

Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Five Year Strategic Plan

July 1, 2026- June 30, 2031

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Department of Environmental Quality

Strategic Plan

Executive Summary

This strategic plan covers 2026 to 2031.

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:

1. Protect health, safety and welfare by protecting and improving the environment (land, water, and air).
2. Increase compliance with environmental laws (both voluntary and mandatory compliance) that meet state and federal mandates.
3. Operate in an efficient and effective manner.
4. Conduct programs that are consistent with sound policy for employment and economic development.
5. Work to enhance customer service.
6. Work to provide regulatory flexibility.

Each office and ancillary in the Department has developed a segment of the Department's Strategic Plan. Each office and ancillary has a mission, goals and objectives that align with the goals of the department. These offices are the Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance and Office of Environmental Assessment and the Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds.

In accordance with Act 1078, the Department has an array of agency wide 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.

All Department employees, officials, and organizations will comply with the Department's Records Management Policy and all related policies and procedures issued by the Department's Records Management Section. All employees are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and handling of records that they create, receive, and access as part of official Departmental

business. LaGov performance data is to be maintained in agency databases and spreadsheets in accordance with the official Department Records Management Policy. This data will be continuously reviewed for accuracy and integrity by division administrators and management for each office prior to reporting.

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Vision

Louisiana is a recognized leader in the protection of the environment, natural resources, health and the quality of life. A spirit of cooperation and trust exists between state government, local government, business, universities, and private citizens in seeking solutions to environmental problems. The healthy, scenic environment, complementary job opportunities, and unique culture of Louisiana all create an unmatched quality of life.

Mission

The mission of the Department of Environmental Quality 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.

Philosophy

- The Department of Environmental Quality is an assertive proponent of a clean and healthy environment accomplishing its mission through regulatory and non-regulatory means to achieve a balance that sacrifices neither economic growth nor environmental protection.
- Decisions made by the Department of Environmental Quality are open, fair, consistent, and based on comprehensive scientific information applied in accordance with the law.
- The Department of Environmental Quality encourages stakeholder and public participation in consideration of environmental issues.
- The Department of Environmental Quality emphasizes and supports innovative and effective programs.
- The Department of Environmental Quality promotes environmental awareness through education.
- The Department of Environmental Quality supports enhanced customer service, outreach and small business assistance.

Goals

- The Department of Environmental Quality will protect health, safety, and welfare by protecting and improving the environment (land, water, air).
- The Department of Environmental Quality will increase compliance with environmental laws (both voluntary and mandatory compliance) that meet state and federal mandates.
- The Department of Environmental Quality will operate in an efficient and effective manner.
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Mission

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

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- The Department of Environmental Quality encourages stakeholder and public participation in consideration of environmental issues.
- The Department of Environmental Quality emphasizes and supports innovative and effective programs including but not limited to Pollution Prevention, waste minimization, recycling and regulatory flexibility.

- The Department of Environmental Quality promotes environmental awareness through education.
- The Department of Environmental Quality supports enhanced customer service, outreach and small business assistance.

Goal

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 of the Office of the Secretary provides executive oversight and leadership to the five program offices 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.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Provide management guidance, final decision-making authority and coordination of policies within DEQ and with other government agencies.
- 1.2 Implement the Strategic Plan to ensure that budgetary allotments and policy support DEQ's mandate to protect the environment.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percent of DEQ programs meeting objectives.

Objective 1:

The Office of the Secretary through the business and community outreach activity will 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.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Maintain a Small Business/Small Community compliance assistance program.
- 1.2 Provide environmental regulatory technical assistance and information to small businesses and communities (Small Business/Small Community Environmental Assistance Program).
- 1.3 Provide educational environmental training to the public through the EnviroSchool program.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Percent of EnviroSchool class participants who demonstrate comprehension of the core subject matter.

Efficiency: Percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days.

Objective 2:

The Office of the Secretary through the legal affairs activity will 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.

Strategies:

- 2.1 Conduct peer review of targeted enforcement actions and review for legal sufficiency all enforcement documents submitted to the Legal Division.
- 2.2 Review permit actions submitted to the Legal Division to assure that the contents comply with law, regulations, and rulings by reviewing courts.
- 2.3 Provide a timely response to requests for legal opinions using a fixed format for formal opinions, e-mail for fast turnarounds, and verbal responses where necessary.
- 2.4 Promulgate required regulations in accordance with the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act and the Administrative Procedures Act.
- 2.5 Respond to requests for information and complaints in a timely and professional manner consistent with law and regulation.
- 2.6 Engage in outreach to communities to assist in environmental education.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Percent of referrals for which an initial legal review is provided within 30 business days of receipt.
 Percent of legally supported decisions sustained after challenge.
 Percent of responses by Ombudsman to complaints involving public participation within five business days.

Objective 3:

The Office of the Secretary through the criminal investigations activity will ensure that 100 % of the criminal cases investigated by LDEQ 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.

Strategies:

- 3.1 Utilize criminal prosecution to supplement and support the traditional administrative enforcement process.

- 3.2 Provide training on criminal and other environmental enforcement protocols to department staff, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other stakeholders.
- 3.3 Provide coordination in cases involving cross-program or multi-agency efforts for criminal investigation or prosecution.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: 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.
- Input (GPI) Number of criminal leads
- Output (GPI) Number of criminal investigations conducted
 Number of criminal referrals
 Number of criminal investigations assisted
 Number of administrative cases assisted
 Number of law enforcement network/stakeholder development contacts

Objective 4:

The Office of the Secretary, through the audit activity, will 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.

Strategies:

- 4.1 Conduct audits and reviews of tire dealers and waste tire processors to ensure compliance with Waste Tire Regulations.
- 4.2 Conduct audits and reviews of motor fuel distributors to ensure compliance with Motor Fuel Trust Regulations.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: Percent of compliance audits conducted of those identified in the annual audit plan.
- Output (GPI): Total dollar amount of unremitted fees assessed.
 Total dollar amount of unremitted fees collected.
 Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties assessed.
 Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties collected.
 Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees, and interest assessed.
 Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees, and interest collected.

Objective 5:

The Office of the Secretary through the communications activity will communicate environmental awareness information statewide to the public through all media formats in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 5.1 Respond to all calls and inquiries from reporters seeking information regarding environmental issues honestly, factually and quickly.
- 5.2 Schedule and arrange for television, radio and print media interviews with executive and technical program staff.
- 5.3 Prepare technical staff addressing the media and assist with interviews.
- 5.4 Arrange and conduct press conferences and other media events to promote environmental awareness.
- 5.5 Using the LDEQ website to provide information, real time environmental data, public records, online submissions, bill payment, forms, and online reporting of environmental incidents and accidents. Utilize Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X to promote environmental awareness
- 5.6 Prepare brochures, educational materials, PowerPoints and educational support aids for the department. Produces videos on pertinent and informational subjects.
- 5.7 Produce an e-newsletter monthly concerning LDEQ activities, providing timely information and providing quarterly summaries for enforcement actions, settlement agreements, air permits, water permits and solid and hazardous waste permits.

Performance Indicators:

Efficiency:	Percent of responses to media requests within five business days.
Outcome (GPI):	Number of media mentions regarding DEQ's actions on environmental issues.

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Business and Community Outreach

Objective 1: The Office of the Secretary through the business and community outreach activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Percent of Enviroschool class participants who demonstrate comprehension of the core subject matter.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23688.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator demonstrates the successful educational awareness results achieved by conducting these classes. This indicator directly relates to the overall mission and goal of the objective through education and training of participants. The indicator is reliable and thorough demonstration of comprehension of the subject matter, participants are empowered to improve environmental compliance and protection.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is collected from class evaluation surveys.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of participants indicating their comprehension of the knowledge presented is divided by the total number of class participants.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Participants are required to complete evaluation forms. Data is maintained in an internal MS Excel Spreadsheet.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Business and Community Outreach

Objective 1: The Office of the Secretary through the business and community outreach activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9768.

1. Type and Level: Efficiency, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator shows the percent of responses to request for (technical) compliance assistance within 90 days.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Requests for compliance assistance are entered into the state's TEMPO360 (formerly Advantage RM) data system.. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to TEMPO360. Data entry occurs after completion of the task (no later than 30 days). Data is reported quarterly (or as needed).
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of requests relative to the total number of requests received within the requisite time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of responses to requests for compliance assistance within 90 days. Data is collected quarterly (or as needed).
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. All responses are documented in TEMPO360 and data is maintained in an internal MS Excel Spreadsheet.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Legal Affairs

Objective 2: The Office of the Secretary through the legal affairs activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Percent of referrals for which an initial legal review is provided within 30 business days of receipt.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9747.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: Actions taken by DEQ are subject to constitutional and statutory due process and numerous other legal requirements. It is important that timely legal review be performed and that the best legal advice be provided prior to each government act, to assure that DEQ acts within its statutory authority and in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, agreements, and jurisprudence. Proactive legal consultation assists DEQ in avoiding errors and the consequent costs in time, effort, and expense to correct errors and to respond to legal challenges based on those errors.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Attorneys maintain case status reports. Quarterly, the attorney, attorney supervisor and the deputy general counsel meet and discuss the status and progress of each assigned case. Attorney Supervisors also oversee daily work activity. In addition, each Section maintains various dockets for each assigned area. Requests for legal review, legal advice, and legal opinion may be received in person, in writing, or electronically; these are logged into Excel spreadsheets by Legal Division support staff.
6. Calculation Methodology: Referrals are tallied to report the number of referrals received relative to the total number of referrals reviewed within the requisite time frame. Data is collected from reports generated from spreadsheets as needed.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Dockets are maintained by paralegals for each Section.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

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Indicator Name: Percent of legally supported decisions sustained after challenge.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23142.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: Even in the absence of errors, DEQ actions can be challenged through administrative and judicial processes. The Legal Division provides or coordinates legal representation to respond to legal challenges in any forum. Legal challenge to DEQ decisions occurs by filing of a lawsuit, appeal, or complaint to a court, quasi-judicial tribunal or other government agency. Such challenges result in settlement or one or more judicial or quasi-judicial decisions upholding the DEQ decision, overturning the decision, or referring the matter back to the agency for further proceedings. Proactive legal support promotes decision-making in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; based on scientifically supportable, accurate, and objective facts; and proper documentation. Such decisions are most likely to avoid legal challenge or, if challenged, be upheld.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information is available through the General Counsel from dockets maintained by each section.
6. Calculation Methodology: The percentage of legally supported decisions sustained after challenge is calculated by subtracting, from the total of all legally supported DEQ decisions challenged and sustained, the number of legally supported DEQ decisions challenged and not sustained.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. The Legal Division staff maintains daily written and electronic records of lawsuits, appeals, and other complaints received, as well as the documentation of court, quasi-judicial tribunal, and other government agency decision on such matters. Upon receipt of any lawsuit, complaint, or appeal, an attorney is assigned primary responsibility for handling or monitoring. Quarterly case status reports to include the status of all such assigned matters are made by attorneys to supervisors.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

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Indicator Name: Percent of responses by Ombudsman to complaints involving public participation within 5 business days.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23686.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the ability of the Ombudsman to address complaints in a timely manner.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All complaints are recorded and tracked through the response and resolution process by the Ombudsman.
6. Calculation Methodology: The percent of responses to complaints within 5 days is divided by the total number of complaints received during the same timeframe.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Records of complaints and responses thereto are maintained by the ombudsman.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Criminal Investigations

Objective 3: The Office of the Secretary through the criminal investigations activity will ensure that 100% of the criminal cases investigated by LDEQ 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.

Indicator Name: 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.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 3727.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the percent of criminal cases that meet the established criteria in La. R.S. 30:2025(F)(4) for willful and knowing violations that are referred to the appropriate district attorney. These criminal cases involve offenders who do not respond to, or are subject to traditional criminal enforcement measures employed by the department.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are derived by comparing the number of criminal cases referred to the prosecutor with the number of criminal cases investigated which meet established criteria for referral.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Cases investigated vs. actual prosecutions – once a criminal case has been submitted to a prosecutor, prosecutors have broad authority in deciding whether to prosecute cases. Some prosecutors are more knowledgeable in the field of environmental crime and are therefore more effective than others.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database is highly sensitive and confidential.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Criminal Investigations

Objective 3: The Office of the Secretary through the criminal investigations activity will ensure that 100% of the criminal cases investigated by LDEQ 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.

