of Management and Finance

### Program Authorization

*La. R.S. 36:8; R.S. 36:231-239; R.S. 39:1543-1544; R.S. 39:1472; R.S. 30:1-51 et. Seq.*

### Program Description

The mission of the Office of Management & Finance is to provide effective and efficient support and resources to all Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Offices and external customers necessary to carry out the mission of the Department. The specific role of the Support Services activity is to provide administrative services (property control, safety, and other general services) to the department and its employees.

The goal of the Office of Management & Finance is to administer and provide effective and efficient support and resources to all DEQ Offices and external customers.

The Financial Services activity includes Budget & Expenditure Reporting, Accounts Payable, Employee Travel Reimbursements, Billing & Data Management, Accounts Receivable, Funds Management, Grant Processing and Expenditure Reporting, Revolving Loan Financial Processing and Reporting, Contract Processing and Management, Procurement, and Motor Fuel Trust Fund Reimbursement Processing.

The OMF Support activities include Safety & Training, Human Resources, Information Technology, Records Management (active and inactive records, imaging, records management policy and procedures, records management training, EDMS support). Property Control, Fleet Maintenance and Reporting, and General Services Support. This section includes the appropriation to pay for services directly provided by the Division of Administration for Information Technology (IT) from the Office of Technology Services.

### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$13,671,339	\$13,288,960	\$13,288,960	\$13,317,017	\$13,288,960	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	30,216,820	43,530,656	44,811,524	44,152,489	44,672,087	(139,437)
Statutory Dedications	1,350,289	2,062,126	2,062,126	2,062,992	2,062,126	0
Federal Funds	2,971,460	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$48,209,907</b>	<b>\$62,057,800</b>	<b>\$63,338,668</b>	<b>\$62,708,556</b>	<b>\$63,199,231</b>	<b>(\$139,437)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$10,327,550	\$10,298,821	\$10,298,821	\$10,949,497	\$11,183,663	\$884,842
Operating Expenses	517,347	631,430	631,430	644,942	631,430	0
Professional Services	1,719,315	1,965,360	2,048,578	2,007,419	1,965,360	(83,218)
Other Charges	35,590,108	49,162,189	50,359,839	49,106,698	49,418,778	(941,061)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	55,587	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$48,209,907</b>	<b>\$62,057,800</b>	<b>\$63,338,668</b>	<b>\$62,708,556</b>	<b>\$63,199,231</b>	<b>(\$139,437)</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	56	56	56	56	58	2
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0





## Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
  - Fees charged on sales of manifest forms and copies.
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015);
  - Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2195);
  - Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2418);
  - Lead Hazard Reduction Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2351.41).
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
  - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205);
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (R.S. 30:2301).
- Federal Funds derived from:
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$13,288,960	\$63,338,668	56	<b>Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2024</b>
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	(\$60,812)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$6,636	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	(\$3,948)	0	Capitol Police
\$0	\$12,997	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$10,559	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$18,785	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$173,600	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$5,607	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$0	\$4,199	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	\$142,461	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$1,280,868)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	(\$34,891)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	(\$1,007,638)	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$283,078	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$10,269)	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	(\$61,686)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$20,712)	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$83,879	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$615	0	State Treasury Fees
\$0	(\$2,728)	0	UPS Fees
\$0	(\$1,741,136)	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	(\$25,000)	0	Decrease to match department's current projected telecommunications expenditures. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.



### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$1,331,721	0	Increase for clean-up of unauthorized waste tire piles. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account.
\$0	\$294,978	2	Transfers two (2) positions into the Office of Management and Finance Program utilizing one (1) vacant Environmental Project Specialist position from the Office of Environmental Services Program and one (1) vacant Environmental Scientist position from the Office of Environmental Assessment Program.
\$0	\$1,601,699	2	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$13,288,960	\$63,199,231	58	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY 2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	\$1,522	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,107	\$5,000	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	5,517,422	9,430,163	10,711,031	10,051,771	9,239,873	(1,471,158)
Motor Fuels Underground Tank	14,081,622	21,249,485	21,249,485	21,249,485	21,249,485	0
Waste Tire Management Fund	10,614,929	12,791,008	12,791,008	12,791,126	14,122,729	1,331,721
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	1,323	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	0

### Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY 2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$819,800	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	530,263	422,126	422,126	422,992	422,126	0
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund	226	0	0	0	0	0

