

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 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:					
State General Fund (Direct)	\$14,228,684	\$13,838,127	\$14,874,406	\$11,921,795	\$11,884,913
State General Fund by:					
Interagency Transfers	685,211	165,169	165,169	10,082	10,000
Fees & Self-generated	87,679,535	108,015,641	113,305,271	113,238,962	114,300,637
(155,169)					
995,366					



Department Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Statutory Dedications	8,405,038	10,873,471	11,342,403	10,663,783	10,660,783	(681,620)
Federal Funds	17,443,203	20,425,956	21,366,543	20,554,100	20,525,956	(840,587)
Total Means of Financing	128,441,671	153,318,364	161,053,792	156,388,722	157,382,289	(3,671,503)
Expenditures and Request:						
Office of Environmental Quality	128,441,671	153,318,364	161,053,792	156,388,722	157,382,289	(3,671,503)
Total Expenditures	128,441,671	153,318,364	161,053,792	156,388,722	157,382,289	(3,671,503)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	703	703	703	703	712	9
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	712	712	712	712	721	9
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 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$14,228,684	\$13,838,127	\$14,874,406	\$11,921,795	\$11,884,913	\$(2,989,493)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	685,211	165,169	165,169	10,082	10,000	(155,169)
Fees & Self-generated	87,679,535	108,015,641	113,305,271	113,238,962	114,300,637	995,366
Statutory Dedications	8,405,038	10,873,471	11,342,403	10,663,783	10,660,783	(681,620)
Federal Funds	17,443,203	20,425,956	21,366,543	20,554,100	20,525,956	(840,587)
Total Means of Finance	128,441,671	153,318,364	161,053,792	156,388,722	157,382,289	(3,671,503)
Expenditures and Request:						
Office of the Secretary	8,074,694	8,960,676	8,960,676	9,833,762	9,448,002	487,326
Office of Environmental Compliance	26,385,336	28,371,084	29,305,541	29,288,511	28,440,687	(864,854)
Office of Environmental Services	16,121,323	17,927,355	17,927,355	18,481,685	18,961,307	1,033,952
Office of Management and Finance	50,050,219	63,199,231	63,404,692	64,883,919	67,433,643	4,028,951
Office of Environmental Assessment	27,810,100	34,860,018	41,455,528	33,900,845	33,098,650	(8,356,878)
Total Expenditures	128,441,671	153,318,364	161,053,792	156,388,722	157,382,289	(3,671,503)