Indicator Name: Number of criminal investigations conducted.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 12450.

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: Criminal cases are opened once leads have been initially screened. Not all leads become criminal cases. Only leads that meet established criteria are developed into criminal cases. This indicator merely measures leads that meet established screening criteria that warrant further action.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database highly sensitive and confidential.
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Indicator Name: Number of leads.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 24418.

1. Type and Level: Input, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: Criminal Leads are the initial complaints received by LDEQ CID that require action and LDEQ CID development contacts. This indicator merely measures the initial complaints received by LDEQ CID and generated development contacts. Leads that do not meet established criteria for criminal investigation are documented and closed with no further action by LDEQ CID. Leads that meet established criteria for further criminal investigation are developed into criminal cases.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database is highly sensitive and confidential.
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Indicator Name: Number of criminal referrals.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 24419.

1. Type and Level: Input, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: Criminal referrals are cases that meet the criteria established in La. R.S. 30:2025 (F)(4) that are referred to the appropriate district attorney for prosecution. Not all criminal cases that are investigated meet the criteria established in La. R.S. 30:2025(F)(4); therefore, not all criminal cases are referred to the appropriate district attorney for prosecution. This indicator measures only those cases that meet established criteria which are referred to the appropriate district attorney for prosecution.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database highly sensitive and confidential.
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Activity: Criminal Investigations

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Indicator Name: Number of criminal investigations assisted.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 12452.

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: LDEQ CID assists other law enforcement agencies with investigations which may or may not be directly associated with environmental crimes. This indicator measures the instances where LDEQ CID assists another law enforcement agency in an investigation or activity.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database is highly sensitive and confidential.
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Indicator Name: Number of administrative cases assisted.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 22205.

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: LDEQ CID assists other divisions within the Department and other state agencies with investigations which may or may not be directly associated with environmental crimes. This indicator measures the instances where LDEQ CID assists another division within LDEQ or state government with the civil or administrative enforcement of state regulations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database is highly sensitive and confidential.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Criminal Investigations

Objective 3: The Office of the Secretary through the criminal investigations activity will ensure that 100% of the criminal cases investigated by LDEQ 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.

Indicator Name: Number of law enforcement network/stakeholder development contacts.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 24420.

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: LDEQ CID presents environmental crime awareness information to members of law enforcement, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and citizens. This indicator measures the instances where LDEQ CID personnel contact persons for the purposes of environmental crimes awareness.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Procedures for gathering the relevant available data are well established and reviewed periodically by supervisory and management staff along with the section analyst to ensure effectiveness.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculations are based on a simple count of the actions that are being tracked by performing searches of the database on those particular fields of information.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. All performance indicator data for LDEQ CID is maintained and derived from the LDEQ CID database. This database tracks all of LDEQ CID's leads, cases, referrals, administrative assists, criminal assists, and law enforcement/stakeholder development contacts. Queries have been developed to produce performance indicator data. All information in the LDEQ CID database is highly sensitive and confidential.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will improve compliance with the department's rules and regulations, including those among the state's wastes tire dealers and motor fuel distributors, by conducting 96% of external compliance audits in the DEQ Annual Audit plan.

Indicator Name: Percent of compliance audits conducted of those identified in the annual audit plan.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9744.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures production of the audit section's external audit function.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All audits are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet
6. Calculation Methodology: The Audit Manager prepares the Annual Audit Plan; all audits are logged into the database once assigned to audit staff. The audits are then tracked until completion. The percent of audits conducted equals the total conducted divided by the total planned.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will improve compliance with the department's rules and regulations, including those among the state's wastes tire dealers and motor fuel distributors, by conducting 96% of external compliance audits in the DEQ Annual Audit plan.

Indicator Name: Total dollar amount of unremitted fees assessed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 12444.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies unremitted fees, which have been assessed.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All assessments are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of assessments is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All assessed fees are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will improve compliance with the department's rules and regulations, including those among the state's wastes tire dealers and motor fuel distributors, by conducting 96% of external compliance audits in the DEQ Annual Audit Plan.

Indicator Name: Total dollar amount of unremitted fees collected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15702.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies unremitted fees, which are subsequently collected.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All collections are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of collections is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All collected fees are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will improve compliance with the department's rules and regulations, including those among the state's wastes tire dealers and motor fuel distributors, by conducting 96% of external compliance audits in the DEQ Annual Audit plan..

Indicator Name: Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties assessed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 12446.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies delinquent fees and penalties assessed for motor fuel.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All assessments are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of assessments is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All delinquent fees and penalties assessed are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

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Indicator Name: Dollar amount of delinquent motor fuel delivery fees and penalties collected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 22021.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies delinquent fees and penalties collected for motor fuels.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All collections are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of collections is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All delinquent fees and penalties collected are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will 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. .

Indicator Name: Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees, and interest assessed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 12448.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies delinquent fees and interest assessed for waste tires.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All assessments are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of assessments is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All delinquent fees, late fees, and interest assessed are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Audit Services

Objective 4: The Office of the Secretary through the audit activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Dollar amount of delinquent waste tire fees, late fees, and interest collected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 13913.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator tallies delinquent fees and interest collected for waste tires.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All collections are tracked by the Audit Manager using a database in MS Access and an external audit tracking MS Excel Spreadsheet. Tracking of collections is accomplished in real time and can be accessed upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: All delinquent fees, late fees, and interest collected are tallied.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Reports are developed to provide the data from the database and spreadsheets (see #6). These reports are maintained in a file for future verification.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Communications

Objective 5: The Office of the Secretary through the communications activity will communicate environmental awareness information statewide to the public through all media formats in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of responses to media requests within 5 business days.

Indicator LaPAS Code: 23140

1. Type and Level: Efficiency; Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures ability of the department responding to requests for information from the media. This indicator was chosen to show the Department response time to media requests. It is public information's goal to be readily accessible to the media and the public and to answer questions and inquiries honestly, factually and quickly.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The public information group tracks this data daily in real time for performance reporting purposes. It is reported quarterly or as needed.
6. Calculation Methodology: The total number of responses within 5 days divided by the total number of media requests producing the results. This is a standard calculation.
7. Scope: The indicator is aggregated for the whole department and all media formats.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. The reported data is taken from email responses and record notation emails to reporter and citizens inquiries. The data is stored on the DEQ server.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of the Secretary

Activity: Communications

Objective 5: The Office of the Secretary through the communications activity will communicate environmental awareness information statewide to the public through all media formats in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of media mentions regarding DEQ's actions on environmental issues.

Indicator LaPAS Code: 23685.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures results of communicating public awareness information regarding the department. This indicator was chosen because it shows the effectiveness of our media efforts. It is calculated through media mentions and stories, TV and radio interviews and stories and articles, web articles and mentions and other trackable sources.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The public information group tracks this data daily utilizing a news collection service for performance reporting purposes. This service was changed to be more inclusive of international, national, regional, local and social media news. Information is reported quarterly or as needed.
6. Calculation Methodology: The total number of articles printed, televised and heard in news media outlets as a result of press releases, interviews, etc. This is a standard calculation.
7. Scope: The indicator is aggregated for the whole department and all media formats.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator is new and has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Media stories, articles and mentions are saved in a database.
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Process Documentation Office of the Secretary

1. General description of strategic planning process implementation.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan fulfills statutory requirements in Act 1465 of the 1997 Legislature. This act stipulates that state agencies will develop strategic plans as part of the performance based budgeting process. Within the parameters of the strategic plan, DEQ can determine appropriate allocation of resources for specific environmental issues. The Strategic Plan provides a systematic approach covering a five-year planning process that will guide the department in achieving its mission and responsibility to protect public health and the environment of the state.

Each budget unit of every department is required to develop a Strategic Plan; in this case this represents the Office of Environmental Quality and Ancillary comprising DEQ. In order to maintain consistency and uniformity department-wide, the Deputy Secretary oversees the process with assistance of a strategic planning coordinator. Therefore, strategic planning applies to all Program Offices and Ancillary within DEQ namely: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance, Office of Environmental Assessment and the Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds.

As noted above, the strategic planning process provides a systematic approach for the department in pursuing its responsibilities to public health and protecting the environment. This approach includes several steps that occur throughout each year and are represented by the following steps:

- Issues identification
- Priority setting
- Direction setting
- Strategic plan composition
- Evaluation/feedback.

2. Identification of the principal clients and users of the program and the specific service or benefit derived by such persons or organizations.

Benefits	Clients
Objective 1: Improved environmental compliance, protection, educational outreach, and technical assistance	Small Business/Small Communities, Citizens of the state
Objective 2: Legal review of documents	DEQ Program areas
Objective 3: Referral of criminal cases	Citizens of the state
Objective 4: External audits of DEQ customers	DEQ Program areas, Legislature, Citizens of the state
Objective 5: Public awareness of environmental information	Citizens of the state.

3. Identification of potential external factors that are beyond the control of the entity and that could significantly affect the achievement of its goals or objectives.
- Changed or additional Federal or State mandates
 - Lack of interest by businesses in participating in non-regulatory programs
4. Statutory requirement or other authority: Environmental Quality Act (Title 30, Title 33, Chapter 21) and the federal Clean Water Act as amended.
5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:
Management review of the current situation and adaptation of needed changes.
6. Explanation of how duplication of effort will be avoided when the operations of more than one program are directed at achieving a single goal, objective or strategy:
No duplication of effort exists.
7. Description of how the performance indicators are used in management decision making and other agency processes:
Performance indicators are used to:
- identify areas where existing resources are insufficient,
 - reallocate resources to areas in need,
 - identify areas where additional resources must be requested

Office of Environmental Quality
Five Year Strategic Plan
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Agency Number: 13-856
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Vision

The Office of Environmental Compliance is committed to the protection of health, safety and welfare of the people and environmental resources of Louisiana, through the processes of inspections, licensing and registration of sources of radiation, and enforcement.

Mission

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 Office of Environmental Compliance protects the citizens of the state by conducting inspections of permitted and non-permitted facilities, responding to environmental incidents such as unauthorized releases, spills and citizen complaints, and by providing compliance assistance to the regulated community when appropriate.

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 Office of Environmental Compliance provides for vigorous and timely resolution of enforcement actions.

Philosophy

The Office of Environmental Compliance will endeavor to operate in a fair and consistent manner, to achieve compliance with environmental regulations, and to ensure protection of our valuable environmental resources and human health. The Office of Environmental Compliance will adopt the following principles to accomplish a successful environmental compliance program:

- Maintain good working relationships with the public and the regulated community through better education regarding environmental problems.
- Operate within the constraints of the law in a fair, objective, and consistent manner that maintains high professional and ethical standards.
- Incorporate effective methods and approaches to problem solving.

Goal

The goals of the Office of Environmental Compliance 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.

Objective 1:

The Office of Environmental Compliance, through the surveillance activity, will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Facilities are selected for inspections, utilizing the procedures outlined in the CMS, to determine compliance with federal and state regulations and to ensure protection of public health and the environment.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Perform compliance inspections of facilities for air, water, hazardous waste, solid waste, and waste tire generators as outlined in the CMS.
- 1.2 Provide requisite compliance data for appropriate databases.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percent of air Title V facilities inspected
 Percent of operating hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal (HW TSD) facilities inspected
 Percent of permitted solid waste facilities inspected
 Percent of major water facilities inspected
 Percent of significant minor water facilities inspected
 Percent of waste tire generators inspected

Output (GPI): Number of top-rated asbestos projects inspected.
 Number of air synthetic minor, minor source, and minor source general permitted facilities inspected.
 Number of hazardous waste large quantity, small quantity, and very small quantity generator facilities inspected.
 Number of Class II water facilities inspected.