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$217,712	Medical Exams - To detect possible contamination associated with exposure to materials as a result of work related activities.
\$30,675	Bond Advisor for Loans Program - Legal representation and advice on loans, bond issues, rules and regulations, and policies for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs.
\$1,716,973	Document Management System - Continue the scanning, indexing and electronic storage of all documents submitted to DEQ. This agency wide document management system provides faster processing and a reduction in manual filing of documents.
<b>\$1,965,360</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
<b>Other Charges:</b>	
\$21,249,485	Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank - To reimburse Response Action Contractors (RACS) for cleanup of program eligible leaking underground storage tanks.
\$186,788	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Operator Training Program
\$13,912,785	Waste Tire Program
<b>\$35,349,058</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>



### Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$8,056,044	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$2,392,882	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$343,919	Civil Service Fees
\$4,345	Secretary of State - Archive supplies
\$38,432	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$32,731	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$106,013	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$16,520	State Treasury Fees
\$799,949	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$1,721,118	Rent in State-owned Buildings
\$91,156	Maintenance in State-owned Buildings
\$17,687	Capitol Police Fees
\$202,112	Capitol Park Security Fees
\$47,400	Louisiana Property Assistance Agency - GPS for state vehicles
\$199,412	Department of Transportation and Development (Topographic Mapping)
<b>\$14,069,720</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$49,418,778</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for the Fiscal Year

**Objective: 8564-01** Through the Financial & Administrative Activity, to facilitate the Financial and Administrative means for the departmental programs to achieve their mandated objectives by providing 100% of the required and necessary business services annually.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percentage of completed business transactions	99	100	100	100	100

**Objective: 8564-02** Through the OMF Support Activity, to provide 100% of the records management services for the DEQ employees and external customers in support of DEQ fulfilling its mission in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of public records requests completed	100	100	100	100	100



## 8565-Office of Environmental Assessment

### Program Authorization

*La.R.S. 30:2011 (C) (1) (b)*

### Program Description

The mission of the Office of Environmental Assessment is to maintain and enhance the environment of the state in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Louisiana. This program provides an efficient means to develop, implement and enforce regulations, assess, inventory, monitor and analyze releases, and pursue efforts to prevent and to remediate contamination of the environment. The OEA also strives to develop plans and projects to assist stakeholders via financial assistance in environmental restoration and protection actions.

The goal of the Office of Environmental Assessment is to improve the state of environmental protection through effective planning, evaluation and monitoring of the environment.

The **Air Planning and Assessment Division (APAD)** evaluates the overall quality of the air resources of the state. APAD is responsible for developing and maintaining Louisiana's State Implementation Plan (SIP), which describes control strategies to address all areas within the state for all federally mandated ambient air quality standards. The APAD is responsible for developing comprehensive criteria and toxic pollutant emissions inventories for Louisiana and reports these to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. APAD works closely with the regulated community, trade groups, and other state and federal agencies to develop and maintain high quality and current emissions data. The data is used in developing effective rules and regulations, unreasonable further progress submittals (demonstrating emission reductions necessary to attain national standards) to EPA, and modeling demonstrations for air permit applications. The Air Planning and Assessment activity also operates and maintains a statewide ambient air monitoring network and provides quality assurance checks on the data produced to determine compliance with requirements of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and to evaluate trend changes in air quality throughout the state. The division maintains the two Mobile Air Monitoring Labs - self-contained mobile laboratories capable of real-time sampling and analysis; and develops and oversees the federally mandated vehicle Inspection and Maintenance program for areas that are not attaining the federal ozone standard. The APAD represents the department and participates directly in the development of federally required transportation conformity analyses for the state's air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas where applicable. APAD coordinates the development of required motor vehicle emissions budgets and reviews federal aid projects proposed in the state to advise project sponsors of specific general conformity requirements. The staff is also working with gasoline fueling stations to decommission State II Vapor Recovery systems.

The **Water Planning and Assessment Division** evaluates the overall quality of the water resources of the state, establish and assess water quality standards, and assist with environmental restoration and protection actions. Water quality standards are established to protect the uses of the state waters while not requiring unnecessary treatment costs for business, industries and municipalities. Water quality standards are the basis for water quality assessments, pollution allocations, and permit limits. Water quality assessments are conducted based on ambient data to determine if water bodies are impaired and are reported biennially in the Integrated Report. Protection plans, programs and projects are developed to assist stakeholders, local communities, organizations and citizens to plan environmental restoration and protection actions that are eligible for federal funding.

