

Department of Environmental Quality



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).
- Increase compliance with environmental laws (both voluntary and mandatory compliance) that meet state and federal mandates.
- Operate in an efficient and effective manner.
- Conduct programs that are consistent with sound policy for employment and economic development.
- Work to enhance customer service.
- Work to provide regulatory flexibility.

Department Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$4,568,830	\$14,079,535	\$16,858,079	\$13,886,452	\$13,853,948	(\$3,004,131)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	4,476,431	4,490,227	4,528,414	3,343,601	3,239,295	(1,289,119)
Fees & Self-generated	96,949,300	104,956,155	107,275,732	110,325,445	108,900,638	1,624,906
Statutory Dedications	9,649,921	10,373,471	11,099,515	10,876,110	10,873,471	(226,044)
Federal Funds	16,696,437	20,282,456	20,742,743	20,312,255	20,290,956	(451,787)
Total Means of Financing	\$132,340,920	\$154,181,844	\$160,504,483	\$158,743,863	\$157,158,308	(\$3,346,175)
Expenditures and Request:						
Office of Environmental Quality	\$132,340,920	\$154,181,844	\$160,504,483	\$158,743,863	\$157,158,308	(\$3,346,175)
Total Expenditures	\$132,340,920	\$154,181,844	\$160,504,483	\$158,743,863	\$157,158,308	(\$3,346,175)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	698	702	702	703	703	1
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	707	711	711	712	712	1
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

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$4,568,830	\$14,079,535	\$16,858,079	\$13,886,452	\$13,853,948	(\$3,004,131)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	4,476,431	4,490,227	4,528,414	3,343,601	3,239,295	(1,289,119)
Fees & Self-generated	96,949,300	104,956,155	107,275,732	110,325,445	108,900,638	1,624,906
Statutory Dedications	9,649,921	10,373,471	11,099,515	10,876,110	10,873,471	(226,044)
Federal Funds	16,696,437	20,282,456	20,742,743	20,312,255	20,290,956	(451,787)
Total Means of Finance	\$132,340,920	\$154,181,844	\$160,504,483	\$158,743,863	\$157,158,308	(\$3,346,175)
Expenditures and Request:						
Office of the Secretary	\$8,153,208	\$8,872,152	\$9,008,152	\$8,704,884	\$8,598,900	(\$409,252)
Office of Environmental Compliance	24,711,955	27,011,750	28,510,769	28,496,751	27,953,288	(557,481)
Office of Environmental Services	16,585,047	17,122,116	18,122,116	17,760,337	17,416,657	(705,459)
Office of Management and Finance	51,102,716	59,097,049	60,593,875	62,100,627	62,057,800	1,463,925
Office of Environmental Assessment	31,787,993	42,078,777	44,269,571	41,681,264	41,131,663	(3,137,908)
Total Expenditures	\$132,340,920	\$154,181,844	\$160,504,483	\$158,743,863	\$157,158,308	(\$3,346,175)



Agency Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Authorized Positions						
Classified	698	702	702	703	703	1
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	707	711	711	712	712	1
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

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$46,364	\$182,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	(\$136,000)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	6,864,592	7,342,127	7,342,127	7,174,352	7,068,875	(273,252)
Statutory Dedications	22,774	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Federal Funds	1,265,842	1,458,661	1,458,661	1,459,168	1,458,661	0
Total Means of Finance	\$8,153,208	\$8,872,152	\$9,008,152	\$8,704,884	\$8,598,900	(\$409,252)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	\$7,750,135	\$8,388,515	\$8,388,515	\$8,033,031	\$8,033,031	(\$355,484)
Operating Expenses	174,265	201,694	201,694	247,555	242,694	41,000
Professional Services	4,388	14,750	14,750	10,105	9,750	(5,000)
Other Charges	188,184	267,193	267,193	267,193	166,425	(100,768)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	36,237	0	136,000	147,000	147,000	11,000
Total Expenditures & Request	\$8,153,208	\$8,872,152	\$9,008,152	\$8,704,884	\$8,598,900	(\$409,252)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	60	60	59	59	59	0
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	69	69	68	68	68	0
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
\$182,364	\$9,008,152	68	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$147,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$100,768)	0	Administrative Law Judges
\$0	\$19,005	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$16,017	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$162,519	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$136,000)	(\$136,000)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	(\$145,475)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$314,911)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$92,639)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$136,000)	(\$445,252)	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	(\$5,000)	0	Adjustment between Office of the Secretary and Office of Environmental Services for the allocation of a court reporting contract used from public meetings.
\$0	\$41,000	0	Adjustment to cover travel, operating services, and supplies of new employees in each program due to the retirement of employees in FY 23-24. Cost will cover several in-house group trainings, increased monitoring activities using the Mobil Air Monitoring Laboratory (MAML), auto and boat equipment repairs, and the renewal of regional office and warehouse leases.
\$0	\$36,000	0	Total Non-Statewide
\$46,364	\$8,598,900	68	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Environmental Trust Fund Account	\$6,567,419	\$7,117,127	\$7,117,127	\$6,949,256	\$6,843,875	(\$273,252)
Waste Tire Management Fund	297,173	225,000	225,000	225,096	225,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	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	22,774	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$4,750	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.
\$9,750	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Other Charges

