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## ***DEQ Update***

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# TOPICS

1. Efficiency/Budget Measures
2. Outreach and Education
3. New Initiatives
4. Deepwater Horizon

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# BUDGET STRATEGIES

- The Department has implemented strategies in order to remove its dependence on the state general fund.
- This was accomplished by:
  - ✦ Giving up floors
  - ✦ Retirement Incentive
  - ✦ Reduction of positions
  - ✦ Outsourcing laboratory services
  - ✦ No new vehicle purchases / reduction of fleet
  - ✦ Closed DEQ library
  - ✦ Reduction of professional service contracts, travel, acquisitions



# EFFICIENCY MEASURES

- Collapsed OEA into OEC/OES
- Restructuring several divisions

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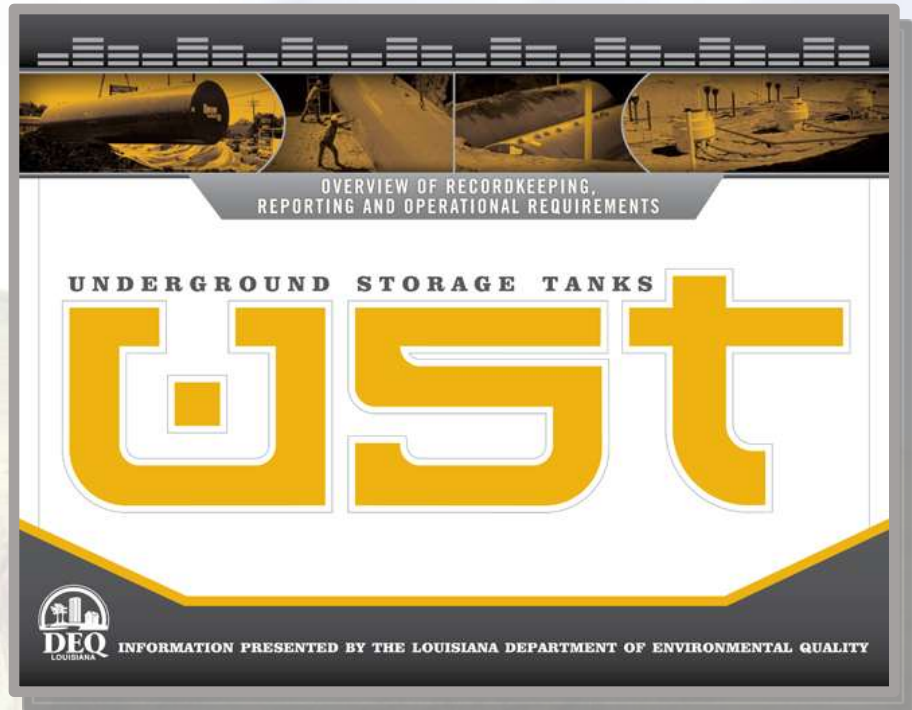
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# COMMUNITY/INDUSTRY OUTREACH

Currently:

- Underground Storage Tanks
- Small Sanitary Sewage
- Sewage Sludge Hauler
- Car Washes
- Statewide clean waters campaign
- Ozone Steering Committee – Statewide
- UST and Sewage Sludge Hauler workshops, statewide



# GREEN BUSINESS FAIR

In August 2010, more than 130 people attended the first DEQ Green Expo at the DEQ headquarters in Baton Rouge. The Expo provided an opportunity for environmentally friendly businesses to share their information with consumers or other business owners. Nine environmentally innovative companies made presentations and there were 30 exhibitors demonstrating their businesses.



# COMMUNITY CARES

To provide an online clearing house for facilitating awareness of environmental issues, envisioning of environmental projects to address those issues, and fulfillment of project resources needs, by empowering each and every member of the public to See the Solution and Be the Solution.



# CAN DO NETWORK

- The CAN DO NETWORK is comprised of concerned citizens and organizations who want to help their communities fight environmental crime. There are a number of opportunities to get involved with the CAN DO NETWORK.
- If someone has knowledge of criminal activity, they should call DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) directly at (225) 219-3944.
- Through the CAN DO NETWORK, citizens can receive information on specific court cases. Eighteen defendants, in twelve parishes, are currently awaiting trial for charges brought by CID for crimes to the environment.
- The CAN DO NETWORK is an opportunity for citizens and organizations to get involved and help stop and bring awareness to environmental crimes.







# MUNICIPALITY SEWAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- To assess the needs of municipalities that currently have on-going compliance issues and to evaluate what is needed to assist in bringing the municipality into compliance with their LPDES permit.
- Each municipality that has an outstanding enforcement action will be assessed on an individual basis and a path forward will be developed to assist them in achieving compliance and will be presented to representatives from the municipality.

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# DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL ACTIVITIES

- **Aerial Operations**
- **SCAT (Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Teams)**
- **CAT (Clean-Up Assessment Teams)**
- **RAT (Rapid Assessment Teams)**
- **Samples Collected**
- **Decontamination site/Landfill oversight**

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# Questions

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