



# Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

## DEQ Compliance Priorities

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# TOPICS

- Budget
- Efficiency Measures
- Department Initiatives
- Recent Developments

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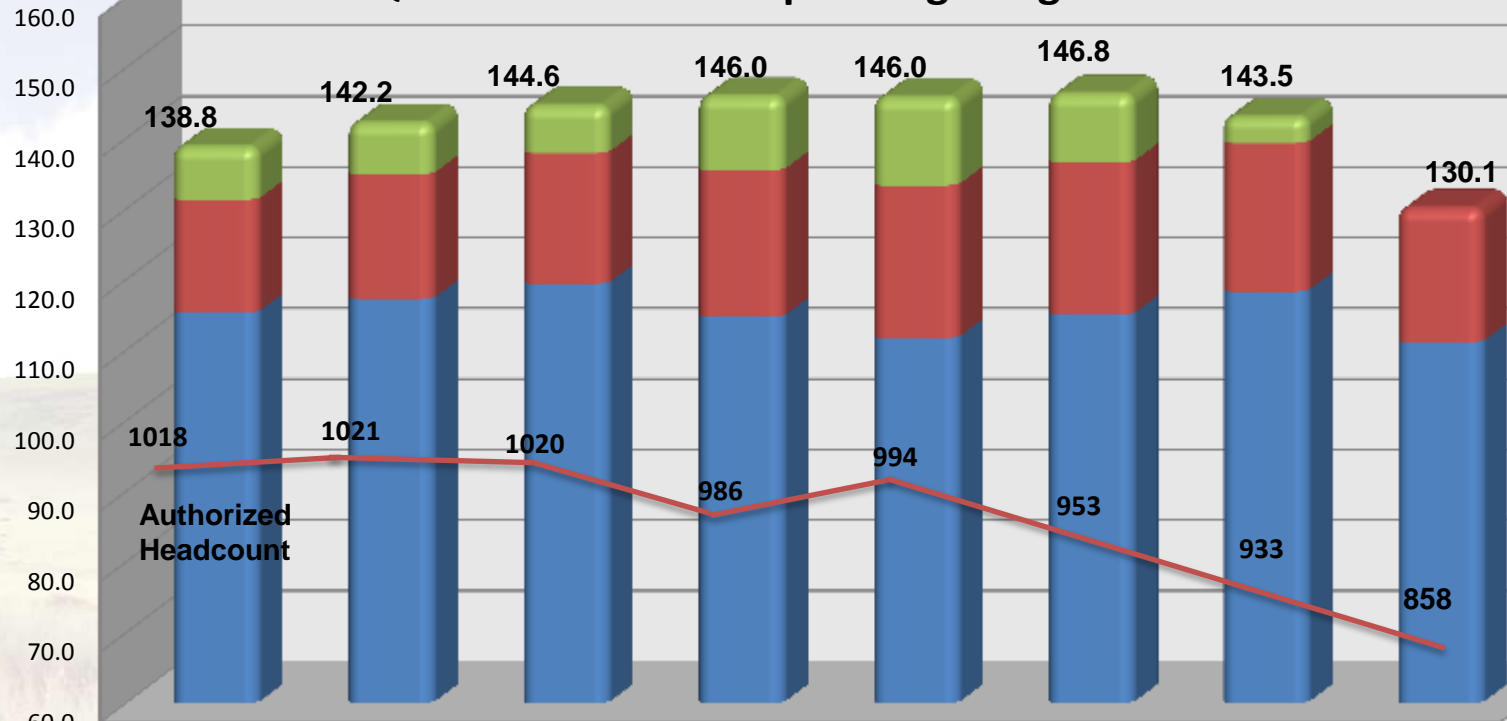
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# ADDRESSING STATE BUDGET ISSUES



DEQ End of Year Final Operating Budget

Millions



General Fund	7.5	7.3	6.7	10.5	12.5	9.7	3.7	0.0
Federal	16.0	17.7	18.5	20.8	21.6	21.6	21.0	19.0
Stat Ded	115.3	117.2	119.4	114.7	111.7	115.0	118.3	111.1

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# BUDGET AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION

