

LDEQ

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is to provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare.



TOPICS

- Department Makeup: Who We Are?
- Department Makeup: What We Do?
- Goals and Initiatives
- Resources & Vehicles
- The Transition



MAKE-UP OF THE DEPARTMENT

- **Office of the Secretary: Roger Gingles, Secretary; Jonathan McFarland, Chief of Staff**
 - *Includes:*
 - Legal Division: **Courtney Burdette, Executive Council**
 - Criminal Investigation Division
 - Public Information Section – **Greg Langley, Press Secretary**
 - Community Outreach and Business Incentive Section – **Denise Bennett, Deputy Secretary**
 - Small Business Environmental Assistance, Legis Affairs, Community & Industry Relations and Special Projects
- **Office of Management and Finance: Karyn Andrews, Undersecretary**
 - Includes: Human Resources, Financial Services, and Information Technology
- **Office of Environmental Compliance: Celena Cage, Assistant Secretary**
 - Includes: Enforcement & Inspection and Emergency Response
- **Office of Environmental Services: Bliss Higgins, Assistant Secretary**
 - Includes Air Permits, Waste Permits, Water Permits, and Public Participation Support Group
- **Office of Environmental Assessment: Gary Fulton, Assistant Secretary**
 - Includes Remediation Division, Underground Storage Tanks Division, Air Planning & Assessment Division, and Water Planning & Assessment Division
- **Regional Offices:**
 - Includes: Capital Region (Baton Rouge), Acadiana Region (Lafayette), Southwest Region (Lake Charles), Southeast Region (New Orleans), Northwest Region (Shreveport) and Northeast Region (Monroe)



LDEQ'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**
- **Training programs**
- **Complaints**
- **Legislative Support**
- **Compliance assistance**
- **Solid waste**
- **Economic development**
- **Beneficial Environmental Projects**
- **Environmental monitoring**
- **Environmental education**
- **Environmental equity**
- **Emergency response**
- **Accident prevention**
- **State revolving loan fund**
- **Brownfields projects**
- **Enforcement**
- **Economic development assistance**
- **Emissions inventories**
- **Contractor certifications**
- **Environmental research**



GOALS & INITIATIVES

AGENCY OVERALL GOAL

To be a **steward** of the environment that goes **above and beyond** in protecting the environment and human health

- ✓ Adhering to environmental laws and regulations while using our authority in a fair and equitable way
- ✓ Making decisions rooted in science
- ✓ Being accessible and transparent
- ✓ Informing & empowering the public
- ✓ Listening & engaging the public





We Got It!

GOALS & INITIATIVES *(cont'd)*

- **Air**

- “The problem of proximity.” – *Former LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown*
- **The Carbon Reduction Challenge**
 - 66 % of carbon emissions in Louisiana come from industry
 - Methane emission from landfill

- **Water**

- Unpermitted discharges into state waters remain one of the top environmental problems in Louisiana. Home waste treatment systems are one of the biggest challenges.



GOALS & INITIATIVES *(cont'd)*

- **Remediation**

- Brownfields program
- Residual contamination from defunct industrial operations
- Capitol Lakes



RESOURCES & VEHICLES

- **Federal Grant Funding - IIJA/BIL & IRA**
 - ✓ LDEQ
 - ✓ \$50.3M Grant Awards to-date

Grant Award Amount	Grant Type		Funding	LDEQ Div/Program Applicant	Grand Total
	Competitive	Formula	Mechanism		
128(a) Brownfields State Response Program - BIL/IIJA Funding	\$ 1,122,955		BIL/IIJA	OEA - Remediation, Brownfields Program	\$ 1,122,955
60105(f) - "Funding to Address Air Pollution: Clean Air Act Grants"		\$ 463,563	IRA	OEA - Air Planning, Air Field Services	\$ 463,563
604(b) Water Quality Management Planning (1% CWSRF), FY22		\$ 336,000	BIL/IIJA	OEA - Water Planning/Admin	\$ 336,000
604(b) Water Quality Management Planning (1% CWSRF), FY23		\$ 338,000	BIL/IIJA	OEA - Water Planning/Admin	\$ 338,000
Clean Water State Revolving Fund, FY22		\$ 19,565,000	BIL/IIJA	OEA - Water Planning/CWSRF	\$ 19,565,000
Clean Water State Revolving Fund, FY23		\$ 22,914,000	BIL/IIJA	OEA - Water Planning/CWSRF	\$ 22,914,000
Community Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	\$ 2,000,000		BIL/IIJA	OEA - Remediation, Brownfields Program	\$ 2,000,000
CWSRF - Emerging Contaminants		\$ 1,028,000	BIL/IIJA	LDEQ CWSRF transf to LDH-OPH	\$ 1,028,000
Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities	\$ 943,521		ARP & IRA	OEA - Air Planning, Air Field Services	\$ 943,521
Pollution Prevention Grants - Environmental Justice in Communities, EJ Government-to-Government (EJG2G)	\$ 1,000,000		ARP & IRA	OEA - Air Planning, Air Field Services	\$ 1,000,000
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Infrastructure Grants - States and Territories	\$ 612,441		BIL/IIJA	OES - Solid Waste, Recycling Program	\$ 612,441
Total	\$ 5,678,917	\$ 44,644,563			\$ 50,323,480
Recycling Education and Outreach Grants - (Application Submitted, Grant under consideration)	\$ 2,000,000		BIL/IIJA	OES - Solid Waste, Recycling Program	\$ 2,000,000
Grand Total	\$ 7,678,917	\$ 44,644,563			\$ 52,323,480

RESOURCES & VEHICLES

- **Federal Grant Funding**

- ✓ State of Louisiana

- ✓ \$9.11 billion to-date

- ✓ Learn about awarded funds, future grant opportunities, infrastructure news, upcoming events, and more.

- ✓ <https://infrastructure.la.gov>

- **Legislation/Policy – 2016 to Present**

- ~16,290 Legislative instruments

- ~330 Environmental/department related

- ~29/21 LDEQ instruments

- **Challenges Met. Progress Delivered.**



NEW ADMINISTRATION: THE TRANSITION

- January 2024
- Closing Message from LDEQ Secretary Roger Gingles





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