Agency Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25		Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Authorized Positions							
Classified	703	703	703	703	703	712	9
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	712	712	712	712	712	721	9
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	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 (OSEC) 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 complements 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 DEQ website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. These activities provide valuable information to the public on DEQ 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 DEQ Annual report and informational and education material and brochures.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$46,364	\$0
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	6,771,066	7,430,651	7,430,651	8,303,162	7,917,977	487,326
Statutory Dedications	20,208	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Federal Funds	1,237,056	1,458,661	1,458,661	1,459,236	1,458,661	0
Total Means of Finance	8,074,694	8,960,676	8,960,676	9,833,762	9,448,002	487,326
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	7,333,749	8,232,316	8,232,316	9,238,970	8,868,895	636,579
Operating Expenses	224,376	262,694	262,694	269,892	262,694	0
Professional Services	395,689	309,750	309,750	218,237	209,750	(100,000)
Other Charges	120,560	100,916	100,916	106,663	106,663	5,747
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	320	55,000	55,000	0	0	(55,000)
Total Expenditures & Request	8,074,694	8,960,676	8,960,676	9,833,762	9,448,002	487,326
Authorized Positions						
Classified	58	60	60	60	59	(1)
Unclassified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Total Authorized Positions	67	69	69	69	68	(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)
 - Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2418)
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205)
 - Oil Spill Contingency Fund (R.S. 30:2483)
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
46,364	8,960,676	69	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$5,747	0	Administrative Law Judges
\$0	\$(276,102)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$714	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$30,254	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$171,854	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(55,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$380,823	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(86,915)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$509,924	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	681,299	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(100,000)	0	Reduces professional services expenditures. Funding includes Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for contracts in the Office of the Secretary (\$100,000), Office of Environmental Compliance (\$200,000), and the Office of Management and Finance (\$181,420).
\$0	\$(93,973)	(1)	Transfers one (1) authorized T.O. position from the Office of the Secretary to the Office of Environmental Assessment. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
0	(193,973)	(1)	Total Non-Statewide
46,364	9,448,002	68	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Environmental Trust Fund Account	6,391,715	7,205,651	7,205,651	8,078,052	7,692,977	487,326
Waste Tire Management Fund	379,350	225,000	225,000	225,110	225,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	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	20,208	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$198,750	Legal Services - To provide legal research and consultation for issues, strategy and litigation as required by the Secretary
\$11,000	Court Reporting - Services required to officially record and transcribe testimony and proceedings for discovery, appeals and hearings.
\$209,750	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges: This program does not have funding for Other Charges for the Fiscal Year
\$0	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$38,573	Administrative Law Judges Fees
\$21,350	Division of Administration - For publication of regulations
\$46,740	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$106,663	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$106,663	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.
\$0	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of EnviroSchool class participants who demonstrate comprehension of the core subject matter	99%	96%	96%	96%	96%
[K] Percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[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 within 5 business days.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
[K] Percent of referrals for which an initial legal review is provided within 30 business days of receipt	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%



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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of criminal cases which meet established criteria and pursuant to La. R.S.30:2025 (F)(4) are referred to appropriate district attorney for criminal prosecution	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of criminal investigations conducted	88	72	113	99	110
Number of criminal investigations assisted	13	14	17	14	45
Number of administrative cases assisted	15	9	25	26	57
Number of leads	115	91	202	172	257
Number of criminal referrals	13	14	17	24	27
Number of law enforcement network/stakeholder development contacts	24	33	47	33	45

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 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of compliance audits conducted of those identified in the annual audit plan	97%	96%	96%	96%	96%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees assessed	653,018	552,501	381,414	1,208,469	470,501
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties assessed	1,625	45,202	-8,518	-25,697	1,940
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest assessed	651,393	507,299	389,932	1,234,166	468,561
Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees and interest collected	168,568	222,843	183,180	154,200	164,642
Total dollar amount of unremitted fees collected	171,056	265,189	183,237	154,200	169,428
Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties collected	2,488	42,346	\$57	\$0	4,786



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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of responses to media requests within 5 business days	89%	100%	100%	100%	100%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of media mentions regarding DEQ's actions on environmental issues	9,751	10,856	5,854	6,334	7,173

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. The 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 shipments 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 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$464,026	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,822	\$30,000	\$0
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	22,212,085	25,031,881	25,862,615	25,926,009	25,101,484	(761,131)
Statutory Dedications	247,149	31,229	31,229	31,295	31,229	0
Federal Funds	3,462,075	3,277,974	3,381,697	3,300,385	3,277,974	(103,723)
Total Means of Finance	26,385,336	28,371,084	29,305,541	29,288,511	28,440,687	(864,854)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	22,558,320	23,849,276	23,849,276	25,166,953	24,417,179	567,903
Operating Expenses	1,377,216	1,791,399	1,791,399	1,840,485	1,791,399	0
Professional Services	1,218,228	1,786,999	1,960,153	1,635,963	1,586,999	(373,154)
Other Charges	171,842	215,110	215,110	215,110	215,110	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	1,059,730	728,300	1,489,603	430,000	430,000	(1,059,603)
Total Expenditures & Request	26,385,336	28,371,084	29,305,541	29,288,511	28,440,687	(864,854)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	240	239	239	239	239	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	240	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);