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Other Charges
\$0	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$98,335	Division of Administrative Law - Administrative Hearings
\$29,888	Division of Administration - For publication of regulations
\$14,450	Division of Administration - State Printing Fees
\$23,752	Office of Technology Services
\$166,425	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$166,425	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$147,000	Replacement of three vehicles.
\$147,000	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

Objective: 8561-01 Through the Executive Administration Activity, to ensure that 95% of the department's program objectives are met 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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of DEQ programs meeting objectives	95	95	95	95	95

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of EnviroSchool class participants who demonstrate comprehension of the core subject matter	97	96	96	96	96
[K] Percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days	100	96	96	100	100



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Number of enviroschool class participants	179	88	809	529	167
Number of enviroschool training sessions	3	2	9	7	2

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[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	99	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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[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	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Number of criminal investigations conducted	23	44	88	72	113
Number of criminal investigations assisted	13	17	13	14	17
Number of administrative cases assisted	26	6	15	9	25
Number of leads	86	75	115	91	202
Number of criminal referrals	11	7	13	14	17
Number of law enforcement network/stakeholder development contacts	75	68	24	33	47



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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of compliance audits conducted of those identified in the annual audit plan	98	96	96	96	96

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees assessed	\$178,897	\$295,473	\$653,018	\$552,501	\$381,414
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties assessed	\$-16,956	\$14,253	\$1,625	\$45,202	\$-8,518
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest assessed	\$195,853	\$281,220	\$651,393	\$507,299	\$389,932
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest collected	\$142,907	\$118,649	\$168,568	\$222,843	\$183,180
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees collected	\$148,941	\$136,100	\$171,056	\$265,189	\$183,237
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties collected	\$6,034	\$17,451	\$2,488	\$42,346	\$57

Objective: 8561-06 Through the Communications Activity, to communicate environmental awareness information statewide to the public through all media formats in FY2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of responses to media requests within 5 business days	100	100	100	100	100

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of media mentions regarding DEQ's actions on environmental issues	8,189	6,325	9,751	10,856	5,854



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 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$40,500	\$255,587	\$1,459,337	\$30,786	\$30,000	(\$1,429,337)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	21,230,681	23,561,960	23,743,122	25,274,763	24,749,085	1,005,963
Statutory Dedications	172,283	31,229	31,229	31,287	31,229	0
Federal Funds	3,268,491	3,162,974	3,277,081	3,159,915	3,142,974	(134,107)
Total Means of Finance	\$24,711,955	\$27,011,750	\$28,510,769	\$28,496,751	\$27,953,288	(\$557,481)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	\$21,835,022	\$23,862,224	\$23,862,224	\$23,812,505	\$23,339,762	(\$522,462)
Operating Expenses	1,381,270	1,567,417	1,567,417	1,683,192	1,645,417	78,000
Professional Services	1,152,253	1,366,999	1,516,324	1,379,944	1,346,999	(169,325)
Other Charges	107,020	215,110	215,110	215,110	215,110	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	236,389	0	1,349,694	1,406,000	1,406,000	56,306
Total Expenditures & Request	\$24,711,955	\$27,011,750	\$28,510,769	\$28,496,751	\$27,953,288	(\$557,481)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	235	239	239	239	239	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	235	239	239	239	239	0
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);

- Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2195);
- The 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)

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$1,459,337	\$28,510,769	239	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$1,406,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$472,743)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$146,045	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$62,464	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$662,926	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$1,203,750)	(\$1,499,019)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	(\$88,078)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$978,239)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$145,163	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$1,203,750)	(\$615,481)	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	(\$20,000)	0	Adjustment to cover a professional services contract for PM2.5 filters between the Office of Environmental Compliance and the Office of Environmental Assessment. These filters are used to catch the smallest of particles flying in the air.
\$0	\$78,000	0	Adjustment to cover travel, operating services, and supplies of new employees in each program due to the retirement of employees in FY 23-24. Cost will cover several in-house group trainings, increased monitoring activities using the Mobil Air Monitoring Laboratory (MAML), auto and boat equipment repairs, and the renewal of regional office and warehouse leases.
(\$225,587)	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution decreasing State General Fund and increasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for the Self-Audit Program that was authorized per Act No. 481 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session.
(\$225,587)	\$58,000	0	Total Non-Statewide
\$30,000	\$27,953,288	239	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-Generated	\$464	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	20,977,324	23,311,960	23,493,122	25,024,703	24,499,085	1,005,963
Waste Tire Management Fund	246,506	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	6,387	20,000	20,000	20,060	20,000	0



Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$1,318	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	167,466	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	3,499	31,229	31,229	31,287	31,229	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$656,361	Laboratory Analysis - Outsourced Analytical Services to provide the analysis of samples collected by the department in support of permitting, surveillance and other department activities.
\$659,963	Federal portion of Lab Analysis Contracts
\$30,675	Lab analysis for Mercury Samples
\$1,346,999	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$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
\$93,000	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$7,450	Division of Administration - State Printing Fees
\$6,250	LSU - Calibration of Survey Meters
\$104,910	Office of Technology Services
\$3,500	Department of Public Safety - Vehicle Applications
\$122,110	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$215,110	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$1,406,000	Replacement of (19) vehicles; (1) boat; (1) outboard motor for inspections; (5) In-situ Aqua TROLL 500 Multi Probe for ambient water quality and compliance monitoring; (13) Radiation Detection Meters for x-ray monitoring; and (12) Multi-rae Upgrade for air monitoring.
\$1,406,000	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of major water facilities inspected	37	30	30	33	33
[K] Percent of significant minor water facilities inspected	20	20	20	20	20
[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	49	50	50	50	50
[K] Percent of waste tire generators inspected	9	10	10	10	10

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of top-rated asbestos projects inspected	329	241	269	297	266
Number of air synthetic minor, minor source, and minor source general permitted facilities inspected.	18	46	238	330	294
Number of hazardous waste large quantity, small quantity, and very small quantity generator facilities inspected.	141	149	174	204	152
Number of Class II water facilities inspected	2	3	124	155	110

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of waterbody subsegments monitored and sampled	25	25	25	25	25

Objective: 8562-03 Through the Surveillance Activity, to address 85% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within 10 business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of environmental incidents and citizen complaints addressed within 10 business days of receiving notification	97	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 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Number of spill notifications	2,881	2,925	2,632	2,443	2,223
Number of citizen complaints	3,085	2,359	2,917	3,151	2,838

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[K] Percent of emergency planning objectives demonstrated	100	100	100	100	100
[K] Percent of radiation licenses inspected	94	90	90	90	90
[K] Percent of x-ray registrations inspected	96	85	85	85	85
[K] Percent of mammography facilities inspected	95	100	100	100	100
[K] Percentage of radioactive material applications for registration, licensing and certification processed within 30 business days of receipt	96	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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[K] Percent of enforcement actions issued within the prescribed timelines	96	80	80	80	80

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals	Prior Year Actuals
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Number of air quality enforcement actions issued	366	349	226	353	331
Number of solid waste enforcement actions issued	561	649	431	548	487
Number of hazardous waste enforcement actions issued	89	85	67	80	212
Number of water quality enforcement actions issued	498	490	499	567	522
Number of radiation enforcement actions issued	193	114	105	134	187
Number of underground storage tanks actions issued	86	88	56	45	51

