



Department of Environmental Quality

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DEQ's Mission and Vision

- **Mission:**

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 regarding employment and economic development.

- **Vision:**

To be a respected and trusted steward of the State's environment.

" Find pollution or waste and you've found something you paid for but can't sell. You've found inefficiency...fundamentally all pollution is lost profit"

-Peter Coors, CEO

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DEQ's General Areas of Responsibility

Air quality
Water quality
Solid waste
Hazardous wastes
Asbestos, mercury, lead programs
Radiation protection
Remediation of contaminated sites
Regulations development
Permitting
Groundwater protection
Surveillance
Enforcement
Criminal investigations
Underground storage tanks
Environmental impact assessment
Planning and performance tracking
Complaints
Legislative Support

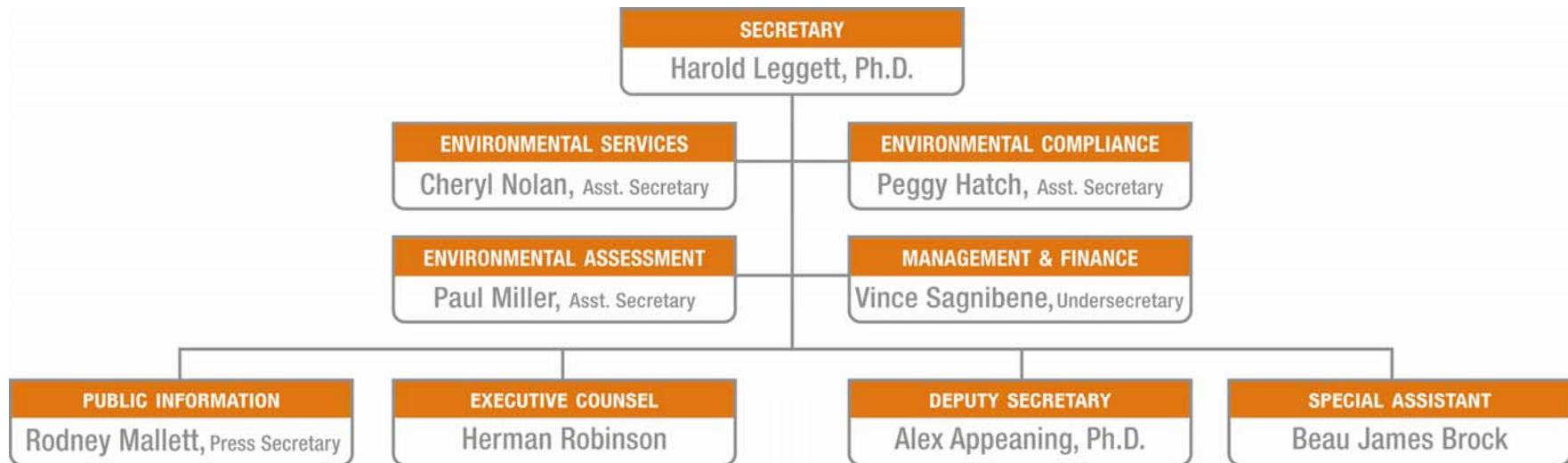
Compliance assistance
Laboratory services
Laboratory accreditation
Beneficial environmental projects
Environmental monitoring
Environmental education
Emergency response
Accident prevention
State revolving loan fund
Brownfields projects
Recycle and litter
Environmental research
Economic development assistance
Emissions inventories
Contractor certifications
Training programs
Economic Development

