

# Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

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# TOPICS

- Department Overview
- Initiatives and goals
- Ongoing Issues
- Waste Management

# MAKE-UP OF THE DEPARTMENT

- Office of the Secretary
  - Includes Legal, Communications, Business, Community Outreach and Incentive Division and Criminal Investigation Division
- Office of Management and Finance
- Office of Environmental Compliance
  - Includes Enforcement and Inspection
- Office of Environmental Services
  - Includes Air Permits, Waste Permits, Water Permits and Public Participation Support Group
- Office of Environmental Assessment
  - Includes Remediation Division, Underground Storage Tanks Division, Air Planning and Assessment Division, Water Planning and Assessment Division
- Regional Offices
  - Capital Region (Baton Rouge), Acadiana Region (Lafayette), Southwest Region (Lake Charles), Southeast Region (New Orleans), Northwest Region (Shreveport) and Northeast Region (Monroe)

# DEQ'S AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- **Air quality**
- **Water quality**
- **Laboratory accreditation**
- **Hazardous wastes**
- **Asbestos, mercury, lead programs**
- **Radiation protection**
- **Remediation of contaminated sites**
- **Regulations development**
- **Permitting**
- **Groundwater protection**
- **Surveillance**
- **Criminal investigations**
- **Underground storage tanks**
- **Environmental impact assessment**
- **Planning and performance tracking**
- **Complaints**
- **Legislative Support**
- **Compliance assistance**
- **Solid waste**
- **Economic Development**
- **Beneficial environmental projects**
- **Environmental monitoring**
- **Environmental education**
- **Emergency response**
- **Accident prevention**
- **State revolving loan fund**
- **Brownfields projects**
- **Enforcement**
- **Economic development assistance**
- **Emissions inventories**
- **Contractor certifications**
- **Training programs**
- **Environmental research**