Objective 2:

The Office of Environmental Compliance, through the surveillance activity, will monitor and sample approximately 25% of targeted surface water subsegments from 496 named waterbody subsegments statewide annually.

Strategies:

- 2.1 Collect data on the quality of state waters that can be compared to State Water Quality Standards by sampling all ambient water subsegments in the state on a four-year rotation by selecting specific watersheds each year in each region.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percent of waterbody subsegments monitored and sampled.

Objective 3:

The Office of Environmental Compliance, through the surveillance activity, will address 85% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within ten business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 3.1 Respond to unauthorized releases in an expedient manner and ensure an acceptable level of clean up.
- 3.2 Provide timely response to citizen complaints of environmental problems.

Performance Indicators:

Efficiency: Percent of environmental incidents and citizen complaints addressed within ten business days of receiving notification.

Input (GPI): Number of spill notifications.
Number of citizen complaints.

Objective 4:

The Office of Environmental Compliance through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 4.1 Periodically review and update of the Louisiana Peacetime Radiological Response Plan and operating procedures.
- 4.2 Maintain 24-hour readiness to respond to nuclear power plant incidents by providing radiological emergency response training to Emergency and Radiological staff, as well as personnel identified Department-wide.
- 4.3 Maintain radiation survey equipment, air radiation sampling equipment, personnel exposure recording devices and supplies of thyroid blocking drugs.
- 4.4 Maintain currency of the Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) to provide records to FEMA on meeting a subset of planning standards set forth in federal guidance “NUREG-0654, FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 2” regarding training, drills, equipment, public information and media relations.
- 4.5 Provide effective radiation protection by registering radiation-producing machines, by licensing radioactive materials, including Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material, and by the certification of industrial radiographers.
- 4.6 Process and issue completed license and registration action requests.
- 4.7 Perform compliance inspections of facilities with Radiation Licenses as outlined in the CMS.
- 4.8 Perform compliance inspections of facilities with X Ray Licenses as outlined in the CMS.
- 4.9 Perform compliance inspections of facilities with Mammography Licenses as outlined in the CMS.
- 4.10 Maintain 24-hour readiness to respond to chemical releases, transportation accidents and spills requiring air monitoring, sampling, and analysis to determine actual or potential harmful impact to public health or the environment.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Percent of emergency planning objectives demonstrated.
 Percent of radioactive material applications for registration, licensing, and certification processed within 30 business days of receipt.
 Percent of radiation licenses inspected
 Percent of x-ray registrations inspected
 Percent of mammography facilities inspected

Objective 5:

The Office of Environmental Compliance through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 5.1 Issue Cease and Desist Orders within 48 hours of finalization of investigation.
- 5.2 Issue Penalty Assessments within the prescribed time period for completion of the investigation.
- 5.3 Issue Compliance Orders within the prescribed time period for documentation confirming continued non-compliance.
- 5.4 Provide requisite enforcement data for appropriate EPA databases.

Performance Indicators:

Efficiency: Percent of enforcement actions issued within the prescribed timelines.

Output (GPI): Number of air quality enforcement actions issued.

Number of solid waste enforcement actions issued.

Number of hazardous waste enforcement actions issued.

Number of water quality enforcement actions issued.

Number of radiation enforcement actions issued.

Number of underground storage tanks actions issued

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Percent of air Title V facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9756.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance. In 2020 a monitoring and enforcement performance audit for air quality was conducted. The auditors recommended that DEQ should vary when it inspects facilities so they are less predictable. In 2021 an Alternate Compliance Monitoring Strategy was implemented that addressed scheduling and performing inspections of permitted facilities which has increased the variability of inspection dates.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of operating hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal (HW TSD) facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9757.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360. Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of permitted solid waste facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9758.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of major water facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 6886

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

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Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the inspection activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of significant minor water facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 6887.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Indicator Name: Percent of waste tire generators inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9759.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of top-rated asbestos projects inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 25180

1. Type and Level: Outcome; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the demolition and renovation projects inspected annually using the Asbestos Demolition & Renovation Inspection Targeting Strategy. This ensures that asbestos activity at facilities of environmental importance that require an Asbestos Disposal Verification Form (ADVF) receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of top rated priority projects that require ADVFs inspected over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a number of top rated priority projects that require ADVFs that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Indicator Name: Number of air synthetic minor, minor source, and minor source general permitted facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26737

1. Type and Level: Outcome; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator is new and has not been audited. Information for this indicator is accurately maintained and reported from the TEMPO360 data system.
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Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of hazardous waste large quantity, small quantity, and very small quantity generators inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26738

1. Type and Level: Outcome; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator is new and has not been audited. Information for this indicator is accurately maintained and reported from the TEMPO360 data system.
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Activity: Surveillance

Objective 1: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will 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 (CMS) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of Class II water facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26739

1. Type and Level: Outcome; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This is a new indicator and has not been audited. Information for this indicator is accurately maintained and reported from the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 2: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will monitor and sample approximately 25% of targeted surface water subsegments from 496 named waterbody subsegments statewide annually.

Indicator Name: Percent of waterbody subsegments monitored and sampled.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9751.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the success of the ambient water quality monitoring plan. The ambient water quality data that is collected is used by the Department to define environmental problems, to facilitate planning activities and to develop regulatory and non-regulatory pollution control strategies to meet time schedules and requirements of the Clean Water Act. The Clean Water Act and our grant commitments require that all subsegments must be monitored once per four years. Thus, the annual indicator is approximately 25% each year. This indicator reliably measures the success of the ambient water quality monitoring activity.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured. The indicator is based on four year repeating cycle. The waterbody subsegments targeted for sampling are divided into four groups. Approximately 25% is sampled each year. After four years, 100% of the designated water bodies are sampled, and the process begins again.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Surveillance Division staff collects samples with oversight from respective regional supervisory personnel. The Water Planning & Assessment Division and the Surveillance Division are users and trackers of the data sets collected.
6. Calculation Methodology: Simple count and comparison of the number of targeted sites to the number of sites sampled.
7. Scope: The indicator is aggregated of waterbody subsegments over a four year period.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to monitor and sample subsegments on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the legislative auditor. The indicator records whether approximately 25% of the subsegments are sampled annually over a four year period. The calculations are straightforward, based on which subsegments are actually sampled compared to the total number of subsegments. All in-situ monitoring data and sample analysis data are maintained in the Louisiana Environmental Assessment Database (LEAU). This data is available to the public via LDEQ's website.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 3: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will address 85% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within ten business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of environmental incidents and citizen complaints addressed within ten business days of receiving notification.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9764.

1. Type and Level: Efficiency; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures timeliness of response to correct potential emergency or otherwise environmentally damaging situations. It is intended to quickly bring potential violators into compliance with the Environmental Quality Act and to alleviate public concerns related to environmental incidents.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Incident report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by Surveillance Division regional supervisory personnel. Data found in the report form is entered into the TEMPO360 data system. Tracking of the information can be obtained by any person with access to the data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: The TEMPO360 data system contains two fields pertinent to this indicator, namely "Date Assigned to Investigator" and "Date Investigation Initiated". A query of the data system of these fields will provide a computer-generated list of all incidents and the associated response time. The number of incidents to which response time was ten days or less would be divided by the number of incidents received to give the subject indicator.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregation of incident responses in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to respond to complaints can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors noted problems in the methods available to note timeliness of handling incidents. A data system query was developed that collects incident data logged into TEMPO360 by DEQ that provides information relative to response time by field staff.

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Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 3: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will address 85% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within ten business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of spill notifications.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15801.

1. Type and Level: Input, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures timeliness of response to correct potential emergency or otherwise environmentally damaging situations. It is intended to quickly bring potential violators into compliance with the Environmental Quality Act and to alleviate public concerns related to environmental incidents.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Incident report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Data found in the report form is entered into the TEMPO360 data system. Tracking of the information can be obtained by any person with access to the data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: The TEMPO360 data system contains two fields pertinent to this indicator, namely "Date Assigned to Investigator" and "Date Investigation Initiated". A query of the data system of these fields will provide a computer-generated list of all incidents and the associated response time.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregation of incident responses in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to respond to incidents can be diminished by workload (complaint, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors found no problems with the actual numbers of spills recorded by DEQ into TEMPO360.
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Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Surveillance

Objective 3: The Environmental Compliance Program through the surveillance activity will address 85% of reported environmental incidents and citizen complaints within ten business days of receipt of notification from Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of citizen complaints.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15802.

1. Type and Level: Input, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures timeliness of response to correct potential emergency or otherwise environmentally damaging situations. It is intended to quickly bring potential violators into compliance with the Environmental Quality Act and to alleviate public concerns related to environmental incidents.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Incident report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Data found in the report form is entered into the TEMPO360 data system. Tracking of the information can be obtained by any person with access to the data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: The TEMPO360 data system contains two fields pertinent to this indicator, namely "Date Assigned to Investigator" and "Date Investigation Initiated". A query of the data system of these fields will provide a computer-generated list of all incidents and the associated response time.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregation of incident responses in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to respond to complaints can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors found no problems with the actual numbers of complaints recorded by DEQ into TEMPO360.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Emergency and Radiological Services

Objective 4: The Environmental Compliance Program through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of emergency planning objectives demonstrated.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 3672.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures percentage of federal planning standards and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s evaluation criteria satisfied, and determines the adequacy of the Louisiana Peacetime Radiological Response Plan for "reasonable assurance" of public protection in the event of an accident at a fixed nuclear facility affecting the State.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name identifies emergency planning for "reasonable assurance" of public protection in the event of an accident at a fixed nuclear facility affecting Louisiana.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) on meeting federal planning standards and the evaluation reports on FEMA's criteria that are exercised every year are available from the OEC/Emergency and Radiological Services Division and FEMA. Frequency of reporting is determined at the beginning of the fiscal year and reported as needed.
6. Calculation Methodology: If any of the objectives are not completed successfully, then the percent of those successfully completed are calculated with respect to all applicable criteria.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the legislative auditor. FEMA oversees this activity and reviews agency reports and evaluates participation in nuclear power plant drills/exercises to verify that the information is accurate and valid.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Emergency and Radiological Services

Objective 4: The Environmental Compliance Program through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of radioactive material applications for registration, licensing, and certification processed within 30 business days of receipt.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9767.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator demonstrates the staff's efficiency for processing completed applications for radiation registrations, licenses and certifications actions within the designated timeframe.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Radioactive material licenses are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by supervisory personnel. Licenses are entered into the State's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by querying that data system. Licensing data entry occurs on a daily basis as a routine tasks of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the State fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Determined from a log of radiation registrations, licenses and certifications requests. It is determined quarterly or as needed using TEMPO360 report #TPOR0132.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has been audited by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. There were no findings. Information for this indicator is accurately reported from DEQ's TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Emergency and Radiological Services

Objective 4: The Environmental Compliance Program through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding, the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of radiation licenses inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9760.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal databases. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
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7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Emergency and Radiological Services

Objective 4: The Environmental Compliance Program through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of x-ray registrations inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9761.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal data system. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Activity: Emergency and Radiological Services

Objective 4: The Environmental Compliance Program through the emergency and radiological services activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding the operation of nuclear power plants, the use of radiation sources, and radiological and chemical emergencies statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of mammography facilities inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9762.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator is a measure of the permitted facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of facilities selected for inspection each year, using the CMS procedures. This ensures that high priority facilities receive compliance inspections.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Inspection report forms are reviewed for accuracy and completeness by regional supervisory personnel. Inspection report information is entered into the state's TEMPO360 data system and all appropriate Federal data system. Tracking can be accomplished by anyone with access to the inspection data screens within TEMPO360, Inspection data entry occurs on a daily basis as routine task of those assigned this duty. The data is reported on the state fiscal year.
6. Calculation Methodology: Analysis of the TEMPO360 data system will allow for reporting of the number of facilities inspected relative to the total number of selected facilities by category over a specific time frame. The resulting relation will be reported as a percent of facilities that were inspected for a given time frame.
7. Scope: The indicator is an aggregate of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted facilities on a schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, boats, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the legislative auditor in 2002. The auditors recommended that a strategy be developed to ensure facilities of environmental importance be adequately addressed. The CMS was developed to address this recommendation as well as to comply with the newly promulgated statute relative to prioritizing facilities of environmental significance.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of enforcement actions issued within the prescribed timelines.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 9765.