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

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Organization	Description
30,000	29,305,541	239	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$430,000	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$(749,774)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$65,539	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$100,835	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$730,073	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(728,300)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$(934,457)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$263,260	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(234,711)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$392,681	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(664,854)	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(200,000)	0	Reduces professional services expenditures. Funding includes Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for contracts in the Office of the Secretary (\$100,000), Office of Environmental Compliance (\$200,000), and the Office of Management and Finance (\$181,420).
0	(200,000)	0	Total Non-Statewide
30,000	28,440,687	239	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25				Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
		Enacted FY2025-2026						
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	1,015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	22,042,143	24,781,881	25,612,615	25,675,940	24,851,484			(761,131)
Waste Tire Management Fund	167,094	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000			0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	1,833	20,000	20,000	20,069	20,000			0



Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	5,679	0	0	0	0	0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	180,378	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	61,092	31,229	31,229	31,295	31,229	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$776,999	Laboratory Analysis - Outsourced Analytical Services to provide the analysis of samples collected by the department in support of permitting, surveillance and other department activities
\$780,000	Federal portion of Lab Analysis Contracts
\$30,000	Lab analysis for Mercury Samples
\$1,586,999	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$73,000	Transuranic Waste Shipment - Training of emergency personnel at the state and local levels and preparation of procedures to successfully deal with any radiological emergencies
\$20,000	Inspection activities utilizing the Performance Partnership Grant
\$93,000	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$112,360	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$6,250	LSU Radiation Safety Office for Calibration of Survey Meters
\$3,500	Department of Public Safety - Registration fees for vehicles and boats
\$122,110	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$215,110	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$303,000	Replacement of six (6) vehicles
\$127,000	Replacement of various field and testing equipment
\$430,000	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 each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of major water facilities inspected	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
[K] Percent of significant minor water facilities inspected	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
[K] Percent of air Title V facilities inspected	24%	25%	25%	33%	33%
[K] Percent of operating hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal (HW TSD) facilities inspected	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
[K] Percent of permitted solid waste facilities inspected	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
[K] Percent of waste tire generators inspected	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of top-rated asbestos projects inspected	269	297	266	330	284
Number of air synthetic minor, minor source, and minor source general permitted facilities inspected.	238	330	294	321	328
Number of hazardous waste large quantity, small quantity, and very small quantity generator facilities inspected.	174	204	152	150	130
Number of Class II water facilities inspected	124	155	110	86	84

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 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[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 each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of environmental incidents and citizen complaints addressed within 10 business days of receiving notification	95%	85%	85%	85%	85%



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals				
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Number of spill notifications	2,632	2,443	2,223	1,994	2,075
Number of citizen complaints	2,917	3,151	2,838	2,731	2,468

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 26-27
[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	89%	85%	85%	85%	85%
[K] Percent of mammography facilities inspected	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%
[K] Percentage of radioactive material applications for registration, licensing and certification processed within 30 business days of receipt	92%	95%	95%	95%	95%

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 26-27
[K] Percent of enforcement actions issued within the prescribed timelines	100%	80%	80%	80%	80%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals				
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Number of air quality enforcement actions issued	226	353	331	263	359
Number of solid waste enforcement actions issued	431	548	487	388	346
Number of hazardous waste enforcement actions issued	67	80	212	91	107
Number of water quality enforcement actions issued	499	567	522	456	530
Number of radiation enforcement actions issued	105	134	187	118	139
Number of underground storage tanks actions issued	56	45	51	15	25



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 to live and work in for present and future generations. This will be accomplished by regulating pollution sources through permitting activities, which are consistent with laws and regulations by timely and clearly communicating with the regulated community, and by providing improved public participation. The OES will provide technical guidance for permit applications, improve permit tracking and increase focus on applications with the highest potential for environmental impact.