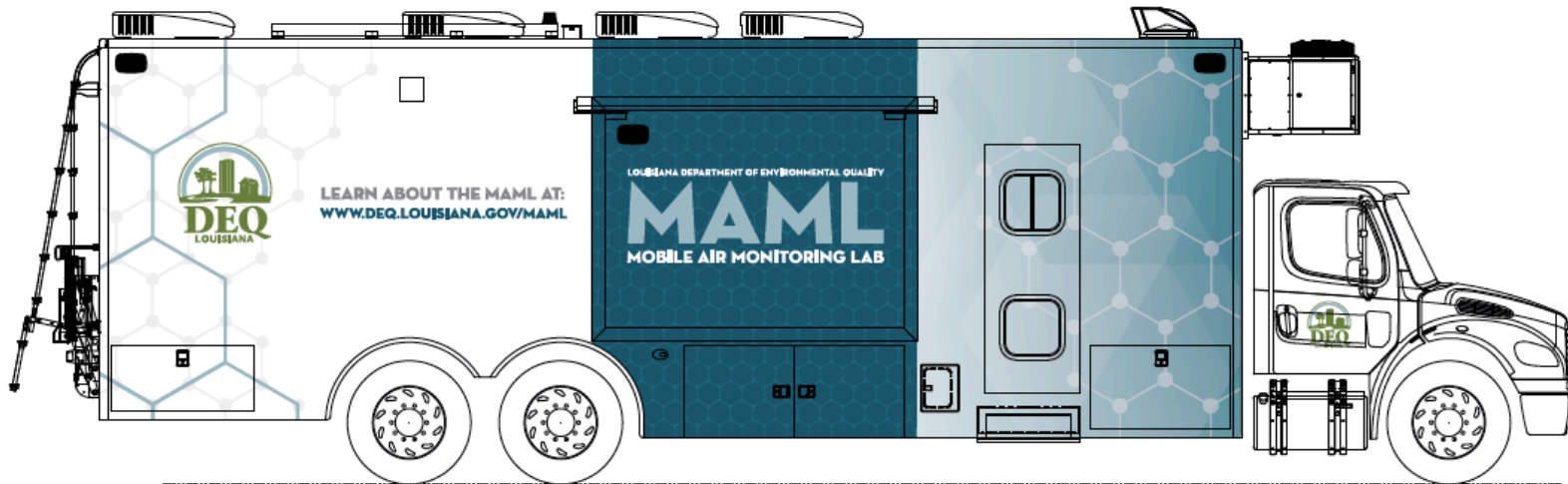
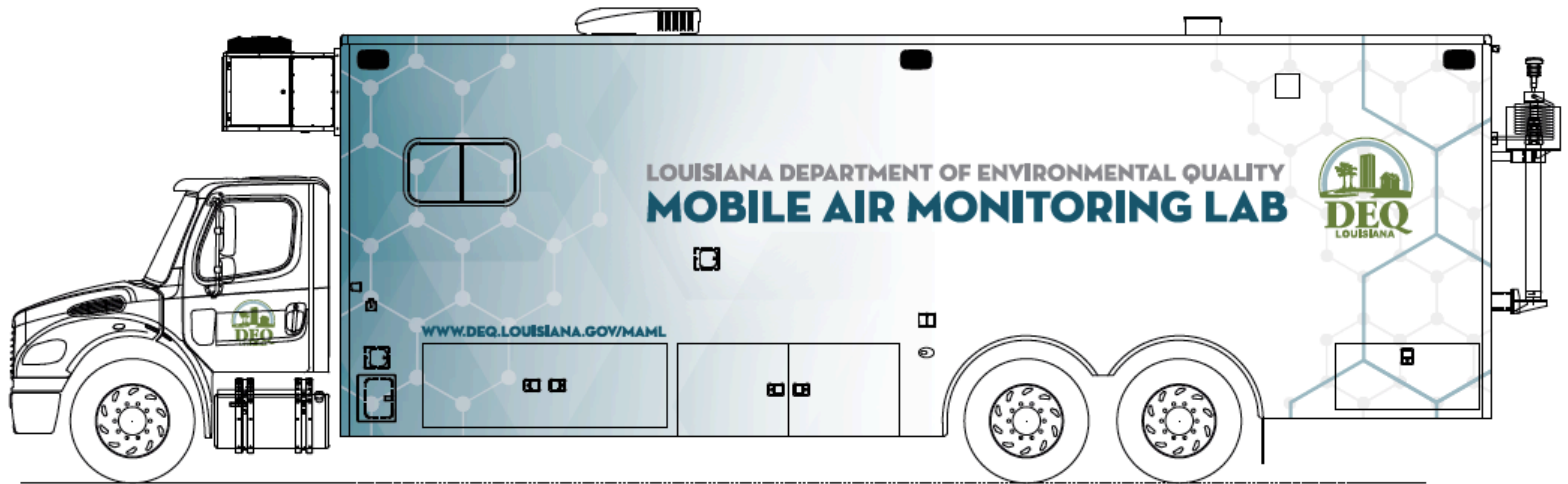
# GOALS

- Our goal is to protect the environment by:
  - Being accessible
  - Being transparent
  - Listening
  - Informing and empowering the public
  - DEQ will use social media, traditional media, web applications, meetings, hearings, news releases, e-news and other means to impart information to the citizens of Louisiana
  - Engaging the public
  - Adhering to environmental laws and regulations while using our authority in a fair and equitable way

# ONGOING ISSUES

- Air Issues
  - Some areas remain out of attainment for SO<sub>2</sub>.
  - Request for air monitors
  - Landfill odor issues
- Technology:
  - New MAMLs
  - Unmanned Aircraft
  - Rugged tablets for UST –
  - UST Division is working with a third party contractor to develop an inspection application program.
- Legislative Resolutions
  - HCR 25 Wastewater Regionalization
  - HCR 231 Self Audit
- VW Settlement

# New MAMLS



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# DEQ'S AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

**“Who Determines Compliance?  
We do.”**

-- LDEQ Secretary Chuck Carr Brown

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