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 allowing



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 12,000 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 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	13,085,230	13,414,930	13,414,930	14,044,222	13,700,971	286,041
Statutory Dedications	210,794	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Federal Funds	3,289,023	3,207,186	3,207,186	3,216,115	3,215,686	8,500
Total Means of Finance	\$16,585,047	\$17,122,116	\$18,122,116	\$17,760,337	\$17,416,657	(\$705,459)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	\$16,465,427	\$16,962,735	\$16,962,735	\$17,583,270	\$17,242,276	\$279,541
Operating Expenses	73,328	111,520	111,520	124,206	121,520	10,000
Professional Services	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
Other Charges	46,292	47,861	1,047,861	47,861	47,861	(1,000,000)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	\$16,585,047	\$17,122,116	\$18,122,116	\$17,760,337	\$17,416,657	(\$705,459)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	160	160	160	160	160	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	160	160	160	160	160	0
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:
 - Registration fees paid by participants in seminars conducted by the department.
- 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
\$1,000,000	\$18,122,116	160	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	(\$340,994)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$49,592	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$40,126	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$430,254	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$77,151	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$711,802)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$735,214	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$1,000,000)	(\$720,459)	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$5,000	0	Adjustment between Office of the Secretary and Office of Environmental Services for the allocation of a court reporting contract used from public meetings.
\$0	\$10,000	0	Adjustment to cover travel, operating services, and supplies of new employees in each program due to the retirement of employees in FY 23-24. Cost will cover several in-house group trainings, increased monitoring activities using the Mobil Air Monitoring Laboratory (MAML), auto and boat equipment repairs, and the renewal of regional office and warehouse leases.
\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account and increasing federal funds for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) grant for supplies (\$3,500) and the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant for operating services (\$5,000). The AHERA grant provides assistance in reducing asbestos exposure in schools. The SWIFR grant provides for activities that support long-term planning and data collection needed to demonstrate progress toward the National Recycling Goal.
\$0	\$15,000	0	Total Non-Statewide
\$0	\$17,416,657	160	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-Generated	\$16,929	\$19,790	\$19,790	\$19,881	\$19,790	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	12,809,982	13,016,148	13,016,148	13,645,060	13,302,189	286,041
Waste Tire Management Fund	252,741	303,992	303,992	304,281	303,992	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	5,578	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	210,223	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0



Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$5,000	Court Reporting Services for Public Hearings.
\$5,000	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
	This program does not have funding for Other Charges
\$0	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$2,650	Division of Administration - State Printing Costs
\$45,211	Division of Administration/Office of Technology Services
\$47,861	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$47,861	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

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

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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	95	94	94	94	94

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of air permits division work products completed	2,595	1,767	3,052	1,627	1,458
Number of air modeling reviews completed	27	27	49	87	88



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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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	100	85	85	85	85

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of solid waste work products completed	339	360	546	1,444	615
Number of hazardous waste work products completed.	137	126	87	213	236

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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	87.1	90	90	90	90

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of individual water quality permit final decisions including master generals issued	285	419	549	235	293
Number of general water quality permit decisions including stormwater decisions issued	2,022	2,912	2,364	3,100	1,467
Number of water quality certification decisions completed	220	230	173	118	81
Number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed	306	241	383	346	355



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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications processed within established timelines.	89.9	94	94	94	94

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of name, ownership, operator changes completed	644	599	709	393	738
Number of asbestos management plan activities completed	71	110	48	28	14
Number of asbestos accreditation activities completed	3,190	3,040	4,395	3,803	3,620
Number of hazardous waste notification activities completed	951	665	968	1,216	1,546
Number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed	433	414	418	438	459



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.

To administer and provide effective and efficient support and resources to all DEQ Offices and external customers.