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

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

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

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

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

The **Public Participation and Permit Support Division (PPPSD)** function is to facilitate public participation and provide administrative, database and certification notifications support to the media-based permit divisions. PPPSD consists of two sections: Permit Support and LELAP (Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program) Section (PLS) and Notifications and Accreditations Section (NAS). PLS provides administrative services to the media permit divisions in processing applications and issuing permits within statutory and regulatory timelines. PLS also processes notifications for Name and Ownership changes. Within the PLS, Permits Application Administrative Review (PAAR) Group receives and analyzes all incoming documents for OES to ensure proper placement into the DEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). PAAR conducts all initial administrative reviews, creates permitting records in DEQ's database, TEMPO, and ensures that all permit fees received are properly handled. The Public Participation Database Support Group (PPDSG) in the PLS ensures that permits generated by OES are properly public noticed as required by state and federal regulation. The group also organizes and conducts all public hearings and/or public meetings for OES. PPDSG manages TEMPO, which is used by permits, inspections, enforcement divisions, and fiscal staff to perform many of their duties. PPDSG also converts federal and state regulations into standard database language for use in permits, inspection checklists, and enforcement documents. LELAP 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 (CAA) registers Solid Waste (SW) Generators and Transporters and conducts certification testing for SW Operators; CAA 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. CAA also reviews asbestos and lead project notifications to ensure contractors are licensed. CAA uses manifests to ensure proper handling of asbestos-related waste by approved transporters and landfills. In addition, CAA 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 (WNR) 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 WNR 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 WNR prepares the annual Hazardous Waste Import/Export Report for the Legislature.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	12,484,954	14,211,669	14,211,669	14,665,278	15,145,621	933,952
Statutory Dedications	440,115	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Federal Funds	3,196,254	3,215,686	3,215,686	3,316,407	3,315,686	100,000
Total Means of Finance	16,121,323	17,927,355	17,927,355	18,481,685	18,961,307	1,033,952
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	15,977,344	17,622,974	17,622,974	18,170,276	18,656,926	1,033,952
Operating Expenses	65,987	121,520	121,520	124,849	121,520	0
Professional Services	74,063	135,000	135,000	138,699	135,000	0
Other Charges	3,928	47,861	47,861	47,861	47,861	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	16,121,323	17,927,355	17,927,355	18,481,685	18,961,307	1,033,952
Authorized Positions						
Classified	160	158	158	158	168	10
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	160	158	158	158	168	10
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

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



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
0	17,927,355	158	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(529,119)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$33,815	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$67,297	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$510,524	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$169,209	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(172,048)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$(61,495)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	18,183	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$803,226	8	Increases Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for eight (8) authorized T.O. positions in the Office of Environmental Services.
\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Federal Funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues from the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for professional services related to Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants.
\$0	\$212,543	2	Transfers two (2) authorized T.O. positions from the Office of Management and Finance to the Office of Environmental Services. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
0	1,015,769	10	Total Non-Statewide
0	18,961,307	168	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	16,885	19,790	19,790	19,894	19,790	0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	12,190,640	13,812,887	13,812,887	14,266,064	14,746,839	933,952
Waste Tire Management Fund	277,311	303,992	303,992	304,320	303,992	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	118	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	440,115	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$35,000	Court Reporting Services for Public Hearings.
\$100,000	Consultant contracts funded by the Solid Waste Infrastructure grant for help with development of the Solid Waste Management Plan
\$135,000	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges: This program does not have funding for Other Charges for the Fiscal Year
\$0	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$47,861	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, telephone services, and printing 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, will provide high quality technical evaluations of air permit applications 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 of applications requesting permit renewals or minor permit modifications, thereby ensuring protection of ambient air quality by limiting air pollutant levels to federal and state standards in each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of air permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	92.5%	94%	94%	94%	94%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of air permits division work products completed	3,052	1,627	1,458	1,410	1,449
Number of air modeling reviews completed	49	87	88	44	39

