

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Update

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Who We Are, What We Do

Established 1984

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



LDEQ Headquarters

MAKE-UP OF THE DEPARTMENT



Office of the Secretary

- Includes Legal, Communications, Outreach and Small Business, and Criminal Investigations

Office of Management and Finance

- Includes Financial Services and Human Resources

Office of Environmental Assessment

- Includes UST and Remediation

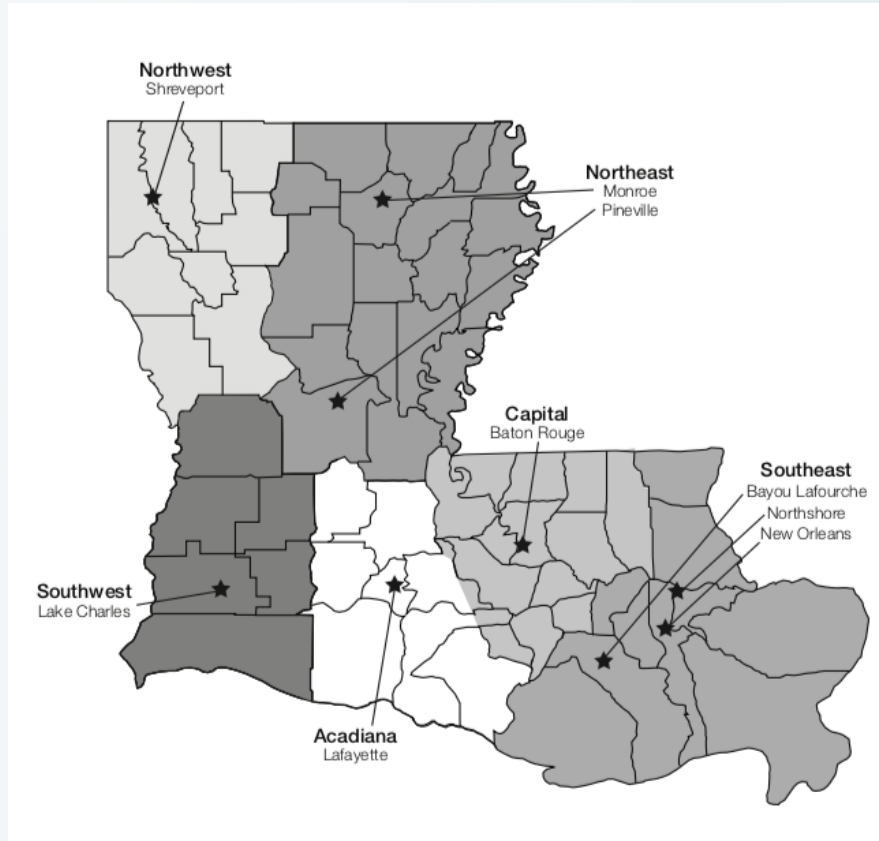
Office of Environmental Compliance

- Includes Enforcement, Inspections, Surveillance

Office of Environmental Services

- Includes Air Permits, Waste Permits, Water Permits and Public Participation & Permit Support

LDEQ Regional Map & Offices



- Acadiana Regional Office – Lafayette
- Bayou Lafourche Office – Lockport
- Capital Regional Office – Baton Rouge
- Kisatchie Central Office – Alexandria
- Northeast Regional Office – Monroe
- Northwest Regional Office – Shreveport
- Southeast Regional Office – New Orleans
- Southwest Regional Office – Lake Charles



Five Secretarial Priorities

1. Striking a Regulatory Balance,
2. Build Our Future,
3. Modernizing for the Next 100 years,
4. Sustainably Developing and Managing Our Natural Resources, and
5. Creating Trust by Being Good Stewards



Three Priority Goals

1. Develop a “Progress Dashboard” for LDEQ
2. Cut Permit Processing Time in Half
3. Shape an Informed Public Perception



Accomplishments

- SFY 24-25 goals, achievable measurable goals
- Repository for all agency activities – **1,065** unique activities
- Agency wide list of external reports
- Agency wide list of all technology systems used and evaluated – **71**
- Evaluation of need for tablets all field division
- Agency wide list of permits, notifications, verifications, certifications, terminations, withdrawals, etc. – **232** different types
- Evaluated Delegated Authority of staff
- Division Administrator meetings weekly for increased intra-divisional communication.
- Employee on-boarding presentation for new employees for OEA, OES, OEC, OMF
- Lake Charles Sewer Loop Project funding Assist Lake Charles Wastewater Infrastructure
- Brownfield grants – 5 awarded as of June 2024
- UST grants – 18 Projects awarded
- LMEA – Department of Defense
- Clean Water Revolving Fund – Senator Bass
- Clean-up of backlog of Waste Tire Audits for 5 years
- Waste Tire Community Meetings – **6** locations state-wide



Accomplishments



Tiger Team- legacy issues

L 'Alumina
Cottonport Monofill
Water Infrastructure
– Carencro
Bagasse Biofuel Use



LEAP institution program

12 students

7 academic institutions



Volkswagen fund and check distribution

St Helena Parish
new buses

LDAF fire
suppression
equipment



Employee Recognition

Working Secretarial
Lunch

Employee of the
Month



On-line Permitting and Dashboard

Regulatory Team
Technology Team
Innovation Summit
Permit Issuance
Times



LDEQ's Tiger Team - Cottonport

- Tiger Teams established to address legacy environmental hazards around the State of Louisiana
- Cottonport Monofill, Waste Tire Processor
 - Fire in 2022

LDEQ's Tiger Team – L'Alumina

Spent bauxite waste, "red dust"

Cooperative Agreement with Ascension Parish

Incorporation of mineral extraction



LDEQ's Tiger Team Beneficial Use for Excess Bagasse

- Operating raw sugar mills = 11
- Delta Biofuels
- American Bio-carbon
 - Bio-char
 - Pelletization



Dashboard

Provides transparency and accessibility to users and the public

Current

Facility and Permitting information
Inspection information
Enforcement actions

Future

Remediation site information
Reported incidents
Single Point of Contact (SPOC) notifications



Permitting Portal

1

Regulatory Team:
mapping workflow
processes and
evaluating regulations
as applicable

2

Technology Team:
incorporation of
technology and
oversee of portal
building

3

Innovation Summit:
stakeholder meeting
with industry
representatives



Waste Tire Community Townhalls

- Completed 6 across state
- Feedback from stakeholders and public
- Governor Report
- Multi-faceted approach
 - Promote new compliance and enforcement policies
 - Increase public awareness
 - Reduce illegally dumped tires
 - Incorporate proven and new technologies

On the Horizon

AQ398 – Repeal of Affirmative Defense Provisions

- Remove affirmative defense provisions from Part 70 permits (air)
- Proposed: September 20, 2024
- Public hearing: October 30, 2024
- Comment deadline: November 6, 2024

WQ114 – Freshwater Ammonia Aquatic Life Criteria

- Adoption of criteria to adopt freshwater ammonia criteria protective of aquatic life; include ammonia limits in LPDES permits
- Final rule publication: Anticipated November 20, 2024

HW127ft – Import/Export Rule

- Adopts 4 mandatory federal rules regarding Import/Export of Hazardous Waste and the e-Manifest system
- Final Rule Publication: October 20, 2024

SW068 – Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule

- Incorporates the Federal 2015 CCR Rule by reference
- Final Rule Publication: October 20, 2024



Thank you!

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