1. Type and Level: Efficiency, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the success of issuance of appropriate enforcement actions in a timely manner for major violations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator is based on the issuance of enforcement actions addressing major violations (high priority violations (HPV)) for the air program and significant noncompliance violations (SNC) for the water and hazardous waste programs, and the issuance of enforcement action for solid waste, radiation, and underground storage tank program violations that pose substantial risk of harm to human health and the environment and/or where there is little to no implementation of the regulations, which thereby, resulted in the violation occurring.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: Computed using the dates of assignment compared to date of issuance according to prescribed timelines.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator was audited by the Legislative Auditor in 2002 and 2003. The auditor found the indicator and the method of calculation used to derive the percentage to be valid, reliable and accurately reported. The method of calculation will be derived using the same data sources and procedures for data entry that was previously audited. Such data is entered into and maintained in the TEMPO360 data system for accuracy. The trackers and data system are backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of air quality enforcement actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15803.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the air quality enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: In 2020 a monitoring and enforcement performance audit for air quality was conducted by the Legislative Auditor. The auditors recommended that DEQ should develop formal time frame goals for issuing enforcement actions beyond existing time frame goals. Processes are in place to improve this timeline. Data is entered into the TEMPO360 data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of solid waste enforcement actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15804.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the solid waste enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from the TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data is entered into the TEMPO 360 data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of hazardous waste enforcement actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15805.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the hazardous waste enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data is entered into the TEMPO360 (formerly Advantage RM) data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of water quality enforcement actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15806.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the water quality enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data is entered into the TEMPO360 data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Activity: Enforcement

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Indicator Name: Number of radiation enforcement actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15807.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the radiation enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data is entered into the TEMPO360 data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Enforcement

Objective 5: The Environmental Compliance Program through the enforcement activity will increase compliance with environmental laws and regulations statewide by implementing a comprehensive enforcement process including regulatory awareness in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of underground storage tanks actions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23485

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the underground storage tanks enforcement actions issued.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly states what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is extracted from TEMPO360 on an as needed basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: A simple count of the media specific enforcement actions issued.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data is entered into the TEMPO360 (formerly Advantage RM) data system for accuracy. The data system is backed up on a regular basis to the network server, thus ensuring the preservation of the data.
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Process Documentation
Office of Environmental Compliance

1. General description of strategic planning process implementation.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan fulfills statutory requirements in Act 1465 of the 1997 Legislature. This act stipulates that state agencies will develop strategic plans as part of the performance based budgeting process. Within the parameters of the strategic plan, DEQ can determine appropriate allocation of resources for specific environmental issues. The Strategic Plan provides a systematic approach covering a five-year planning process that will guide the department in achieving its mission and responsibility to protect public health and the environment of the state.

Each budget unit of every department is required to develop a Strategic Plan; in this case, this represents the Office of Environmental Quality and Ancillary comprising DEQ. In order to maintain consistency and uniformity department-wide, the Deputy Secretary oversees the process with assistance of a strategic planning coordinator. Therefore, strategic planning applies to all Program Offices and Ancillary within DEQ namely: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance, Office of Environmental Assessment and the Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds.

As noted above, the strategic planning process provides a systematic approach for the department in pursuing its responsibilities to public health and protecting the environment. This approach includes several steps that occur throughout each year and are represented by the following steps:

- Issues identification
- Priority setting
- Direction setting
- Strategic plan composition
- Evaluation/feedback.

2. Identification of the principal clients and users of the program and the specific service or benefit derived by such persons or organizations.

Benefits

Objective 1: Media specific inspections identifies facility compliance information for other DEQ divisions

Clients

- General Public
- Regulated community

Objective 2: Surface water monitoring and sampling collects samples for data analysis

Objective 3: Timely response to environmental incidents and citizen complaints

Objective 4: Emergency and radiological services provide response to environmental/chemical/radiological emergencies protecting citizens.

Objective 5: Enforcement actions ensure regulatory compliance.

- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Legislature, DOA, Governor
- DEQ

3. Identification of potential external factors that are beyond the control of the entity and that could significantly affect the achievement of its goals or objectives.

- Loss of experienced personnel
- Legal challenges to regulations
- New or additional statutory requirements without accompanying manpower and funding support
- Requirements/priorities imposed on the Department by USEPA, USNRC, State legislature, and/or courts;
- Inadequate funding for specific directives at state and federal levels;
- The economy, which may affect funding levels for the agency and which may bring increases or decreases in numbers and levels of wastewater discharges, air emissions, etc.
- Time required for completion of contaminant assessments and remedial actions.
- Degree of recalcitrance of regulated facilities in addressing contaminated media
- Problems with suppliers of information;
- Increased request for services but no increase in workforce.
- Increased difficulties in securing contract or other professional services in a timeframe that compliments deadlines and other milestone commitments that are mandatory for the successful attainment of goals and objectives

4. Statutory requirement or other authority:

- Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 30 Subtitle II (La. Environmental Quality Act)
- 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq. (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act)
- CERCLA 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980)
- Clean Water Act

- Clean Air Act
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Louisiana Environmental Quality Act
- Act 1465 and five-year Master Plan (Vision 2020) for economic development
- LAC 33:I.
- LAC 33:III
- LAC 33:V.
- LAC 33:VI.
- LAC 33:VII.
- LAC 33:IX
- LAC 33:XII.
- LAC 33:XV
- CFR 40 Parts 260 through 281

5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:

The objectives and the strategies associated with them are driven by:

(1) statutory and federal requirements, (2) funding, and (3) sufficient personnel to ensure that the level of compliance, monitoring and response to environmental incidents is maintained.

The programs encompassed by the objectives are reviewed and evaluated at least annually by management and regional staff to ensure that work plan activities are consistent with the strategies developed to demonstrate progress toward the stated objectives.

6. Explanation of how duplication of effort will be avoided when the operations of more than one program are directed at achieving a single goal, objective or strategy:

No duplication of effort exists.

7. Description of how the performance indicators are used in management decision making and other agency processes:

Numbers and other data generated by tracking of the performance indicators will be used individually and collectively to monitor program performance. Management staff will use this information to determine trends and set priorities with regard to funding and allocation of personnel to accomplish the listed objectives and strategies. Program areas that are found to be deficient will receive more attention. The department will also use this information to keep the regulated community and the public informed of agency performance.

To identify areas of greatest risk to human health so these areas can be addressed at least in the interim prior to final corrective actions are in place.

**Office of Environmental Quality
Five Year Strategic Plan
July 1, 2026– June 30, 2031**

Agency Number: 13-856
Program: Office of Environmental Services
Program Authorization: La. R.S. 30:2011. C(1)(d)

Vision

The vision of the Office of Environmental Services is to ensure that the citizens of Louisiana have a healthy and clean environment to live and work in for present and future generations.

Mission

The mission of the Office of Environmental Services 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 Office of Environmental Services will provide technical guidance for permit applications, improve permit tracking and increase focus on applications with the highest potential for environmental impact.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Office of Environmental Services is to make efficient use of available resources to conduct operations that consider both environmental impact and economic impact. Decisions will be based on sound, comprehensive information that is scientifically and economically supported. Customer assistance will be provided to the regulated community in the application process. The permit process will assure that facilities have the information they need to maintain compliance with state and federal regulations.

Goal

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.

Objective 1:

The Office of Environmental Services, 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.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Provide high quality technical evaluations/draft permit decisions for all air permit activities, in a timely manner.
- 1.2 Maintain program integrity by continuing to meet all applicable state and federal mandates to ensure that all facilities' air emissions operations are protective of human health and the environment.
- 1.3 Provide requisite permitting data for appropriate EPA databases.
- 1.4 Continue to issue air permits that are in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: 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.

Output (GPI): Number of air permits division work products completed.
Number of air modeling reviews completed.

Objective 2:

The Office of Environmental Services, 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.

Strategies:

- 2.1 Provide high quality technical evaluations/draft permit decisions for all solid and hazardous waste permit activities, in a timely manner.

- 2.2 Maintain program integrity by continuing to meet all applicable state and federal mandates to ensure that all regulated facility operations are protective of human health and the environment.
- 2.3 Provide requisite permitting data for appropriate EPA databases.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: 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.
- Output (GPI) Number of solid waste work products completed.
Number of hazardous waste work products completed.

Objective 3:

The Office of Environmental Services, 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.

Strategies:

- 3.1 Provide high quality technical evaluations/draft permit decisions for all surface water permit activities, in a timely manner.
- 3.2 Maintain program integrity by continuing to meet all applicable state and federal mandates to ensure that all regulated facility operations are protective of human health and the environment.
- 3.3 Provide requisite permitting data for appropriate EPA databases.
- 3.4 Continue to utilize strategies to maintain the number of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits that are identified as “current”.
- 3.5 Continue to issue individual major and minor Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits, including Master General Permits.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: 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.
- Output (GPI): Number of individual water quality permit final decisions including master generals issued.
Number of general water quality permit decisions including stormwater decisions issued.
Number of water quality certification decisions completed.
Number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed.

Objective 4:

The Office of Environmental Services, through the public participation and permit support activity, will administratively process 94% of complete permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications within established business timelines in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 4.1 Provide administrative services to the three media permitting divisions.
- 4.2 Receive and analyze all incoming documents to ensure proper placement in DEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
- 4.3 Create permitting records in the LDEQ's data system, TEMPO360.
- 4.4 Review asbestos management plans for schools and state buildings.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: Percentage of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications processed within established timelines.
- Output (GPI) Number of name, ownership, operator changes completed.
Number of asbestos management plan activities completed.
Number of asbestos accreditation activities completed.
Number of hazardous waste notification activities completed.
Number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed.

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Services

Activity: Air Permits

Objective 1: The Environmental Services Program, 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

Indicator Name: Percentage 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.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23144

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it focuses on initial or substantially modified permits, which are expected to have the highest potential for environmental impact. This indicator is reliable because it measures the percentage of these air permit final actions completed within established timelines. The indicator specifically looks at agency implementation of the “300 day rule” for permit issuance.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management’s decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date a final decision is reached are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported on a quarterly basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: Percentage calculated by dividing the number of final actions taken by the number of the applications received in the specified timeframe.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available, and the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All permit actions are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all final permit actions also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Services

Activity: Air Permits

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Indicator Name: Number of Air Permits Division work products completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15733

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of work products completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall air permits division workload and performance. This indicator tracks the total number of air permit work products for sources of air pollutant emissions that were completed in the previous fiscal year regardless of complexity or the date received
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management's decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date a final decision is reached are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of work products completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available, and the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All permit actions are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all final permit actions also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Services

Activity: Air Permits

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Indicator Name: Number of air modeling reviews completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23690.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of air modeling reviews completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall air modeling workload and performance. This indicator tracks the total number of air modeling reviews completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date that the modeling review is completed is entered into the data system. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of air modeling reviews completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All air modeling reviews are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Route sheets for air permits are included in EDMS and log the date of receipt and approval for the air modeling reviews. EDMS is maintained by the agency and provides evidence of the air modeling data.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Services

Activity: Waste Permits

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Indicator Name: Percentage 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.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23146

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it focuses on initial or substantially modified permits, which are expected to have the highest potential for environmental impact. This indicator is reliable because it measures the percentage of these solid and hazardous waste permit final actions completed within established timelines. The indicator specifically looks at agency implementation of the “300 day rule” for permit issuance.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date a final action is taken are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported on a quarterly basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: Percentage calculated by dividing the number of final actions taken by the number of the applications received in the specified timeframe.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All permit actions are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all final permit actions also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Indicator Name: Number of solid waste work products completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15734

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of solid waste work products completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall solid waste permit staff workload and performance. This indicator tracks the total number of solid waste work products completed in the previous fiscal year regardless of complexity or the date received
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date a final action is taken are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of work products completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.
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Indicator Name: Number of hazardous waste work products completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15735

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of work products completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall hazardous waste permit staff workload and performance. This indicator tracks the total number of hazardous waste work products completed in the previous fiscal year regardless of complexity or the date received.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date a final action is taken are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
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7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
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Indicator Name: Percentage 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.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23145

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it focuses on initial or substantially modified permits, which are expected to have the highest potential for environmental impact. This indicator is reliable because it measures the percentage of these water quality final permit decisions issued within established timelines. The indicator specifically looks at agency implementation of the “300 day rule” for permit issuance.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date the final decision is issued are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported on a quarterly basis.
6. Calculation Methodology: Percentage calculated by dividing the number of final decisions issued by the number of the applications received in the specified timeframe.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.
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Indicator Name: Number of individual water quality permit final decisions including master generals issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15736

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of individual water quality permit final decisions, including master generals, issued each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall division's workload and performance for individual permits and master generals, which may be more time consuming and complex in nature than other types of water permit actions. This indicator measures the number of individual water quality permit final decisions, including master generals, issued within in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date the final decision is issued are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of final decisions issued within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.