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Organizational Chart

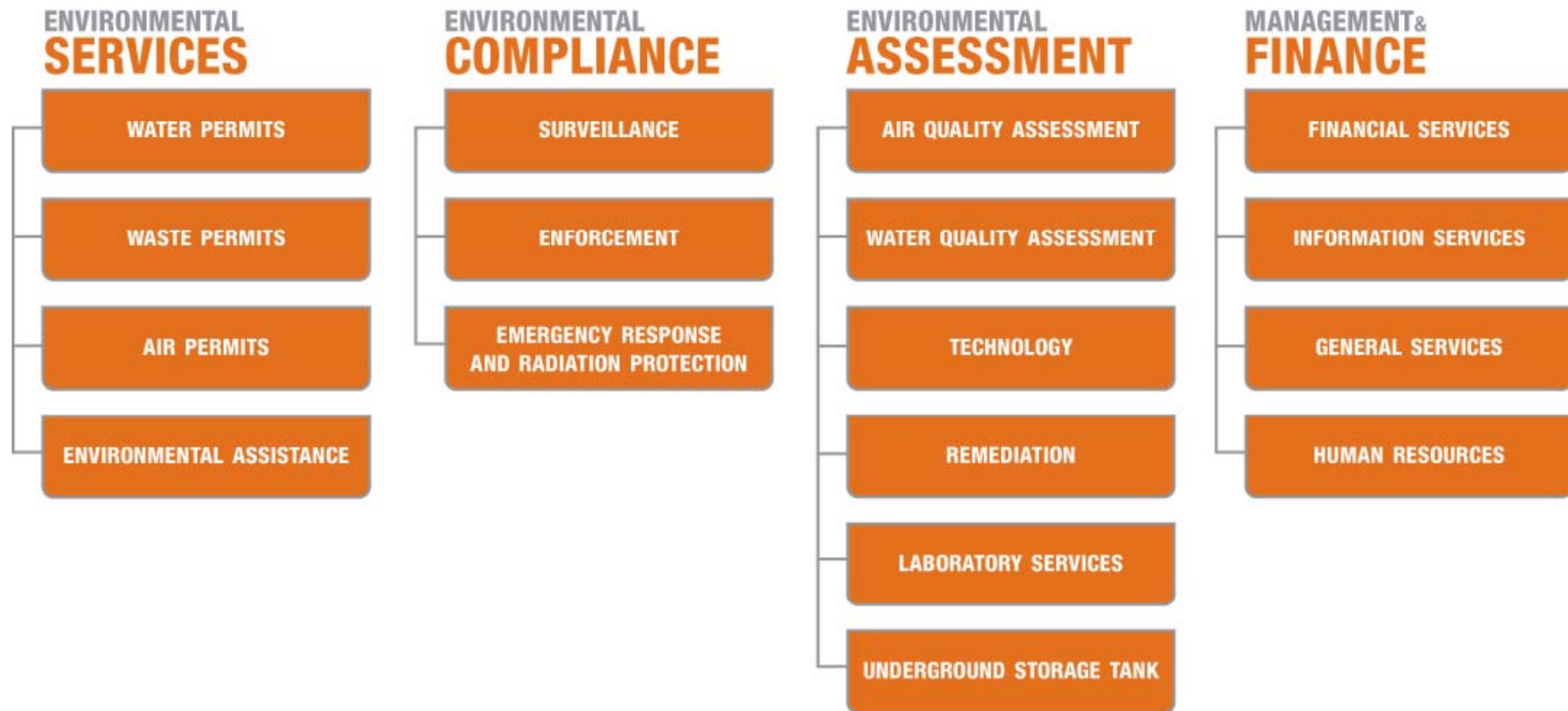


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Office Organizational Chart

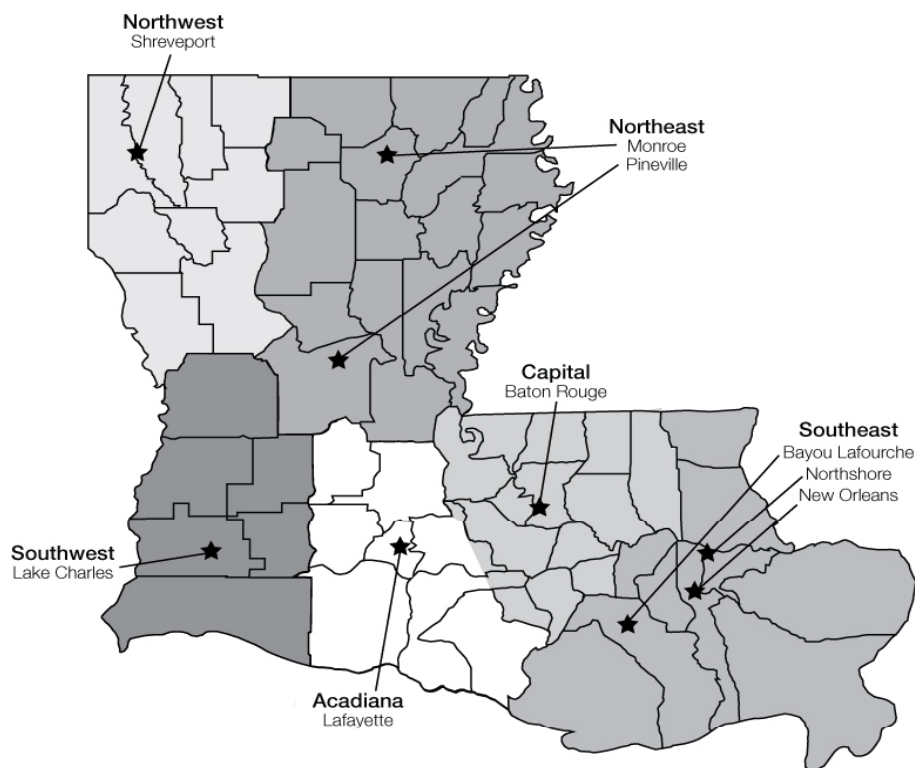


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Regional Office Map



Administrator:

Betty Brousseau - 225.219.3615

Acadiana Region:

Robert Freeman - 337.262.5584

Capital Region:

Bobby Mayweather - 225.219.3600

Northeast Region:

Kirk Cormier - 318.362.5439

Northwest Region:

Otis Randle - 318.676.7476

Southeast Region:

Mike Algero - 504.736.7701

Southwest Region:

Billy Eakin - 337.491.2667

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A Storm of Issues.....Continues & Again!

- Hurricane Recovery
- “Reactive” Compliance
- Complaint Volume
- Small Business
- Inefficiency
- Budget
- CAIR, CAMR and Ozone
- Unfunded Activities
- Ability to Comply



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Focus Areas – 10 Point Plan

1. Ethics and Integrity
2. Transparency
3. Level Playing Field
4. Front-Loading
5. Regionalization
6. Investment in Employees
7. Investment in Community Organizations and Local Governments
8. Investment in Small Businesses
9. Investment in Green Government and Applied Research
10. Investment in Technology and eBusiness

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Regional Services & Efficiency

- To promote the Department's emphasis on improving customer service, decreasing referral backlogs, improving turnaround time, and providing faster answers, the Office of Environmental Compliance will continue issuing Notice of Deficiency (NOD) and Notice of Corrected Deficiency (NOCD) letters from the Regional Offices for minor violations.
- To foster better working/living relationships between communities and industry, the Department will dedicate staff in each Regional Office to provide outreach opportunities and bring communities and industries together before problems develop.
- To enhance regional services, the Department will dedicate more staff from the Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services to more regional functional groups.

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eBusiness & Efficiency

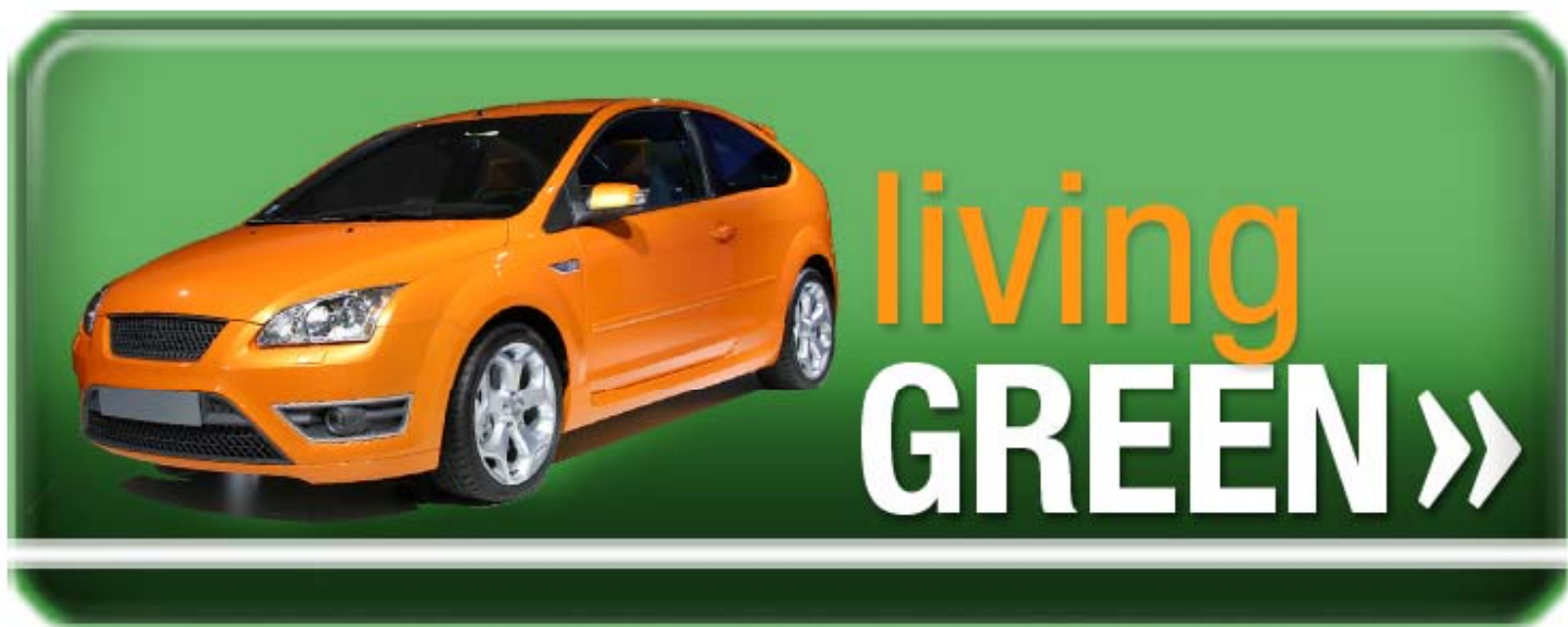
- ePayments
- ePermits – Applications and Permits
- eData Submittal
 - Title V Reports
 - DMRs
 - Emissions Inventory
- eidentity –user name and password for conducting future ebusiness with DEQ. (example: name/ownership changes)