The Financial and Administrative 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, General Services Support, and the Customer Service Call Center (call center and equipment reservation services). 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 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$4,063,771	\$13,288,960	\$13,321,960	\$13,320,557	\$13,288,960	(\$33,000)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	42,261,643	40,569,905	42,033,731	43,540,910	43,530,656	1,496,925
Statutory Dedications	2,194,031	2,062,126	2,062,126	2,063,102	2,062,126	0
Federal Funds	2,583,271	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	0
Total Means of Finance	\$51,102,716	\$59,097,049	\$60,593,875	\$62,100,627	\$62,057,800	\$1,463,925
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	\$9,688,086	\$9,755,177	\$9,755,177	\$10,298,821	\$10,298,821	\$543,644
Operating Expenses	444,980	598,430	598,430	645,853	631,430	33,000
Professional Services	1,677,480	1,965,360	1,983,866	2,012,726	1,965,360	(18,506)
Other Charges	39,292,169	46,778,082	48,168,757	49,143,227	49,162,189	993,432
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	87,645	0	0	(87,645)
Total Expenditures & Request	\$51,102,716	\$59,097,049	\$60,593,875	\$62,100,627	\$62,057,800	\$1,463,925
Authorized Positions						
Classified	55	55	56	56	56	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	55	55	56	56	56	0
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 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
\$13,321,960	\$60,593,875	56	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	(\$3,429)	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	\$4,927	0	Capitol Police
\$0	\$18,962	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$31,762	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$14,327	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$136,210	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$2,900	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$0	\$2,079	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	\$154,651	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$33,000)	(\$1,496,826)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	(\$15,546)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$404,208	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$278,868	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$22,906	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	(\$248,009)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$58,873)	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$175,835	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$7,861	0	State Treasury Fees
\$0	(\$1,888)	0	UPS Fees
(\$33,000)	(\$569,075)	0	Total Statewide



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$33,000	0	Adjustment to cover travel, operating services, and supplies of new employees in each program due to the retirement of employees in FY 23-24. Cost will cover several in-house group trainings, increased monitoring activities using the Mobil Air Monitoring Laboratory (MAML), auto and boat equipment repairs, and the renewal of regional office and warehouse leases.
\$0	\$2,000,000	0	Increase in Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Motor Fuel Underground Storage Tank Trust Dedicated Fund Account in Office of Management and Finance to issue grants to Louisiana domiciled Motor Fuel Underground Storage Tank owners to upgrade or improve single-walled motor fuel underground storage tanks for compliancy recommended by federal and state environmental laws.
\$0	\$2,033,000	0	Total Non-Statewide
\$13,288,960	\$62,057,800	56	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-Generated	\$2,478	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,121	\$5,000	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	15,049,919	8,469,412	9,933,238	9,440,163	9,430,163	(503,075)
Motor Fuels Underground Tank	15,743,002	19,249,485	19,249,485	21,249,485	21,249,485	2,000,000
Waste Tire Management Fund	11,458,815	12,791,008	12,791,008	12,791,141	12,791,008	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	7,429	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$1,299,598	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000	\$0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	835,670	422,126	422,126	423,102	422,126	0
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund	996	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	57,767	0	0	0	0	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$250,207	Medical Exams - To detect possible contamination associated with exposure to materials as a result of work related activities.
\$30,711	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.
\$1,684,442	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.
\$1,965,360	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$21,249,485	Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank - To reimburse Response Action Contractors (RACS) of eligible tanks for cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks.
\$186,788	UST Operator Training Program - To administer the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality UST Operator Training Program.
\$12,581,064	Waste Tire Program - Payments to permitted processors for proper disposal of collected waste tires to authorized end use markets.
\$34,017,337	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$8,813,034	Division of Administration - Office of Technology Services
\$2,224,504	Reimbursement for IT services, printings and state mail
\$330,922	Civil Service Fees
\$4,345	Secretary of State - Archive supplies
\$41,160	Division of Administration/Office of Uniform Payroll System - Uniform Payroll System Billing
\$67,622	Division of Administration - Office of State Procurement
\$100,406	Legislative Auditors - Auditing Fees
\$15,905	Banking Fees (Treasury)
\$820,661	Office of Risk Management - Insurance Costs
\$1,731,387	Division of Administration - Galvez Building Rental Costs
\$86,957	Maintenance in State Owned Building
\$434,026	Division of Administration - Office of Contractual Review
\$21,635	Capitol Police
\$195,476	Capitol Park Security
\$57,400	Louisiana Property Assistance Agency - GPS for state vehicles
\$199,412	Department of Transportation and Development (Topographic Mapping)
\$15,144,852	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$49,162,189	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

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

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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.