Objective: 8563-02 Through the Waste Permits Activity, will provide high quality technical evaluations of solid and hazardous waste permit applications 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 of applications requesting permit renewals or minor permit modifications, thereby ensuring statewide control of solid and hazardous waste in each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of solid and hazardous waste permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	70.6%	85%	85%	85%	85%



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of solid waste work products completed	546	1,444	615	751	870
Number of hazardous waste work products completed.	87	213	236	241	260

Objective: 8563-03 Through the Water Permits Activity, will provide high quality technical evaluations of water quality permit applications 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 of applications requesting permit renewals or minor permit modifications, water quality certifications, and biosolids registrations and permits, thereby ensuring proper state-wide control of point source discharges and water quality in each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of water quality permit applications for which a final action is taken within the regulatory established timeframe of 300 days for initial or substantially modified permits	85.7%	90%	90%	90%	90%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of individual water quality permit final decisions including master generals issued	549	235	293	593	260
Number of general water quality permit decisions including stormwater decisions issued	2,364	3,100	1,467	7,588	3,915
Number of water quality certification decisions completed	173	118	81	147	132
Number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed	383	346	355	350	318

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications processed within established timelines.	91.4%	94%	94%	94%	94%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of name, ownership, operator changes completed	709	393	738	346	334
Number of asbestos management plan activities completed	48	56	14	36	46
Number of asbestos accreditation activities completed	4,395	3,803	3,620	3,200	2,941
Number of hazardous waste notification activities completed	968	2,432	1,546	1,247	1,683
Number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed	836	438	459	689	472

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 (OMF) is to provide comprehensive support to all Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Offices and stakeholders, which is necessary to effectuate the Department's mission. This is accomplished by providing financial and administrative services including human resources, accounting and budgeting, and other general services to the department and its employees.

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

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

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

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$13,078,803	\$13,288,960	\$13,288,960	\$11,371,669	\$11,335,746	\$(1,953,214)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	33,975,728	44,672,087	44,877,548	48,272,957	50,859,713	5,982,165
Statutory Dedications	511,817	2,062,126	2,062,126	2,063,235	2,062,126	0
Federal Funds	2,483,871	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	3,176,058	0
Total Means of Finance	50,050,219	63,199,231	63,404,692	64,883,919	67,433,643	4,028,951
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	10,533,490	11,183,663	11,183,663	11,949,823	11,795,697	612,034
Operating Expenses	485,990	631,430	631,430	648,730	631,430	0
Professional Services	1,747,645	1,965,360	1,982,529	1,837,790	1,783,940	(198,589)
Other Charges	37,283,095	49,418,778	49,607,070	50,447,576	53,222,576	3,615,506
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	50,050,219	63,199,231	63,404,692	64,883,919	67,433,643	4,028,951
Authorized Positions						
Classified	56	58	58	58	57	(1)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	56	58	58	58	57	(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)
- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Fees charged on sales of manifest forms and copies.
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
 - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015);
 - Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2195);
 - Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2418);
 - Lead Hazard Reduction Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2351.41).
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205);
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (R.S. 30:2301).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
13,288,960	63,404,692	58	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(68,858)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$28,143	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	\$4,686	0	Capitol Police
\$0	\$27,974	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$4,293	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$29,490	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$231,004	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$2,966	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$0	\$6,131	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	\$174,667	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(205,461)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$9,311	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$906,181	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$201,995	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$103,313	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	\$(68,029)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$(45,499)	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$192,740	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(326)	0	State Treasury Fees
\$(15,706)	\$(15,706)	0	Topographic Mapping
\$0	\$1,624	0	UPS Fees
(15,706)	1,520,639	0	Total Statewide