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DEQ and Environmental Leadership & Partners



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Green Government Executive Order

- Set energy efficiency goals for state facilities, office buildings or complexes for fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011
- Establish programs for energy analysis of state-owned buildings and identify opportunities for reduced energy use
- Adopt a program to reduce solid waste, including but not limited to adopting paperless office programs
- Review purchasing practices to assure 100% compliance with existing state requirements related to energy conservation
- Develop average fuel economy goals for the state automobile fleet
- Create an information campaign to disseminate to other departments for best methods and practices regarding energy efficiency and conservation.

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Front-Loading: Community/Industry Outreach

- Working with communities, business groups, and environmental groups to listen, moderate, inform, and move forward (La. Env. Advisory Panel - LEAP)
- Working with the Small Business Assistance Section and Circuit Riders to educate small, non-compliant facilities with limited financial and technical resources
- Working with LMA, LRWA, LPJA, and others to facilitate assistance for small businesses and municipalities
- Working with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to attract new businesses to the state while educating businesses on regulatory requirements and community outreach opportunities
- EnviroSchool
- Compliance Assistance Schools
- Ozone Steering Committee

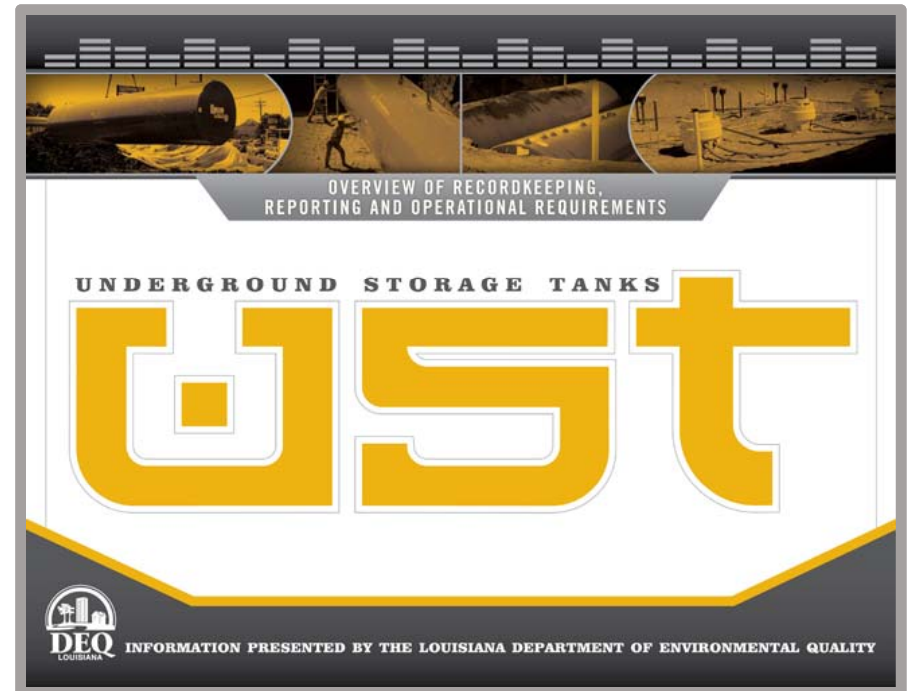
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Frontloading-Getting into Compliance!

- **Currently:**
 - Underground Storage Tanks
 - Small Sanitary Sewage
 - Car Washes
- **Possibly:**
 - Sandblasting
 - Storm water – Small Construction
 - Other Suggestions???
- **Local Info/PSAs/SBA**
- **Regional Answers!**



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Hot Buttons!

- CAIR
- CAMR
- Ozone
- Illegal Dumping
- Wastewater Systems
- Leveling the Playing Field!
- Employee Retention/Training
- Budget/Staff !!



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QUESTIONS?

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