The **Remediation Division (RD)** protects the soil, groundwater, and surface water resources of the state from unauthorized future and historical releases to the environment. The RD activity investigates, evaluates, monitors and cleans up contamination at both active facilities and abandoned sites. The RD activity includes hazardous waste, solid waste, groundwater, Superfund, and Brownfields sites, as well as large chemical plants and refineries. All site clean-ups, and any contaminants that may be allowed to remain at these sites, must meet the human health risk-based clean-up standards established by state regulation so that human health and the environment are protected, and the properties can be safely used. The environmental evaluation and/or remediation of these properties allows contami-

nated properties to be returned to active commerce while achieving the goal of natural resource preservation. For example, Brownfields are underutilized sites that are either contaminated or perceived to be contaminated. These sites are evaluated and/or cleaned up so properties can be safely put back into use or commercial construction, reused, conserving undeveloped areas for other uses. Other sites are discovered during due diligence investigations prior to commercial sales transactions where money is being loaned by banks which require property assessments and some form of environmental "clearance" from the DEQ. The assessments completed under this activity often facilitate these commercial transactions and provide for the appropriate reuse of the property in question. By cleaning up past contamination and preventing future releases, the RD promotes the restoration and preservation of three of Louisiana's most important natural resources - land, groundwater and surface water, for the continued benefit of Louisiana's economy and the use of future generations.

The **Underground Storage Tank Division (USTD)** protects the soil, groundwater, and surface water resources of the state from unauthorized future and historical releases to the environment from underground storage tank (UST) sites. The USTD activity investigates, evaluates, monitors and cleans up contamination at both active and closed UST sites. All site clean-ups, and any contaminants that may be allowed to remain at these sites, must meet the human health risk-based clean-up standards established by state regulation so that human health and the environment are protected, and the properties can be safely used. The environmental evaluation and/or remediation of these properties allows contaminated properties to be returned to active commerce while achieving the goal of natural resource preservation. There are approximately 10,000 USTs at 3,800 UST facilities in Louisiana. As required by the Federal Energy Act of 2005, all tanks must be inspected at least once every three years. Regulations require that these facilities must be constructed, operated, and monitored to minimize leaks, as well as to minimize leak discovery time in the event that leaks occur. USTD conducts inspections to ensure that these facilities are in compliance with regulations, and, if a release does occur, ensures that contamination is detected quickly and cleaned up to levels protective of human health and the environment. By cleaning up past contamination and preventing future releases, the USTD promotes the restoration and preservation of three of Louisiana's most important natural resources - land, groundwater and surface water, for the continued benefit of Louisiana's economy and the use of future generations.

### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$684,733	\$488,624	\$1,677,739	\$488,731	\$488,624	(\$1,189,115)
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	3,748,562	3,239,295	3,239,295	3,305,145	3,239,295	0
Fees & Self-generated	12,321,616	19,851,051	23,240,977	20,761,906	16,555,247	(6,685,730)
Statutory Dedications	7,957,688	8,255,116	8,702,734	8,256,541	8,255,116	(447,618)
Federal Funds	7,521,242	9,297,577	9,760,990	9,301,043	9,297,577	(463,413)
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$32,233,841</b>	<b>\$41,131,663</b>	<b>\$46,621,735</b>	<b>\$42,113,366</b>	<b>\$37,835,859</b>	<b>(\$8,785,876)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$19,737,656	\$19,885,516	\$19,885,516	\$21,032,856	\$20,244,163	\$358,647
Operating Expenses	977,442	1,335,975	1,335,975	1,364,564	1,335,975	0
Professional Services	4,168,155	3,494,126	3,554,873	3,568,900	3,380,020	(174,853)
Other Charges	7,073,219	15,860,046	21,100,256	15,860,046	12,549,201	(8,551,055)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	277,369	556,000	745,115	287,000	326,500	(418,615)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$32,233,841</b>	<b>\$41,131,663</b>	<b>\$46,621,735</b>	<b>\$42,113,366</b>	<b>\$37,835,859</b>	<b>(\$8,785,876)</b>



### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	188	189	189	189	188	(1)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>(1)</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Interagency Transfers derived from:
  - Office of Community Development
  - Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
    - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015).
  - Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
    - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205);
    - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (R.S. 30:2301);
    - Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (R.S. 30:2551);
    - Oil Spill Contingency Fund (R.S. 30:2483).
  - Federal Funds derived from:
    - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
    - Department of Defense

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$1,677,739	\$46,621,735	189	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2024
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$326,500	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$630,256)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$63,933	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$58,378	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$566,326	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$556,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$1,189,115)	(\$5,490,072)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$98,766	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$214,164)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$574,101	0	Salary Base Adjustment
<b>(\$1,189,115)</b>	<b>(\$5,202,488)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Statewide</b>



### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	(\$3,310,845)	0	Decrease in the Volkswagen Settlement contracts due to the projects nearing completion. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
\$0	(\$114,106)	0	Reduction in the interagency contract for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative through the Office of Community Development.
\$0	(\$158,437)	(1)	Transfers two (2) positions into the Office of Management and Finance Program utilizing one (1) vacant Environmental Project Specialist position from the Office of Environmental Services Program and one (1) vacant Environmental Scientist position from the Office of Environmental Assessment Program.
\$0	(\$3,583,388)	(1)	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$488,624	\$37,835,859	188	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Environmental Trust Fund Account	\$12,321,616	\$19,851,051	\$23,240,977	\$20,761,906	\$16,555,247	(\$6,685,730)

### Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Enacted FY2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/24	Continuation FY 2025-2026	Recommended FY 2025-2026	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$5,426,656	\$5,435,871	\$5,883,489	\$5,437,048	\$5,435,871	(\$447,618)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	2,442,117	2,578,500	2,578,500	2,578,543	2,578,500	0
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	88,914	190,745	190,745	190,950	190,745	0

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$3,057,334	OCD agreement with LDEQ for Rain Gauge Network
\$81,413	Ozone Episode Index Forecasting
\$74,103	Ambient PM 2.5 Network Operations and Risk Assessment
\$70,000	Conduct Performance Site Audits
\$5,000	Environmental Consulting/Certification of OBD Software Updates
\$92,170	Risk Assessment to evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment
<b>\$3,380,020</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>



## Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Other Charges:</b>
\$900,000	NPS Grants Clean Water Act: Sec. 201(g)(1)(B) Under Sec. 319(h) - This grant provides Louisiana with funds to implement its Non-point Source pollution prevention program which is designed to meet the goals of the Clean Water Act. This funding supports a variety of projects which will implement the milestones of the current management program and will help to address water quality problems in Louisiana.
\$3,552,882	Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup - To provide services for investigation, testing, containment, control, and cleanup for hazardous waste sites; to provide money or services for the state share of matching funds for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead sites.
\$783,350	Gulf Hypoxia Grant BIL funds -This grant will target implementation of a agricultural best management practices within prioritized tracts in northeast LA and will conduct transect monitoring in coastal Louisiana. Best management practices will be targeted within the Lake St. Joseph and Cypress Bayou watersheds to reduce agriculture-induced nutrient loading and provide other water quality improvements. Coastal monitoring will occur along a transect extending from Barataria Pass, LA to the inner shelf of the Gulf of Mexico to inform the interactive effects of multiple ecosystem change drivers (restoration, riverine nutrient loading, hypoxia, climate change) on living resources in the Gulf of Mexico.
\$125,000	106 Monitoring Initiatives Clean Water Act: Sec. 106 - This grant funds ambient water quality monitoring in various ecoregions in Louisiana. LDEQ will collect monitoring data for use in evaluating existing dissolved oxygen criteria and revising criteria as needed. LDEQ will also collect fish samples and conduct a water database implementation needs assessment.
\$100,000	604(b) BIL Grant Statutory Authority is the Clean Water Act Secs 205(j)(1) & (2) and Sec 604(b). This grant supports water quality management planning activities in the Lake Ponchartrain Basin. The funding assists DEQ in developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for maintaining water quality standards and determining the cause of water quality problems.
\$372,118	Compliance Evaluation Inspections - To perform Underground Storage Tank Compliance evaluation inspections. This funding is provided by EPA to meet the recurring inspection requirements of the Energy Act.
\$175,000	Contracts using Hurricane Harvey LUST grant to provide for site assessment and site cleanup projects at underground storage tank sites in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey
\$12,000	Risk Assessment to evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment.
\$826,890	Clean Diesel Grant Federal Funding that will allow DEQ to provide funds for Louisiana Clean Diesel Grant Program for projects that maximize the benefits of diesel emissions reductions by retrofitting, upgrading, replacement, or reduced idling from on-road and off-road diesel engines and equipment.
\$1,000,000	Volkswagen Settlement Disbursement to School Boards and Municipalities
\$500,000	Brownfield (104)K CWA BIL - The grant will provide lead and asbestos surveys in the targeted area. Over 170 Brownfields have been identified and this grant will focus on the priority sites selected based on community input, readiness for assessment, reuse potential; potential positive impact on Environmental Justice community; potential to spur further revitalization; and site access. These funds are concentrating on 3 targeted areas, Historic Pineville, Shreveport Common, and Downtown Eunice.
\$75,000	EPA 106 Supplemental Permits and Enforcement Grants - Funds will be used to enhance state permit and enforcement programs. Planned use of funds includes expanding on-line permitting capabilities, providing information technology support and services (including purchase of equipment).
\$73,000	American Rescue Plan funded cooperative agreement to provide funding to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to enhance two mobile air monitoring stations, not currently in use for this project, for deployment to underserved, majority minority areas within the State.
\$112,000	NPS contract match
\$50,000	Brownfield Revolving Loan Q12
\$20,400	Contracts using 604(b) Grant Funds to support restoration and protection activities aimed at attaining or maintaining designated uses and water quality standards include revision of existing TMDLs, waste load allocation analysis, water quality permitting planning.
\$1,395,000	Brownfield 128(a) BIL funds CERCLA Sec. 128(a) and Sec 104(b) provides these funds to support LDEQ for the continuation of the establishment and enhancement of its Voluntary Cleanup Program. LDEQ staff will assist eligible applicants to determine if contamination is present, plan for cleanup and assist or oversee cleanup that leads to redevelopment.
<b>\$10,072,640</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$240,000	Department of Public Safety - Vehicle inspection and maintenance program for emissions controls
\$169,234	Louisiana Technical College - Baton Rouge Community College to serve as a challenge station for the public when they have concerns about On-Board Diagnostic test results as required by 40 CFR 51.368(b).
\$1,869,422	Department of Transportation and Development - Volkswagen Contract
\$82,575	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$115,330	Agriculture and Forestry - Building rent for Air Field section
<b>\$2,476,561</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$12,549,201</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>



### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$85,000	Replacement of two (2) vehicles
\$241,500	Replacement of various field and testing equipment
<b>\$326,500</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 8565-01** Through the Air Planning & Assessment Activity, to assess and protect the general public's safety regarding ambient air quality analysis statewide in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Percent of ambient air data captured and reported per the federal requirements for criteria air pollutants	95	93	93	93	93

### General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024
Number of stack test reviews completed	136	141	90	10	144

**Objective: 8565-02** Through the Water Planning & Assessment Activity, to assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Cumulative number of watersheds where management measures and/or inspections are being implemented to reduce non-point source pollution discharges	20	20	20	20	20
[K] Percent of municipalities implementing planned wastewater improvements to ultimately ensure compliance with the federal Clean Water Act using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.	100	100	100	100	100
[S] Percent of water data received that is evaluated for technical acceptability for criteria development, assessments, or modeling activities within 90 days.	100	96	96	96	96
[K] Percent of verified mercury fish tissue sampling results posted within 30 days on DEQ website Water Data Portal	100	96	96	96	96
[K] Percent of official fish consumption advisories posted within 30 days on DEQ website	100	96	96	96	96
[K] Number of drinking water source equivalent (DWSE) assessments updated, minimizing risk to public health by source water protection	202	200	200	200	200



**General Performance Indicators**

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Number of data packages evaluated for technical acceptability	948	909	936	655	520

**Objective: 8565-03** Through the Remediation Activity, to investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor on-going remediation at abandoned properties and active or closed facilities. During this fiscal year, this Activity will restore 80 sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26
[K] Cumulative number of remediation sites evaluated and closed out	85	80	80	80	80
[K] Cumulative percentage of closed out sites that are ready for continued industrial/ commercial/residential use or redevelopment	100	100	100	100	100

**General Performance Indicators**

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Cumulative number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP)	97	102	104	105	107
Cumulative number of Corrective Action Progress Track (CAPTrack) facilities with remedies selected for the entire facility	50	53	57	60	63
Cumulative number of CAPTrack facilities with remedy completed or remedy construction completed for the entire facility	44	48	52	55	58

**Objective: 8565-04** Through the Remediation Activity, to direct the determination of the extent of contamination both laterally and vertically at sites with pollution and to protect the soil and groundwater resources of the state. During this fiscal year, this Activity will review 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water investigation work plans reviewed	97	96	96	96	96
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water corrective action work plans reviewed	100	96	96	96	96



**Objective: 8565-05** Through the Underground Storage Tank Activity, to investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor on-going remediation at abandoned and active underground storage tank (UST) sites, and ensure the integrity of UST systems at active sites. During this fiscal year, this Activity will restore 92 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting 37% of the active UST sites.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Cumulative number of UST sites evaluated and closed out	86	98	98	92	92
[K] Cumulative percentage of registered underground storage tank sites inspected	37	36	36	37	37

**Objective: 8565-06** Through the Underground Storage Tank Activity, to direct the determination of the extent of contamination both laterally and vertically at UST sites with pollution and to protect the soil and groundwater resources of the state. During this fiscal year, this Activity will review 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received for UST sites.

**Children's Budget Link** Not applicable

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** Not applicable

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** Not applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 23-24	Initially Appropriated FY 24-25	Existing Standard FY 24-25	Continuation Budget FY 25-26	Executive Budget FY 25-26
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed	97	95	95	96	96
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed	95	95	95	96	96