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$127,275	1	Increases Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for one (1) authorized T.O. position in the Financial Assurance section of the Office of Management and Finance.
\$0	\$2,775,000	0	Increases Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account to transition the department's Tools for Environmental Management and Protection Organizations (TEMPO) application to a vendor hosted cloud server arrangement.
\$(1,833,088)	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account and decreasing State General Fund (Direct) to utilize the current available balance in the fund account.
\$(104,420)	\$(181,420)	0	Reduces professional services expenditures. Funding includes Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for contracts in the Office of the Secretary (\$100,000), Office of Environmental Compliance (\$200,000), and the Office of Management and Finance (\$181,420).
\$0	\$(212,543)	(2)	Transfers two (2) authorized T.O. positions from the Office of Management and Finance to the Office of Environmental Services. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
(1,937,508)	2,508,312	(1)	Total Non-Statewide
11,335,746	67,433,643	57	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	1,537	5,000	5,000	5,137	5,000	0
Environmental Trust Fund Account	7,781,021	9,239,873	9,445,334	12,840,455	15,427,499	5,982,165
Motor Fuels Underground Tank	15,016,929	21,249,485	21,249,485	21,249,485	21,249,485	0
Waste Tire Management Fund	11,175,034	14,122,729	14,122,729	14,122,880	14,122,729	0
Lead Hazard Reduction Fund	1,205	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	133,275	1,640,000	1,640,000	1,640,000	1,640,000	0
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	378,543	422,126	422,126	423,235	422,126	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$172,726	Medical Exams - To detect possible contamination associated with exposure to materials as a result of work related activities.
\$30,000	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.
\$1,581,214	Document Management System
\$1,783,940	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$21,249,485	Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank - To reimburse Response Action Contractors (RACS) for cleanup of program eligible leaking underground storage tanks.
\$186,788	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Operator Training Program
\$13,912,785	Waste Tire Program
\$35,349,058	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$8,962,225	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$2,392,882	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$371,893	Civil Service Fees
\$4,345	Secretary of State - Archive supplies
\$40,056	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$42,042	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$108,979	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$16,194	State Treasury Fees
\$754,450	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$1,824,431	Rent in State-owned Buildings
\$97,287	Maintenance in State-owned Buildings
\$22,373	Capitol Police Fees
\$230,255	Capitol Park Security Fees
\$47,400	Louisiana Property Assistance Agency - GPS for state vehicles
\$183,706	Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) - Topographic Mapping Fees
\$2,775,000	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees - TEMPO vendor hosted cloud server arrangement
\$17,873,518	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$53,222,576	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

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

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of completed business transactions	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[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 (OEA) is to maintain and enhance the environment of the state in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Louisiana. This program provides an efficient means to develop, implement and enforce regulations, assess, inventory, monitor and analyze releases, and pursue efforts to prevent and to remediate contamination of the environment. The OEA also strives to develop plans and projects to assist stakeholders via financial assistance in environmental restoration and protection actions.

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

The **Air Planning and Assessment Division (APAD)** evaluates the overall quality of the air resources of the state. APAD is responsible for developing and maintaining Louisiana's State Implementation Plan (SIP), which describes control strategies to address all areas within the state for all federally mandated ambient air quality standards. The APAD is responsible for developing comprehensive criteria and toxic pollutant emissions inventories for Louisiana and reports these to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. APAD works closely with the regulated community, trade groups, and other state and federal agencies to develop and maintain high quality and current emissions data. The data is used in developing effective rules and regulations, "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 two Mobile Air Monitoring Labs - self-contained mobile laboratories capable of real-time sampling and analysis; and develops and oversees the federally mandated vehicle Inspection and Maintenance program for areas that are not attaining the federal ozone standard. The APAD represents the department and participates directly in the development of federally required transportation conformity analyses for the state's air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas where applicable. APAD coordinates the development of required motor vehicle emissions budgets and reviews federal aid projects proposed in the state to advise project sponsors of specific general conformity requirements. The staff is also working with gasoline fueling stations to decommission Stage II Vapor Recovery systems.