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, "reasonable 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 Mobile Air Monitoring Lab - a self-contained mobile laboratory 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 also performs Stage I Comprehensive Evaluation Inspections and Stage II Vapor Recovery at gasoline fueling stations to ensure compliance of air quality regulations.

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 10,057 USTs at 3,807 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 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$464,559	\$488,624	\$894,418	\$488,745	\$488,624	(\$405,794)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	4,476,431	4,490,227	4,528,414	3,343,601	3,239,295	(1,289,119)
Fees & Self-generated	13,507,155	20,067,233	20,741,822	20,291,198	19,851,051	(890,771)
Statutory Dedications	7,050,039	7,755,116	8,481,160	8,256,721	8,255,116	(226,044)
Federal Funds	6,289,810	9,277,577	9,623,757	9,300,999	9,297,577	(326,180)
Total Means of Finance	\$31,787,993	\$42,078,777	\$44,269,571	\$41,681,264	\$41,131,663	(\$3,137,908)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	\$19,363,422	\$20,495,698	\$20,495,698	\$20,290,852	\$19,885,516	(\$610,182)
Operating Expenses	1,173,014	1,260,975	1,260,975	1,366,365	1,335,975	75,000
Professional Services	4,878,186	4,725,058	4,792,539	3,608,001	3,494,126	(1,298,413)
Other Charges	5,919,046	15,597,046	17,241,657	15,860,046	15,860,046	(1,381,611)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	454,325	0	478,702	556,000	556,000	77,298
Total Expenditures & Request	\$31,787,993	\$42,078,777	\$44,269,571	\$41,681,264	\$41,131,663	(\$3,137,908)

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY 2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Authorized Positions						
Classified	188	188	188	189	189	1
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	188	188	188	189	189	1
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).
- 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).

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$894,418	\$44,269,571	188	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023

Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$556,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$405,336)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$54,951	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$50,962	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$557,686	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$405,794)	(\$2,190,794)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$96,446	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$850,955)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$113,936)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$405,794)	(\$2,244,976)	0	Total Statewide

Non-Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$20,000	0	Adjustment to cover a professional services contract for PM2.5 filters between the Office of Environmental Compliance and the Office of Environmental Assessment. These filters are used to catch the smallest of particles flying in the air.
\$0	(\$162,000)	0	Adjustment to cover travel, operating services, and supplies of new employees in each program due to the retirement of employees in FY 23-24. Cost will cover several in-house group trainings, increased monitoring activities using the Mobil Air Monitoring Laboratory (MAML), auto and boat equipment repairs, and the renewal of regional office and warehouse leases.



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$0	1	Converts a Non-TO Engineer 5 position to an authorized classified TO position. This position is needed due to the increase in Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) projects being submitted to the agency for timely review, approval, and performance monitoring.
\$0	\$500,000	0	Increase in Statutory Dedications out of the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund to perform site investigations, removal actions, remedial actions and additional environmental services, and support services on approximately fifty-five (55) eligible inactive and abandoned waste sites.
\$0	(\$1,250,932)	0	Reduces funding for the LA Watershed Initiative due to the expenditure amount being less per quarter in FY 24-25 than in FY 23-24. The LA Watershed Initiative is a coordinated, interagency effort with Office of Community Development (OCD) focused on reducing flood risk and increasing resilience throughout Louisiana.
\$0	(\$892,932)	1	Total Non-Statewide
\$488,624	\$41,131,663	189	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-Generated	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	13,507,148	20,067,233	20,741,822	20,291,198	19,851,051	(890,771)