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Indicator Name: Number of general water quality permit decisions including stormwater decisions issued.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15737

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of general water quality permit decisions, including stormwater decisions, issued each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall division's performance for this category of permits, which usually represents a large portion of the water permits division workload. This indicator measures the number of general water quality permit decisions, including stormwater permit decisions, issued in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date of technical review are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of decisions issued within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.

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Indicator Name: Number of water quality certification decisions completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 24421

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of water quality certification decisions (in response to federal permit of license actions) completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for water quality certifications. This indicator measures the number of water quality certification decisions completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date of technical review are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of decisions completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All water quality certification decisions are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all certification decisions also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.

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Indicator Name: Number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 24422

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for sewage sludge transporter registration actions. This indicator measures the number of sewage sludge transporter registration actions completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes. It will be used for internal management purposes as well as for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system. The date the application is received and the date of technical review are entered into the data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of actions completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application documents received, the number of staff resources available or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if application is not adequate.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All sewage sludge transporter registration actions are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all sewage sludge transporter registration actions also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Program: Office of Environmental Services

Activity: Public Participation and Permit Support

Objective 4: The Environmental Services Program, through the public participation and permit support activity, will administratively process 94% of complete permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications within established business timelines in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percentage of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations and notifications processed within established timelines.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23693

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications processed each year. This indicator measures the various requisite support functions provided to the environmental permitting processes. This information enables management to evaluate the overall OES application workload as well as division performance.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the application, registration or notification is received and the date that the processing is completed are entered into the data system as they occur. Information will be retrieved from the data system and reported quarterly.
6. Calculation Methodology: Percentage is calculated by dividing the number of applications, registrations, and notifications processed in the specified timeframe by the number of the applications, registrations, and notifications received.
7. Scope: This indicator is an aggregate of all permit and registration applications received by DEQ.
8. Caveats: Some of the limitations are the quality of the application, registration, and notification documents received or the adequacy and timeliness of responses from applicants if documents are not adequate.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All dates associated with processing of permit applications, accreditation applications, registrations, and notifications are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query.

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Indicator Name: Number of name, ownership, and operator changes completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23694

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of name, ownership, operator changes completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for name, ownership, and operator changes. This indicator measures the number of name, ownership, and operator changes completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the application is received and the date that the action is completed are entered into the data system as they occur. Information will be retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of actions completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is an aggregate of all name, ownership, and operator change requests received by DEQ.
8. Caveats: The business timelines apply to the processing of complete applications and submittal of appropriate fees.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All name, ownership, and operator changes are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all name, ownership, and operator changes also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Indicator Name: Number of asbestos management plan activities completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23695

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of asbestos management plan activities completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for asbestos management plan activities. This indicator measures the number of asbestos management plan activities completed for schools and state buildings. Management plans ensure that asbestos is identified and managed appropriately to minimize risk of exposure.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the management plan is received and the date that the activity is completed are entered into the data system as they occur. Information will be retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of activities completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All asbestos management plan activities are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of asbestos management plan activities also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Indicator Name: Number of asbestos accreditation activities completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23696

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of asbestos accreditation activities completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for asbestos accreditations. This indicator measures the number of asbestos accreditation activities completed; an accreditation certifies the applicant is trained to properly remove and dispose of asbestos material.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the accreditation application is received and the date that the accreditation activity is completed are entered into the TEMPO360 data system as they occur. This information will be retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of activities completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All asbestos accreditation activities are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of completed asbestos accreditation activities also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Indicator Name: Number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 8563001

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for lead-based paint accreditations. This indicator measures the number of lead-based paint accreditation activities completed; an accreditation certifies the applicant is trained to properly remove and dispose of lead-based paint material.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the accreditation application is received and the date that the accreditation activity is completed are entered into the TEMPO360 data system as they occur. Information will be retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of activities completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All lead-based paint accreditations are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of completed lead-based paint accreditation activities also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Indicator Name: Number of hazardous waste notification activities completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26486

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of hazardous waste notification activities completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall staff performance and workload for hazardous waste notification activities. This indicator measures the number of hazardous waste notification activities completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system with a TEMPO360 query. The date the notification is received and the date that the activity is completed are entered into the data system as they occur. Information will be retrieved from the data system and reported annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of notification activities completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The business timelines apply to the processing of complete notifications.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All completed hazardous waste notification activities are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query. Copies of all completed hazardous waste notification activities also exist in EDMS and provide evidence of the data. EDMS is also maintained by the agency.
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Process Documentation

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1. General description of strategic planning process implementation.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan fulfills statutory requirements in Act 1465 of the 1997 Legislature. This act stipulates that state agencies will develop strategic plans as part of the performance based budgeting process. Within the parameters of the strategic plan, DEQ can determine appropriate allocation of resources for specific environmental issues. The Strategic Plan provides a systematic approach covering a five-year planning process that will guide the department in achieving its mission and responsibility to protect public health and the environment of the state.

Each budget unit of every department is required to develop a Strategic Plan; in this case this represents the Office of Environmental Quality and Ancillary comprising DEQ. In order to maintain consistency and uniformity department-wide, the Deputy Secretary oversees the process with assistance of a strategic planning coordinator. Therefore, strategic planning applies to all Program Offices and Ancillary within DEQ namely: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance, Office of Environmental Assessment and the Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds.

As noted above, the strategic planning process provides a systematic approach for the department in pursuing its responsibilities to public health and protecting the environment. This approach includes several steps that occur throughout each year and are represented by the following steps:

- Issues identification
- Priority setting
- Direction setting
- Strategic plan composition
- Evaluation/feedback.

2. Identification of the principal clients and users of the program and the specific service or benefit derived by such persons or organizations.

Benefits	Clients
Objective 1: Improved air quality protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens of the State • Regulated Community • USEPA • DEQ Staff • Louisiana Manufacturers • Department of Revenue and Taxation
Objective 2: Improved solid waste disposal and hazardous waste TSD resources	
Objective 3: Improved water quality protection	
Objective 4: Improved efficiency of permitting administration	

3. Identification of potential external factors that are beyond the control of the entity and that could significantly affect the achievements of its goals or objectives.

- Loss of personnel; training new personnel takes several years.
- New or additional statutory or regulatory requirements requiring more manpower or resources and potentially identifying new environmental concerns.
- Budget constraints
- Legal challenge of statutes/regulations/Permitting Decisions
- Permit renewals will significantly increase the workload of the staff.
- Problems with suppliers
- Increased requests for services
- Severe weather impacts to state regions and/or resources;
- Technical/electronic failures that affect agency operations and/or access to records;
- Public health emergencies.

4. Statutory requirement or other authority:

- Environmental Quality Act (Title 30, Subtitle II); R.S. 30:2011, 2022 A and B, 2022.1, 2023, 2017.
- 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq. (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act)
- CERCLA 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980)

- Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 - DEQ state regulations: LAC Title 33 Environmental Quality Regulations and Environmental Quality Act, Title 30.
 - LAC 33:I.
 - LAC 33:III.
 - LAC 33:V.
 - LAC 33:VII.
 - LAC 33:IX.
 - 40 CFR Parts 123-131; Part 133; and Parts 260 through 281.
5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:
- Permitting process is reviewed by EPA. Each state is either authorized, approved or delegated to issue permits that must meet federal standards as well as comply with LAC 33: I, III, V, VII, and IX.
 - Management reviews the current situation and adaptation of needed changes.
6. Explanation of how duplication of effort will be avoided when the operations of more than one program are directed at achieving a single goal, objective or strategy:
- No duplication of effort exists.
7. Description of how the performance indicators are used in management decision making and other agency processes:
- Performance indicators are used:
- To identify areas where resources (human, financial, technical, etc.) are deficient so management can allocate funds and staff appropriately.
 - To evaluate and distribute workload among the staff more evenly and efficiently.
 - By management to set priorities with regard to funding and allocation of personnel to accomplish the listed objectives and strategies.
 - To shift resources into areas with deficiencies.
 - To keep the regulated community and the public more informed of agency performance through the DEQ providing public access to this information.

**Office of Environmental Quality
Five Year Strategic Plan
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031**

Agency Number: 13-856
Program: Office of Management & Finance
Program Authorization: La. R.S. 36:8; R.S. 36:231-239; R.S. 39:1543-1544; R.S. 39:1472; R.S. 30:2001 et. seq.

Mission:

The mission of the Office of Management & Finance 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.

Goal:

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.

Objective 1:

The Office of Management & Finance, through the financial and administrative activity, will 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.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Provide assistance to divisions through financial support services including budgeting, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and grant reporting.
- 1.2 Maximize grant funding and improve the quality of DEQ contracts.
- 1.3 Monitor and promote cost effectiveness of programs and streamlining of activities.
- 1.4 Provide financial assistance in support of municipal wastewater treatment and through the processing of loan applications and making loans for construction or new or upgraded facilities.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percentage of completed business transactions.

Objective 2:

The Office of Management & Finance through the OMF Support Activity will 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.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Provide the technical tools, support, and expertise for data collection, information management, and decision support to aid the department in fulfilling its mission.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percent of public records requests completed.

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Management and Finance

Activity: Financial Services

Objective 1: The Management and Finance Program through the financial activity will facilitate the financial means for the departmental programs to achieve their mandated objectives by providing 100% of the required and necessary business services annually.

Indicator Name: Percentage of completed business transactions.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 6939.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: The indicator measures the success of the Financial Services division to provide sufficient financial support service to allow the DEQ program offices to perform their missions.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All business transactions are tracked in accordance with standard accounting procedures.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of completed business transactions is divided by the total requests received.
7. Scope: The indicator is aggregated for the entire department.
8. Caveats: None
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data comes from various sources including tracking spreadsheets and reports from databases. All reports and spreadsheets are maintained in a file for future verifiability.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Management and Finance

Activity: Support Services

Objective 2: The Management and Finance Program through the Support Services activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Percentage of public records requests completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23153.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: The indicator measures the success of the Support Services division to provide sufficient support service to allow requests for public records to be successfully accommodated.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The source of the data is from an internal database. The data is collected on a daily basis and reported on a quarterly basis. Within a month after the end of a quarter, the report is generated for the previous quarter. This data is reported on a state fiscal year. Frequency and timing of collection and reporting are consistent.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of requests filled for public records is divided by the total number of requests for public records received.
7. Scope: The indicator is not aggregated.
8. Caveats: None
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Data comes from various sources including tracking spreadsheets and reports from databases. All reports and spreadsheets are maintained in a file for future verifiability.
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Process Documentation
Office of Management and Finance

1. General description of strategic planning process implementation.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan fulfills statutory requirements in Act 1465 of the 1997 Legislature. This act stipulates that state agencies will develop strategic plans as part of the performance based budgeting process. Within the parameters of the strategic plan, DEQ can determine appropriate allocation of resources for specific environmental issues. The Strategic Plan provides a systematic approach covering a five-year planning process that will guide the department in achieving its mission and responsibility to protect public health and the environment of the state.