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

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

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

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

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$639,490	\$472,803	\$1,509,082	\$472,940	\$472,803	\$(1,036,279)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	685,211	165,169	165,169	10,082	10,000	(155,169)
Fees & Self-generated	12,235,703	16,669,353	20,922,788	16,071,556	15,275,842	(5,646,946)
Statutory Dedications	7,185,748	8,255,116	8,724,048	8,044,253	8,042,428	(681,620)
Federal Funds	7,063,947	9,297,577	10,134,441	9,302,014	9,297,577	(836,864)
Total Means of Finance	27,810,100	34,860,018	41,455,528	33,900,845	33,098,650	(8,356,878)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	18,936,824	20,228,342	20,228,342	21,225,665	20,471,584	243,242
Operating Expenses	911,588	1,335,975	1,350,612	1,372,581	1,335,975	(14,637)
Professional Services	1,146,132	420,000	447,697	431,508	420,000	(27,697)
Other Charges	6,652,160	12,549,201	18,989,342	10,467,091	10,467,091	(8,522,251)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	163,395	326,500	439,535	404,000	404,000	(35,535)
Total Expenditures & Request	27,810,100	34,860,018	41,455,528	33,900,845	33,098,650	(8,356,878)



Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Authorized Positions						
Classified	189	188	188	188	189	1
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorized Positions	189	188	188	188	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)
- Interagency Transfers derived from:
 - Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
 - Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 30:2015).
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund (R.S. 30:2205);
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (R.S. 30:2301);
 - Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (R.S. 30:2551);
 - Oil Spill Contingency Fund (R.S. 30:2483).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
 - Department of Defense

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Organization	Table of Organization	Description
1,509,082	41,455,528	188	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025	
Statewide Adjustments				
\$0	\$404,000	0		Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$(848,054)	0		Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$40,071	0		Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$77,179	0		Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$572,181	0		Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(326,500)	0		Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$(1,036,279)	\$(6,595,510)	0		Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$190,806	0		Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(199,376)	0		Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$316,462	0		Salary Base Adjustment
(1,036,279)	(6,368,741)	0		Total Statewide



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(212,688)	0	Adjusts Statutory Dedications out of the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account and decreasing Interagency Transfers from the Office of Community Development as the agency is no longer receiving funding for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, and the position receiving this funding has been transferred into the Water Permits division.
\$0	\$(1,869,422)	0	Reduces Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account for the Volkswagen Settlement expenditures due to the projects nearing completion.
\$0	\$93,973	1	Transfers one (1) authorized T.O. position from the Office of the Secretary to the Office of Environmental Assessment. Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.
0	(1,988,137)	1	Total Non-Statewide
472,803	33,098,650	189	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Environmental Trust Fund Account	12,235,703	16,669,353	20,922,788	16,071,556	15,275,842	(5,646,946)