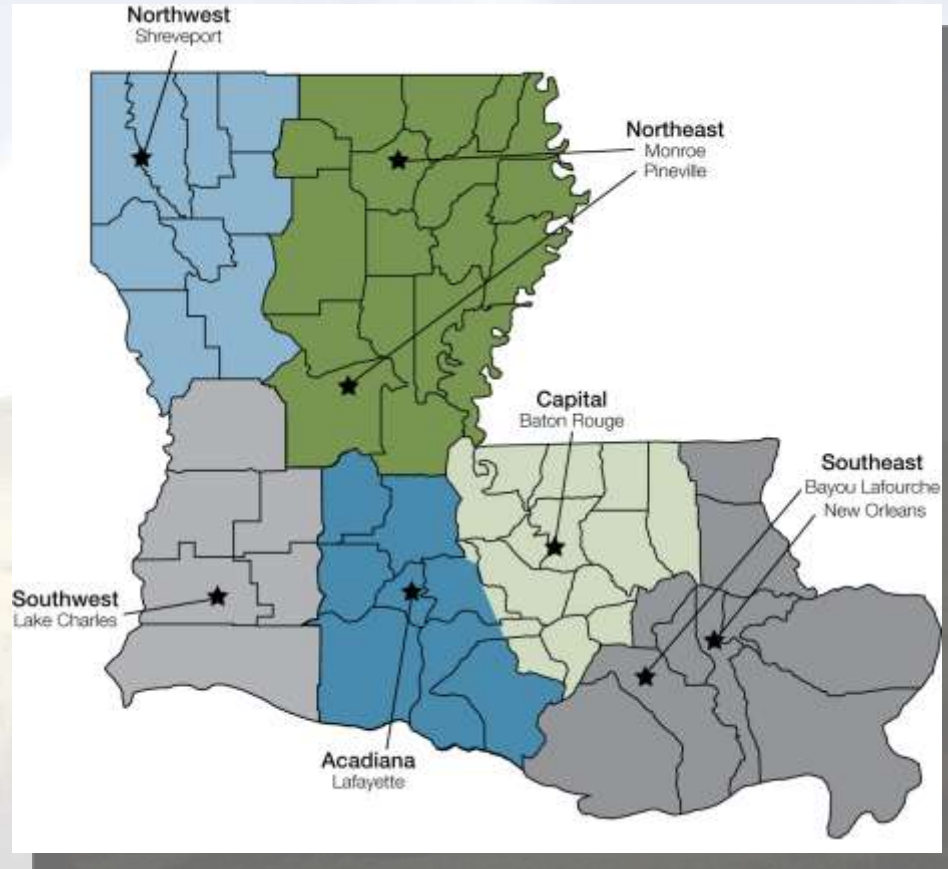
- The Department has implemented strategies in order to remove its dependence on the state general fund by fiscal year 2010-2011
- Reduction measures:
  - Reduction of positions
  - Closure of Mandeville field office
  - Outsourcing Laboratory services
  - No new vehicle purchases
  - Closed DEQ library
  - Reduction in travel
  - Reduction of professional service contracts
  - Reduction in acquisitions

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# REGIONAL SERVICES & EFFICIENCY



Regionalization promotes the Department's emphasis on increasing customer service, decreasing referral backlogs, improving turnaround time, and providing faster answers for all stakeholders.



# DEQ OEC Initiatives 2010-2011

- Oil Spill
- DEQ Stakeholder Efficiency Working Group
- Agency Structural Efficiencies
  - Effectively place senior technical employees to meet mission needs.
- Problem Solving Work Groups
- Re-structuring the current DEQ complaint policy.
- LDEQ Environmental Policy Workshop

# OEC Hatch Operations 2010-2011

- PHOENIX
  - Convert Municipal POTW enforcement from no-win scenarios.
- QUANTUM LEAP
  - Eliminate enforcement back log & shorten time between complaint and final action.
- PALE RIDER
  - Modernize the civil enforcement matrix to be simpler and more transparent.
- SUNSET
  - Development of a field compliance order tool.

# CID

1) DEQ-CID works with federal, state and local law enforcement agents as well as district attorneys, in an effort to deter people from conducting illegal activity that will be detrimental to human health and the environment.

2) Has developed into strong tool to support civil enforcement through effective re-structuring and cohesive mission focus.



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