Each budget unit of every department is required to develop a Strategic Plan; in this case this represents the Office of Environmental Quality and Ancillary comprising DEQ. In order to maintain consistency and uniformity department-wide, the Deputy Secretary oversees the process with assistance of a strategic planning coordinator. Therefore, strategic planning applies to all Program Offices and Ancillary within DEQ namely: Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Compliance, Office of Environmental Services, Office of Management and Finance, Office of Environmental Assessment and the Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds.

As noted above, the strategic planning process provides a systematic approach for the department in pursuing its responsibilities to public health and protecting the environment. This approach includes several steps that occur throughout each year and are represented by the following steps:

- Issues identification
- Priority setting
- Direction setting
- Strategic plan composition
- Evaluation/feedback.

2. Identification of the principal clients and users of the program and the specific service or benefit derived by such persons or organizations.

Benefits	Clients
Objective 1: Efficient, comprehensive and professional business functions facilitating the successful technical operations of the department.	DEQ Program areas

Objective 2: Support and access to records management services	DEQ employees and external customers
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3. Identification of potential external factors that are beyond the control of the entity and that could significantly affect the achievement of its goals or objectives.
 - Changed or additional Federal or State mandates
4. Statutory requirement or other authority: Environmental Quality Act.
5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:

Management review of the current situation and adaptation of needed changes.
6. Explanation of how duplication of effort will be avoided when the operations of more than one program are directed at achieving a single goal, objective or strategy:

No duplication of effort exists.
7. Description of how the performance indicators are used in management decision making an doter agency processes:

Performance indicators are used to:

- Identify areas where existing resources are insufficient,
- Reallocate resources to areas in need,
- Identify areas where additional resources must be requested.

Office of Environmental Assessment

Five Year Strategic Plan

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Agency Number: 13-856
Program: Office of Environmental Assessment
Program Authorization: La. R.S. 30:2011.C (1)(b)

Vision

The Environmental Assessment Program will protect human health and the environment through effective planning, fair regulations and thoughtful thorough assessment of environmental conditions of land, water and air. Assessment activities will define environmental problems and direct the efficient and effective uses of resources through planning to analyze, reclaim, improve and protect the environment of Louisiana.

Mission

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

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Environmental Assessment Program is to apply the best science and technology to analyze and define environmental problems and to apply effective regulatory and remediation solutions in a fair, honest and consistent manner.

Goal

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.

Objective 1:

The Office of Environmental Assessment, through the air planning and assessment activity, will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding ambient air quality analysis statewide in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 1.1 Design, implement and maintain the statewide ambient air quality network.
- 1.2 Provide requisite monitoring data for appropriate EPA databases.
- 1.3 Annually validate ambient air toxic data for use in determining compliance with standards and reporting emissions to EPA and the public.
- 1.4 Initiate the promulgation of emission control regulations to attain the standards through the State Implementation Plan.
- 1.5 Evaluate the air monitoring data for trends and compliance with national and state air quality standards.
- 1.6 Maintain information on current standards to be used as a baseline for future environmental indicator processing (i.e. 1-hour average criteria)
- 1.7 Complete any inventory (point, area, non-road mobile, on-road mobile or biogenics) necessary to address ozone non-attainment areas or for any other special purpose.

Performance Indicator:

Outcome: Percent of ambient air data captured and reported per the federal requirements for criteria air pollutants.

Output (GPI) Number of stack test reviews completed.

Objective 2:

The Office Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Strategies:

- 2.1 Administer the CWSRF to fund and promote wastewater projects intended to increase compliance with state and federal regulations.
- 2.2 Administer the Drinking Water Protection Program by updating existing assessments or performing new assessments on Drinking Water Source Equivalents (DWSE). Assessments are used to implement protection activities to reduce risk of contamination to source water.
- 2.6 Accomplish nonpoint source pollution management updates as required under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act by implementing demonstration projects for Best Management Practices.

- 2.7 Review environmental data for water to define environmental problems and facilitate planning activities to develop regulatory and non-regulatory pollution control strategies to meet time schedules and requirements of the Clean Water Act.
- 2.8 Accomplish water quality assessments as required under Sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (The Integrated Report) by compiling and assessing technical data on all water bodies in order to determine possible water quality impairments. Develop list of impaired water bodies requiring a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), the 303(d) list, and prioritize for TMDLs or other pollution control strategies
- 2.9 Develop or revise Water Quality Standards by maintaining, revising, or creating new criteria as needed to protect the designated uses of waters of the State
- 2.10 Report and post mercury fish tissue sample results and subsequent advisories, when needed, on the LDEQ website, in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: 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.

 Number of drinking water source equivalent (DWSE) assessments updated, minimizing risk to public health by source water protection.

 Cumulative number of watersheds where management measures and/or inspections are being implemented to reduce non-point source pollution discharges.

 Percent of water data received that is evaluated for technical acceptability for criteria development, assessments or modeling activities within 90 days.

 Percent of verified mercury fish tissue sampling results posted within 30 days on DEQ website Water Data Portal.

 Percent of official fish consumption advisories posted within 30 days on DEQ website.

Output (GPI): Number of data packages evaluated for technical acceptability.

Objective 3:

The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing remediation at abandoned properties and active or closed facilities. This activity will restore sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment. .

Strategies:

- 3.1 Oversee and streamline the implementation of the RCRA Corrective Action Program.
- 3.2 Focus appropriate program resources and actions on Corrective Action Progress Track (CAPTrack)-listed facilities.
- 3.3 Address immediate threats to human health and the environment and maximize actual environmental results by removal, treatment, or containment of contaminants.
- 3.4 Provide requisite compliance data for appropriate federal databases.
- 3.5 Provide information necessary to support enforcement actions where warranted.
- 3.6 Seek to return sites to active commerce through the Voluntary Remediation Program.

Performance Indicators:

- Outcome: Cumulative number of remediation sites evaluated.
Cumulative percentage of evaluated remediation sites that are ready for continued industrial/commercial/residential use or redevelopment.
- Output (GPI) Cumulative number of evaluated remediation sites closed out.
Cumulative number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP).
Cumulative number of Corrective Action Progress Track (CAPTrack) facilities with remedies selected for the entire facility.
Cumulative number of CAPTrack facilities with remedy completed or remedy construction completed for the entire facility.

Objective 4:

The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will 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.

Strategies:

- 4.1 Guide and direct the investigation of sites identified as contaminated in the State by reviewing investigation work plans.
- 4.2 Conduct appropriate administrative follow-up for each investigation work plan.
- 4.3 Inspect investigation activities periodically to ensure that work is being performed in accordance with the approved work plan.

- 4.4 Select potentially contaminated sites from Remediation Division data and perform assessment to determine the existence of soil and/or groundwater contamination according to established divisional procedures.
- 4.5 Guide and direct the remediation of contaminated sites by reviewing corrective action work plans.
- 4.6 Conduct appropriate administrative follow-up for each corrective action work plan.
- 4.7 Inspect remediation activities periodically to ensure that work is being performed in accordance with approved work plans.
- 4.8 Provide requisite RCRA data for appropriate EPA databases

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Cumulative percentage of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed.
Cumulative percentage of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed.

Objective 5:

The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting active UST sites.

Strategies:

- 5.1 Perform inspections of underground storage tank facilities to verify compliance with state and federal regulations.
- 5.2 Provide necessary oversight and direction to close UST incidents where appropriate.
- 5.3 Address immediate threats to human health and the environment and maximize actual environmental results by removal, treatment, or containment of contaminants.
- 5.4 Provide requisite compliance data for appropriate federal databases.
- 5.5 Provide information necessary to support enforcement actions where warranted.

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Cumulative number of UST sites evaluated and closed out.
Cumulative percentage of registered underground storage tank sites inspected.

Objective 6:

The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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.

Strategies:

- 6.1 Guide and direct the investigation of sites identified as contaminated in the State by reviewing investigation work plans.
- 6.2 Conduct appropriate administrative follow-up for each investigation work plan.
- 6.3 Inspect investigation activities periodically to ensure that work is being performed in accordance with the approved work plan.
- 6.4 Select potentially contaminated sites from Underground Storage Tanks and Remediation Division data and perform assessment to determine the existence of soil and/or groundwater contamination according to established divisional procedures.
- 6.5 Guide and direct the remediation of contaminated sites by reviewing corrective action work plans.
- 6.6 Conduct appropriate administrative follow-up for each corrective action work plan.
- 6.7 Inspect remediation activities periodically to ensure that work is being performed in accordance with approved work plans.
- 6.8 Provide requisite data for appropriate EPA databases

Performance Indicators:

Outcome: Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed.
Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed.

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Air Planning and Assessment

Objective 1: The Office of Environmental Assessment, through the air planning and assessment activity, will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding ambient air quality analysis statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of ambient air data captured and reported per the federal requirements for criteria air pollutants

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23150.

1. Type and Level: Effectiveness; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator provides the percentage of data captured from ambient monitoring equipment measuring criteria air pollutants per federal requirements.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The program collects ambient air quality data from stations across the state; the data are then processed and analyzed by the division staff. Frequency of data collection varies for each station and each parameter; however, data are collected and reported daily for Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Shreveport, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Thibodaux, and Monroe. Annual summaries of the data are also reported.
6. Calculation Methodology: Ambient air monitoring data is entered into both the DEQ database as well as EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database. Through analysis of data, percent data capture is determined.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The indicator undergoes extensive examination before being reported as valid. Field instruments that have been calibrated to EPA standards measure the 6 criteria pollutants in the air. The data is collected through electronic data loggers (no manual input). The data is then validated as per EPA Quality Assurance and Quality Control guidelines, and performed by personnel independent from the collection staff to ensure that measurement, calibration; collection and reporting procedures are met.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Air Planning and Assessment

Objective 1: The Office of Environmental Assessment, through the air planning and assessment activity, will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding ambient air quality analysis statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of stack test reviews completed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 25082.

1. Type and Level: Output; General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator was selected because it is useful to track the total number of stack test reviews completed each year. This information enables management to evaluate the overall stack test workload and performance. This indicator tracks the total number of stack test reviews completed in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The date the request for the stack test is received and the date the review is completed are entered into the TEMPO360 data system as they occur. Information is retrieved from this data system annually.
6. Calculation Methodology: This indicator lists and counts the number of stack test reviews completed within this program. Addition is the only calculation necessary.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor. All stack test reviews are recorded in the TEMPO360 data system, which is maintained by the agency. The data reported for this indicator comes from a TEMPO360 query.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: 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.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23687.