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	4,729,196	5,435,871	5,904,803	5,224,690	5,223,183	(681,620)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	2,359,546	2,578,500	2,578,500	2,578,555	2,578,500	0
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Oil Spill Contingency Fund	97,006	190,745	190,745	191,008	190,745	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$135,000	Ozone Episode Index Forecasting
\$135,000	Ambient Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 Grant compliance data
\$70,000	Conduct Performance Site Audits
\$5,000	Environmental consulting/certification of OBD software updates
\$75,000	Risk Assessment to evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment
\$420,000	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$900,000	EPA Grants Nonpoint Source (NPS) Sec. 319(h) - The nonpoint program is implemented to control particularly difficult or serious nonpoint source pollution problems and to carry out groundwater quality protection activities 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.
\$3,340,194	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
\$125,000	EPA 106 Monitoring Initiatives Clean Water Act: Sec. 106 - The objective of the project is for the recipient to conduct ambient water quality monitoring. The objectives include expanding data collections and analysis as well as developing a dissolved oxygen/slope relationship in Louisiana streams. The Clean Water Act Sect. 106 authorizes funds to assist states in establishing and maintaining their overall water pollution control program.
\$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
\$175,000	Contracts using Hurricane Harvey LUST grant to provide for site assessment and site cleanup projects at underground storage tank sites in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey
\$12,000	Risk Assessment to evaluate conditions and threats to determine their risk to human health and the environment.
\$826,890	Clean Diesel Grant Federal Funding that will allow DEQ to provide funds for Louisiana Clean Diesel Grant Program for projects that maximize the benefits of diesel emissions reductions by retrofitting, upgrading, replacement, or reduced idling from on-road and off-road diesel engines and equipment.
\$500,000	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	EPA 106 Supplemental Permits and Enforcement Grants - Funds will be used to enhance state permit and enforcement programs. Planned use of funds includes expanding on-line permitting capabilities, providing information technology support and services (including purchase of equipment).
\$73,000	American Rescue Plan funded cooperative agreement to provide funding to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to enhance two mobile air monitoring stations, not currently in use for this project, for deployment to underserved, majority minority areas within the State.
\$112,000	NPS contract match
\$50,000	Brownfield Revolving Loan
\$20,400	Contracts using 604(b) Grant Funds to support restoration and protection activities aimed at attaining or maintaining designated uses and water quality standards include revision of existing TMDLs, waste load allocation analysis, water quality permitting planning.
\$1,295,000	Brownfield 128(a) BIL funds CERCLA Sec. 128(a) and Sec 104(b) provides these funds to support DEQ for the continuation of the establishment and enhancement of its Voluntary Cleanup Program. DEQ staff will assist eligible applicants to determine if contamination is present, plan for cleanup and assist or oversee cleanup that leads to redevelopment.
\$100,000	Exchange Network grant funds to enhance the technical capabilities of the department to streamline and modernize environmental management processes and data collection and reporting.
\$9,359,952	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 Community College to serve as a challenge station for the public when they have concerns about On-Board Diagnostic test results as required by 40 CFR 51.368(b).
\$500,000	Department of Transportation and Development - Volkswagen Contract
\$82,575	Division of Administration - Messenger service fees, mail services, telephone services, and printing services
\$115,330	Agriculture and Forestry - Building rent for Air Field section
\$1,107,139	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$10,467,091	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$253,000	Replacement of four (4) vehicles
\$151,000	Replacement of various field and testing equipment
\$404,000	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 each fiscal year.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of ambient air data captured and reported per the federal requirements for criteria air pollutants	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of stack test reviews completed	141	90	10	144	184

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Cumulative number of watersheds where management measures and/or inspections are being implemented to reduce non-point source pollution discharges	20	20	20	16	16
[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	201	200	200	200	200



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals				
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Number of data packages evaluated for technical acceptability	909	936	655	520	1,059

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 26-27
[K] Cumulative number of remediation sites evaluated	128	80	80	100	100
[K] Cumulative percentage of evaluated remediation 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				
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Cumulative number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP)	102	208	105	107	108
Cumulative number of Corrective Action Progress Track (CAPTrack) facilities with remedies selected for the entire facility	53	114	60	63	64
Cumulative number of CAPTrack facilities with remedy completed or remedy construction completed for the entire facility	48	104	55	58	60
Cumulative number of evaluated remediation sites closed out	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	72	85	128

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 by reviewing 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals	Initially Appropriated	Existing Standard	Continuation Budget	Executive Budget
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 26-27
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water investigation work plans reviewed	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%
[K] Cumulative percentage of soil and ground water corrective action work plans reviewed	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%



Objective: 8565-05 Through the Underground Storage Tank Activity, to investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor on-going remediation at abandoned and active underground storage tank (UST) sites, and ensure the integrity of UST systems at active sites. During this fiscal year, this Activity will restore 90 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting 37% of the active UST sites.

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Cumulative number of UST sites evaluated and closed out	94	92	92	90	90
[K] Cumulative percentage of registered underground storage tank sites inspected	36%	37%	37%	37%	37%

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

Children's Budget Link Not applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not applicable

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

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%
[K] Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%