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	\$4,447,027	\$4,935,871	\$5,661,915	\$5,437,197	\$5,435,871	(\$226,044)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	2,507,464	2,578,500	2,578,500	2,578,548	2,578,500	0
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund	7,870	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	87,678	190,745	190,745	190,976	190,745	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$3,171,440	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 State Audit
\$5,000	Environmental Consulting/Certification of OBD Software Updates - To provide ongoing testing and certification of On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) software updates in the vehicle inspection and maintenance program.
\$92,170	Risk Assessment to evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment
\$3,494,126	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$900,000	EPA Grants Nonpoint Source - The nonpoint program is implemented to control particularly difficult or serious nonpoint source pollution problems and to carry out groundwater quality protection as part of a comprehensive nonpoint source pollution control program. This includes planning, assessing, demonstration projects, technical assistance, education, training, and technology transfer for the purpose of protecting groundwater from contamination, reducing nonpoint source pollutant loading, and improving Louisiana's surface water quality.
\$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)
\$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.
\$1,395,000	LUST Trust Fund - These funds will allow DEQ to increase the pace of cleaning up UST releases into the environment that have already occurred, but have not yet been cleaned up. The current program has limited funding and the funds provided for in the ARRA will allow DEQ to respond to petroleum releases from UST's where owners and operators are unknown, unwilling, or unable to take corrective actions themselves, and in emergency situations.
\$12,000	Risk Assessment Superfund - To evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment.
\$826,890	La 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. All projects shall use EPA or California Air Resource Board (CARB) Verified Technologies.
\$4,310,845	Volkswagen Settlement Disbursement to School Boards
\$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	Brownfield 104(k) CWA Grant These grants will provide environmental site assessments at key sites to support the revitalization efforts of Algiers Neighborhood Presidents Council and Old Algiers Main Street. With a focus on restoring vacant neighborhood commercial buildings to provide a space for expanding home-based entrepreneur businesses. The grant will also provide lead and asbestos surveys for key vacant homes in the targeted area
\$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	The purpose of this American Rescue Plan funded cooperative agreement is 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
\$100,000	Exchange Network Grant. This funding will enhance the technical capabilities of the department to streamline and modernize environmental management processes and data collection and reporting
\$50,000	Brownfield Revolving Loan Q12
\$20,400	WQMP TMDL Grant LDEQ will utilize this 604(b) grant to support restoration and protection activities, including modeling and data analysis activities to support Louisiana's Water Permits Program and Nutrient Management Strategy, TMDL revisions, and other non-TMDL (alternative) approaches
\$13,383,485	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$240,000	Department of Public Safety - Vehicle inspection and maintenance program for emissions controls
\$169,234	Louisiana Technical College Baton Rouge Campus - Louisiana Technical 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



Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$5,800	Division of Administration - State Printing Fees
\$76,775	Division of Administration - Office of Technology Services
\$115,330	Agriculture and Forestry - Utility cost for rental building.
\$2,476,561	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$15,860,046	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$556,000	Replacement of 3 vehicles; safety Lights; 2 winches; 3 Outboard Motors; River Ray acoustic Doppler Unit; Water Quality Monitors; PM Mass Analyzer; Canister Sampler; Hydrocarbon Analyzer; Ozone Primary Source Calibrator; 2 Zero Air Generators; Dry Scroll Vacuum Pump; and Ozone Analyzer.
\$556,000	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percent of ambient air data captured and reported per the federal requirements for criteria air pollutants	94	93	93	93	93

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of stack test reviews completed	144	136	141	90	10



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 FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[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	181	200	200	200	200

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of data packages evaluated for technical acceptability	959	948	909	936	655

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 FY 2024-2025, 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 FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Cumulative number of remediation sites evaluated and closed out	72	85	85	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 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Cumulative number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP)	96	97	102	104	105
Cumulative number of Government Performance Result Act (GPRA) facilities with remedies selected for the entire facility	48	50	53	57	60
Cumulative number of GPRA facilities with remedy completed or remedy construction completed for the entire facility	43	44	48	52	55

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 FY 2024-2025 this Activity will review 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received in FY 2024-2025.

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 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water investigation work plans reviewed	100	95	95	96	96
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water corrective action work plans reviewed	99	95	95	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 FY 2024-2025, this Activity will restore 98 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting 36% 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	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25
[K] Cumulative number of UST sites evaluated and closed out	98	120	120	98	98
[K] Cumulative percentage of registered underground storage tank sites inspected	38	37	37	36	36

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 FY 2024-2025, this Activity will review 95% 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 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed	96	95	95	95	95
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed	97	95	95	95	95