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator demonstrates the results achieved in implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund federal program to improve municipal wastewater treatment systems.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All approved projects are monitored and tracked through their implementation and completion phases by division staff. Each visit and status report is recorded in a database.
6. Calculation Methodology: The percent is calculated by dividing the number of approved projects implemented by the number of approved project applications.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Implementation progress of improvement projects is documented and tracked in a database.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of drinking water source equivalent (DWSE) assessments updated, minimizing risk to public health by source water protection.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26487.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of DWSE assessments performed by the Drinking Water Protection Program, minimizing risk to public health by source water protection. DWSE is used to incorporate groundwater and surface water sources into a single reporting method. The time required to assess one surface water source (intake) is approximately equivalent to the time required to assess five groundwater sources (wells). Therefore, surface water sources are weighted by a factor of five.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This indicator is tracked by date by the Aquifer Evaluation and Protection Unit. Tracking is continuous.
6. Calculation Methodology: To calculate the total number of DWSE assessments, the number of intakes assessed will be multiplied by a factor of five and then added to the number of wells assessed. Completed DWSE assessments are documented and tracked in the Drinking Water Protection Program database.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Infrastructure access restrictions due to natural disaster, or personal contact limitations due to pandemic-type health restrictions, can be limiting factors in achieving the annual target.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. The indicator is valid, reliable, and accurately reported because the Aquifer Evaluation and Protection Unit staff uses automated processes to track their progress. This data is maintained in databases located on the department's network servers. Due to security measures in place, access to the data must be through a member of the Aquifer Evaluation and Protection Unit.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of watersheds where management measures and/or inspections are being implemented to reduce non-point source pollution discharges.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23148.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of watersheds throughout the state where proactive steps are being taken to minimize non-point source pollution and thereby protect the surface water quality through installation of best management practices (BMPs), which can include erosion control measures, runoff retention measures, restoration of stream bank, riparian zones, or wetlands, source identification, inspections and education and outreach. The steps taken or activities initiated are based upon the problems identified in the watershed and/or watershed implementation plans and the methods prescribed or recommended to address and correct those problems.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: This information can be obtained from the Water Planning and Assessment Division (WPAD), which is responsible for development of watershed implementation plans and coordinates implementation of nonpoint source projects with other agencies, local governments, and organizations. This Section will also obtain data from other agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) tracking implementation of BMPs. The data will be tracked and reported by the section Manager.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of watersheds where recommended BMPs or other measures or activities such as inspections have been implemented will be counted. As more plans are written, the number of watersheds where actions are initiated will continue to increase. Ultimately, these measures will be applied to virtually all watersheds within the state.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.

8. Caveats: The ability of the DEQ to effect implementation of BMPs can be affected by the amount of federal funding available for implementation of controls and willingness of local governments and landowners to participate in implementing controls. Participation by local governments, organizations, and/or landowners is critical as DEQ cannot directly implement these non-regulatory activities on private lands without permission. The ability of the DEQ to effectively conduct education and outreach and to coordinate with other agencies and organizations can be diminished by staff reduction, availability of reliable vehicles, and decreased federal funding.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. The data is maintained by the program manager in a database that is updated quarterly.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of water data received that is evaluated for technical acceptability for criteria development, assessments or modeling activities within 90 days.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 23692.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Supporting.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: The indicator supports near-real-time evaluation of water quality data. Near-real-time data evaluation is critical to: timely action that may be needed to address environmental water quality concerns; understanding workload and resource requirements; and/or implementing timely actions to address deficient or problematic contractor performance, business processes, and/or resource levels.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The source of the "receive" and "evaluation" dates outlined below is the Water Planning and Assessment Division. Processes and tools are under development to track the information.
 - a. Receive Date - Date when the Water Planning and Assessment Division receives the data set. Data sets to be reviewed and tracked for this performance indicator are contract laboratories' data provided by the Surveillance Division laboratory contract management staff.
 - b. Evaluation Date - Date when the Water Planning and Assessment Division completes its technical acceptability evaluation of the data set.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of data sets evaluated within 90 days is divided by the number of data sets received and multiplied by 100.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.

8. Caveats: The evaluation period will be calculated based on net working days. Technical acceptability is determined by the data reviewers and users in accordance with applicable Quality Assurance Project Plans, Standard Operating Procedures, and other policies applicable to the water quality criteria development, assessment and modeling programs. Technical acceptability does not equate to final usability and is not an indication the data set is complete and accurate. The date a data set is technically accepted indicates the end users have evaluated the data set and made a determination of the status of the data set, including the potential need for further action.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. Water quality data received are maintained in the agency's water quality database and the evaluations of those data sets are tracked and maintained along with performance and reporting information.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of verified mercury fish tissue sampling results posted within 30 days on DEQ website Water Data Portal.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26015.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: The indicator supports timely public availability of mercury fish tissue and water quality data. Timely availability is critical to: providing information to the public so they can make informed decisions about the consumption of recreationally caught fish.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data collection, evaluation and posting to the DEQ Water Data Portal is provided through the Water Planning and Assessment Division.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of mercury fish tissue data sets verified and then posted to the DEQ website Water Data Portal within 30 days is divided by the number of data sets received over the previous 90 days and multiplied by 100.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The evaluation period will be calculated based on net working days between the completion of mercury fish tissue sampling data evaluation and posting of the data to the DEQ website Water Data Portal. Transfer of the evaluated data to the DEQ website Water Data Portal is through an automated process and typically occurs daily. This ensures compliance with the performance indicator, barring significant technical difficulties with either the database of the website.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. Mercury fish tissue data is maintained in the agency's water quality database and the evaluations of those data sets are tracked and maintained by the unit responsible for data evaluation and performance and reporting information. Maintenance of the DEQ website Water Data Portal is ensured by the overall IT support mechanisms for the department.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Percent of official fish consumption advisories posted within 30 days on DEQ website

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26016.

1. Type and Level: Outcome; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: The indicator supports timely public dissemination of new or updated fish consumption advisory information developed by the DEQ, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). Timely dissemination is critical to: provide information to the public so they can make informed decisions about the consumption of recreationally caught fish.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: New and updated fish consumption advisory information is provided to DEQ by LDH at such time as all signatures have been obtained. Updates to the DEQ website fish consumption advisory webpage are made immediately by Content Manager personnel with the Water Planning and Assessment Division.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of fish consumption advisories posted to the DEQ website within 30 days of advisory finalization is divided by the number of advisories received over the previous 90 days and multiplied by 100.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The evaluation period will be calculated based on net working days. All new or updated fish consumption advisories must first be provided to DEQ by LDH following final signatures by pertinent agency heads, and followed by applicable press releases by LDH and/or DEQ.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. A record of all new and updated fish consumption advisories, as well as existing advisories, are maintained on the DEQ website until such time as the advisory has been rescinded or revised by DEQ, LDH, and LDWF.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Water Planning and Assessment

Objective 2: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the water planning and assessment activity will assess and protect the general public's safety regarding overall quality of the water resources statewide in each fiscal year.

Indicator Name: Number of data packages evaluated for technical acceptability.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 25085

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This GPI measures level of effort by totaling the number of criteria, assessment and modeling data packages evaluated for technical acceptability in the previous fiscal year.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting purposes.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: The source of the "receive" and "evaluation" dates outlined below is the Water Planning and Assessment Division. Processes and tools are under development to track the information.
 - a. Receive Date - Date when the Water Planning and Assessment Division receives the data set. Data sets to be reviewed and tracked for this performance indicator are contract laboratories' data provided by the Surveillance Division laboratory contract management staff.
 - b. Evaluation Date - Date when the Water Planning and Assessment Division completes its technical acceptability evaluation of the data set.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of data sets evaluated over the past fiscal year is determined by counting the number of unique sample delivery groups (SDGs) numbers to get the number of data packages and sum the number of records received and reviewed.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Technical acceptability is determined by the data reviewers and users in accordance with applicable Quality Assurance Project Plans, Standard Operating Procedures, and other policies applicable to the water quality criteria development, assessment and modeling programs. Technical acceptability does not equate to final usability and is not an indication the data set is complete and accurate. The date a data set is technically accepted indicates the end users have evaluated the data set and made a determination of the status of the data set, including the potential need for further action.

9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: The Office of the Legislative Auditor has not audited this indicator. Water quality data received are maintained in the agency's water quality database and the evaluations of those data sets are tracked and maintained along with performance and reporting information.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of remediation sites evaluated.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: NEW

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of uncontrolled environmentally contaminated sites that were identified, investigated and cleaned up, demonstrating progress toward restoration of the state's natural resources. This was previously counted under PI 26017 that was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable, measurable, and aligned with the objective.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator measures remediation sites evaluated and found to meet closure requirements, except payment of oversight fees owed to the Department. PI 26017 was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculation is a count in the data system of evaluated remediation sites.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator is different from the previous indicator 26017 in that the current indicator documents remediation sites meeting the closure requirements, except the payment of oversight fees owed to the Department. The previous indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of evaluated remediation sites that are ready for continued industrial/commercial/residential use or redevelopment.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: NEW

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the cumulative percentage of uncontrolled environmentally contaminated sites that were identified, investigated and cleaned up and are now ready for continued industrial/commercial/residential use or redevelopment. This was previously counted under PI 26018 (with the exception of payment of oversight fees owed to the Department). that was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable, measurable, and aligned with the objective.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. PI 26018 was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Count the number of evaluated sites that are ready for continued industrial/commercial/residential use or redevelopment and divide by the total number of evaluated sites.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: PI 26018 and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of evaluated remediation sites closed out.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: NEW

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of uncontrolled environmentally contaminated sites that were identified, investigated and cleaned up, demonstrating progress toward restoration of the state's natural resources. This indicator is clearly relevant and aligned with the objective, and its measurement as a simple count is reliable.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator measures remediation sites evaluated and closed. These sites were determined to meet all closure requirements, including the payment of oversight fees owed to the Department.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 (formerly Advantage RM) data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculation is a simple count in the data system of closed remediation sites.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and was audited by the Legislative Auditor in 2013 as a Key Indicator under PI 26017. The accuracy of the data is ensured through a simple count of the number of sites as maintained in the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Compliance

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP).

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 15783

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of sites returned to active commerce through DEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program. This indicator is clearly relevant and aligned with the objective, and its measurement as a simple count is reliable.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for general performance information.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 (formerly Advantage RM) data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculation is a simple count in the data system of sites returned to active commerce through VRP.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Participants in the Voluntary Remediation Program must follow the prescribed procedures required by LAC 33:VI Chapter 9.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This is a General Performance indicator and was not audited by the Legislative Auditor in FY 2013. The accuracy of the data is ensured through a simple count of the number of sites as maintained in the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of Corrective Action Progress Track (CAPTrack) facilities with remedies selected for the entire facility.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 22206

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures progress toward the selection of remedies at previously investigated and evaluated (CAPTrack)-listed facilities that would be most feasible, practical and cost-effective. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable, measurable, and aligned with the objective.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Progress at (CAPTrack)-listed facilities in selecting remedies for the facility as a whole is tracked by DEQ staff. These events are documented in internal memos, entered into the EPA database RCRAInfo, and reported to demonstrate DEQ progress for state and EPA grant purposes.
6. Calculation Methodology: Count the total number of (CAPTrack) facilities for which a facility-wide remedy has been selected.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Remedies may be selected for multiple individual units at a facility (Solid Waste Management Units, Areas of Concern, etc.). In such cases, this indicator is considered complete for the entire facility when the remedy for the last unit level is selected.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate. The reported data is maintained in the EPA database RCRAInfo and in documentation memos stored in EDMS.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 3: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will investigate and clean up uncontrolled contamination and/or monitor ongoing 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 .

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of CAPTrack facilities with remedy completed or remedy construction completed for the entire facility.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 22208

1. Type and Level: Output, General Performance Information.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator demonstrates that the constructed remedy is operational and the clean-up process has begun, or that existing site conditions are protective of human health and the environment at (CAPTrack)-listed facilities. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable, measurable, and aligned with the objective.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decisions making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Progress at (CAPTrack)-listed facilities in completing remedies, or completing the construction required for the remedies is tracked by LDEQ staff. These events are documented in internal memos, entered into the EPA database RCRAInfo, and reported to demonstrate DEQ progress for state and EPA grant purposes.
6. Calculation Methodology: Count the total number of (CAPTrack) facilities for which the facility-wide remedy has been completed or constructed.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: Remedies may be completed or constructed at multiple individual units at a facility (Solid Waste Management Units, Areas of Concern, etc.). In such cases, this indicator is considered complete for the entire facility when the last unit's remedy is constructed or completed.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate. The reported data is maintained in the EPA database RCRAInfo and in documentation memos stored in EDMS.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 4: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will direct the determination of the extent of contamination both laterally and vertically at sites with pollution and to protect the soil and groundwater resources of the state. During this fiscal year this activity will review 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received.

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26019

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed as compared to the number received. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY 2013 and found to be relevant, measurable, and aligned with the objective. Reliability has been improved by ensuring accuracy in reporting and calculations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision-making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Divide the number of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed by the total number received during the year.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed in a year will not exactly correlate with those received in a year because those received late in one year will not be reviewed until the following year and so on. It should be anticipated there would be some fluctuations in these percentages from year to year.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate within 5.65%. Accuracy has been improved by reviewing, and revising as necessary, the SOP for this indicator and ensuring that staff is trained in its use. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system. This indicator was previously audited under indicator 9773 when in the OEC.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Remediation

Objective 4: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the remediation activity will direct the determination of the extent of contamination both laterally and vertically at sites with pollution and to protect the soil and groundwater resources of the state. During this fiscal year, this activity will review 96% of the soil and groundwater investigation work plans and corrective action work plans received.

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26020

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed as compared to the number received. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY 2013 and found to be relevant, reliable with qualifications, measurable, and aligned with the objective. Reliability has been improved by ensuring accuracy in reporting and calculations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision-making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Divide the number of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed by the total number received during the year.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed in a year will not exactly correlate with those received in a year because those received late in one year will not be reviewed until the following year and so on. It should be anticipated there would be some fluctuations in these percentages from year to year.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate within 0.11%. Accuracy has been improved by reviewing, and revising as necessary, the SOP for this indicator and ensuring that staff is trained in its use. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system. This indicator was previously audited under indicator 9774 when in the OEC.

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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Underground Storage Tank

Objective 5: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting active UST sites.

Indicator Name: Cumulative number of UST sites evaluated and closed out.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26021

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of uncontrolled environmentally contaminated UST sites that were identified, investigated and cleaned up, demonstrating progress toward restoration of the state's natural resources. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable, measurable, and aligned with the objective.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Calculation is a simple count in the data system.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system. This indicator was previously combined with remediation sites when audited in the OEC under indicator 23147.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Underground Storage Tank

Objective 5: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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 UST sites by making them safe for reuse and available for redevelopment, and ensure the integrity of UST systems by inspecting active UST sites.

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of registered underground storage tank sites inspected.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 3694

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the registered UST facilities inspected annually relative to the total number of active UST facilities in order to minimize leaks from UST systems, thus resulting in minimizing exposure. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be relevant, reliable with qualifications, measurable, and aligned with the objective. Reliability has been improved by ensuring accuracy in reporting and calculations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data is pulled from TEMPO360.
6. Calculation Methodology: Number of on-site inspections conducted, divided by the total number of UST facilities.
7. Scope: This indicator is an aggregation of inspections in all six DEQ regions.
8. Caveats: The ability of field personnel to inspect permitted UST facilities on schedule can be diminished by workload (incident response, non-scheduled or higher priority inspections, available manpower, etc.) equipment readiness (vehicles, monitoring equipment, etc.) and weather or emergency considerations.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate within 2.78%. Accuracy has been improved by generation of internal reports to monitor staff and contractor progress. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Underground Storage Tank

Objective 6: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26022

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed as compared to the number received. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY 2013 and found to be relevant, measurable, and aligned with the objective. Reliability has been improved by ensuring accuracy in reporting and calculations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Divide the number of soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed by the total number received during the year.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The soil and groundwater investigation work plans reviewed in a year will not exactly correlate with those received in a year because those received late in one year will not be reviewed until the following year and so on. It should be anticipated there would be some fluctuations in these percentages from year to year.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate within 5.65%. Accuracy has been improved by generation of internal reports to monitor staff progress. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system. This indicator was previously audited under indicator 9773 when in the OEC.
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Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Office of Environmental Assessment

Activity: Underground Storage Tank

Objective 6: The Office of Environmental Assessment through the underground storage tanks activity will 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.

Indicator Name: Cumulative percentage of UST site soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed.

Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 26023

1. Type and Level: Outcome, Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the number of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed as compared to the number received. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY 2013 and found to be relevant, reliable with qualifications, measurable, and aligned with the objective. Reliability has been improved by ensuring accuracy in reporting and calculations.
3. Use: This indicator will be used in management decision- making and other agency processes as well as performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator clearly identifies what is being measured. This indicator was audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be easy to understand.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: Data for this indicator will be retrieved from the TEMPO360 data system.
6. Calculation Methodology: Divide the number of soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed by the total number received during the year.
7. Scope: This indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: The soil and groundwater corrective action work plans reviewed in a year will not exactly correlate with those received in a year because those received late in one year will not be reviewed until the following year and so on. It should be anticipated there would be some fluctuations in these percentages from year to year.
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator and subsequent performance data were audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in FY2013 and found to be accurate within 0.11%. Accuracy has been improved by generation of internal reports to monitor staff progress. The reported data is maintained in the TEMPO360 data system. This indicator was previously audited under indicator 9773 when in the OEC.

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Process Documentation
Office of Environmental Assessment

1. General description of strategic planning process implementation.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan fulfills statutory requirements in Act 1465 of the 1997 Legislature. This act stipulates that state agencies will develop strategic plans as part of the performance based budgeting process. Within the parameters of the strategic plan, DEQ can determine appropriate allocation of resources for specific environmental issues. The Strategic Plan provides a systematic approach covering a five-year planning process that will guide the department in achieving its mission and responsibility to protect public health and the environment of the state.

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Benefits

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Objective 2: Surface water monitoring and sampling collects samples for data analysis

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Objectives 5 and 6: Investigation and clean-up of contaminated UST sites protects human health and makes the property safe for continued use or available for redevelopment.

Inspection of active UST sites ensures the integrity of the UST systems and prevents future threats to human health and the environment from new releases.

Clients

- General Public
- Regulated community
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- Legislature, DOA, Governor
- DEQ

3. Identification of potential external factors that are beyond the control of the entity and that could significantly affect the achievement of its goals or objectives.

- Loss of experienced personnel
- Legal challenges to regulations
- New or additional statutory requirements without accompanying manpower and funding support
- Requirements/priorities imposed on the Department by USEPA, USNRC, State legislature, and/or courts;
- Inadequate funding for specific directives at state and federal levels;
- The economy, which may affect funding levels for the agency and which may bring increases or decreases in numbers and levels of wastewater discharges, air emissions, etc.
- Time required for completion of contaminant assessments and remedial actions.
- Degree of recalcitrance of regulated facilities in addressing contaminated media
- Problems with suppliers of information;

- Increased request for services but no increase in workforce.
- Increased difficulties in securing contract or other professional services in a timeframe that compliments deadlines and other milestone commitments that are mandatory for the successful attainment of goals and objectives

4. Statutory requirement or other authority:

- Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 30 Subtitle II (La. Environmental Quality Act)
- 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq. (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act)
- CERCLA 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980)
- Clean Water Act
- Clean Air Act
- Louisiana Environmental Quality Act
- Act 1465 and five-year Master Plan (Vision 2020) for economic development
- LAC 33:I.
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- LAC 33:IX
- LAC 33:XII.
- LAC 33:XV
- CFR 40 Parts 260 through 281

5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:

The objectives and the strategies associated with them are driven by:

(1) Statutory and federal requirements, (2) funding, and (3) sufficient personnel to ensure that the level of compliance, monitoring and response to environmental incidents is maintained.

The programs encompassed by the objectives are reviewed and evaluated at least annually by management and regional staff to ensure that work plan activities are consistent with the strategies developed to demonstrate progress toward the stated objectives.

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No duplication of effort exists.

7. Description of how the performance indicators are used in management decision making and other agency processes:

Numbers and other data generated by tracking of the performance indicators will be used individually and collectively to monitor program performance. Management staff will use this information to determine trends and set priorities with regard to funding and allocation of personnel to accomplish the listed objectives and strategies. Program areas that are found to be deficient will receive more attention. The department will also use this information to keep the regulated community and the public informed of agency performance. To identify areas of greatest risk to human health so these areas can be addressed at least in the interim prior to final corrective actions are in place.

Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds

Five-Year Strategic Plan

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Agency Number: 21-860

Program Name: Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds

Program Authorization: R.S. 30:2001 et seq., R.S. 30:2301-2306, R.S. 30:2011, and, PL-92-500, Clean Water Act, As Amended by America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 La. R.S. 30:2551-2552, PL 107-118, Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, and PL 115-141, 2018 Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act

Vision

The health and welfare of the citizens and the environment of the state of Louisiana will benefit from the assistance provided by Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds. The principal clients and users are eligible borrowers whose projects meet the multiple program eligibilities. These borrowers benefit from low interest financing or grants to make improvements to their systems and sites.

Mission

The mission of the Water Planning Division in conjunction with the Financial Services Division - State Revolving Fund Section is to uphold Title VI and amended section 221 of the federal Clean Water Act and to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the state, as well as to enhance the environment of the state by administering the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), and the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG). The Remediation Division's Brownfields Program, in conjunction with the Financial Services Division, strives to uphold the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act and 2018 Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act to address environmental concerns at vacant and underutilized properties to facilitate their reuse and to support community revitalization.

Philosophy

Through these programs, DEQ strives to provide financial assistance to as many eligible systems as possible. Through effective management, the CWSRF and OSG programs will provide sustainable financial assistance for wastewater infrastructure, sewer overflow, and storm water reuse needs. The Brownfield Cleanup, Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) will provide financial assistance to support the remediation of Brownfields sites to facilitate their reuse and redevelopment.

Goal

To protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the state, as well as to enhance the environment of the state, by providing financial assistance to eligible borrowers or grantors for improvement and/or construction of wastewater treatment facilities, sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and stormwater management; and for Brownfield sites, cleanup of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum), and/or petroleum. DEQ is committed to supporting the major objectives found in Title VI and amended section 221 of the Clean Water Act for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program. (1-4) As well as the major objectives found in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act and 2018 Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act. (5);

1. Construction of publicly owned treatment works (Section 212)
2. Implementing a management program (Section 319); and
3. Developing and implementing a conservation and management plan (Section 320).
4. Planning, Design, and Construction of—
 - (A) treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater; and
 - (B) any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water eligible for assistance under section 603(c)
5. Cleanup to address brownfield sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum), and/or petroleum.

Objective 1:

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Strategies:

- 1.1 Manage EPA funds and program resources to provide maximum benefit.
- 1.2 Process engineering reviews, environmental reviews, financial reviews, and payment requests in a timely manner to keep projects on schedule.
- 1.3 Provide information/education to communities to stimulate interest in the programs.
- 1.4 Provide loans to qualifying applicants.

Performance Indicator:

Efficiency: Percent of loan and grant applications and associated documents reviewed within 30 days of receipt.

Performance Indicator Documentation

Program: Environmental State Revolving Loan Funds

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Indicator LaPAS PI Code: 10583.

1. Type and Level: Efficiency; Key.
2. Rationale, Relevance, Reliability: This indicator measures the efficiency in successfully reviewing assistance application packages for funding of improved wastewater treatment systems, the remediation of Brownfields sites, and sewer overflow and storm water reuse projects throughout the state.
3. Use: This indicator will be used for internal management purposes as well as for performance-based budgeting.
4. Clarity: This indicator name clearly identifies what is being measured.
5. Data Source, Collection and Reporting: All loan applications are tracked using an internal and federal databases; information is available upon request.
6. Calculation Methodology: The number of applications reviewed within the timeframe is divided by the total number received in the same timeframe.
7. Scope: The indicator is disaggregated.
8. Caveats: None
9. Accuracy, Maintenance, Support: This indicator has not been audited. Documentation is maintained in a spreadsheet that records the date received and the dates complete information is received. The spreadsheet is maintained in a file for future verifiability.
10. Responsible Person: Sierra Templet
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Process Documentation

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Objective 1: Efficient, timely and accurate reviewing of revolving loan applications to improve municipal water systems or remediate brownfield sites.	Municipal Water Systems Private Entities Private Citizens of the state

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Changed or additional Federal or State mandates

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5. Description of any program evaluation used to develop objectives and strategies:

Management review of the current situation and adaptation of needed changes.

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- Identify areas where additional resources must be requested.