

LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency



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Dr. V. Alexander Appeaning, Deputy Secretary

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**Galvez Conference Center, Pensacola Room
LDEQ Headquarters
Baton Rouge, LA**



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DEQ's Mission and Vision



- **Mission:**

To provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety, and welfare while considering sound policies regarding employment and economic development

- **“Find pollution or waste and you’ve found something you paid for but can’t sell. You’ve found inefficiency...fundamentally all pollution is lost profit”**

-Peter Coors, CEO



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DEQ's General Areas of Responsibility



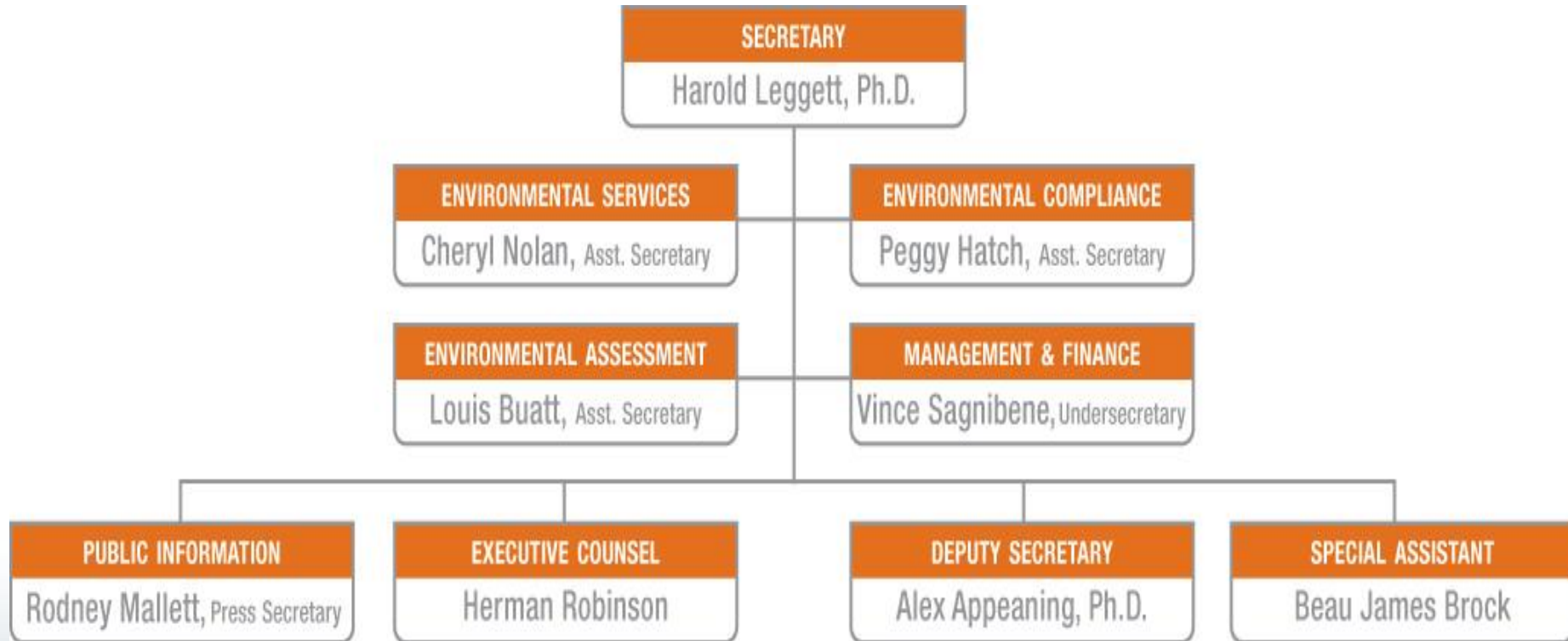
Air quality
Water quality
Solid wastes
Hazardous wastes
Asbestos, mercury, lead programs
Radiation protection
Remediation of contaminated sites
Regulations development
Permitting
Groundwater protection
Surveillance
Enforcement
Criminal investigations
Underground storage tanks
Environmental impact assessment
Planning and performance tracking
Complaints
Legislative Support

Compliance assistance
Laboratory services
Laboratory accreditation
Beneficial environmental projects
Environmental monitoring
Environmental education
Emergency response
Accident prevention
State revolving loan fund
Brownfields projects
Recycle and litter
Environmental research
Economic development assistance
Emissions inventories
Contractor certifications
Training programs
Economic Development



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Organizational Chart



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EXECUTIVE STAFF



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Office Organizational Chart



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



MANAGEMENT & FINANCE



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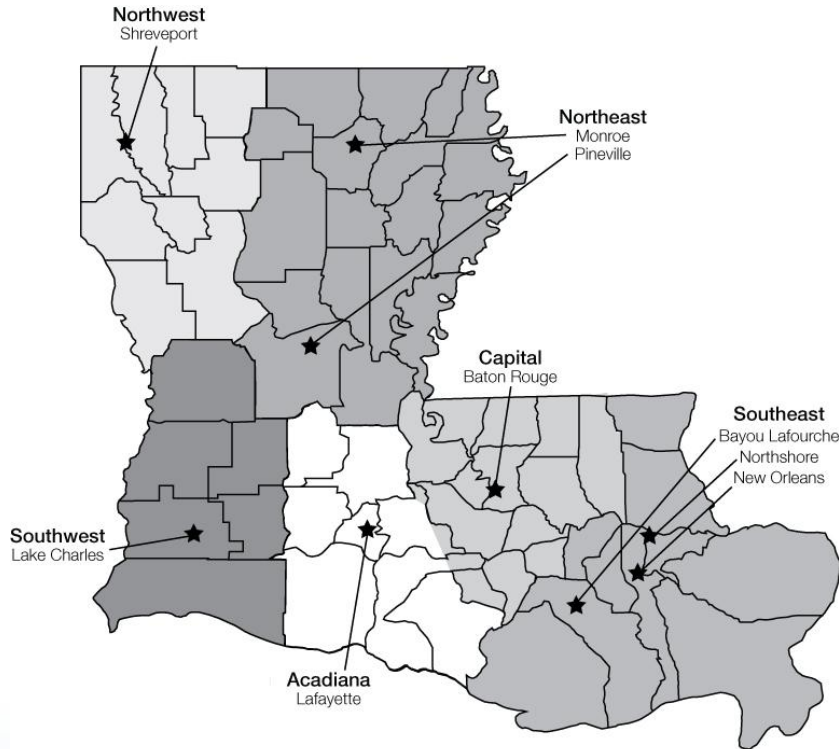


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Regional Office Map



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Regional Services & Efficiency



- To promote the Department's emphasis on increasing customer service, decreasing referral backlogs, improving turnaround time, and providing faster answers, the Office of Environmental Compliance will continue issuing Notice of Deficiency (NOD) and Notice of Corrected Deficiency (NOCD) letters from the Regional Offices for minor violations.
- To foster better working/living relationships between communities and industry, the Department will dedicate staff in each Regional Office to provide outreach opportunities and bring communities and industries together before problems develop.
- To enhance regional services, the Department will dedicate more staff from the Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services (OES) to more regional functional groups.





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eBusiness

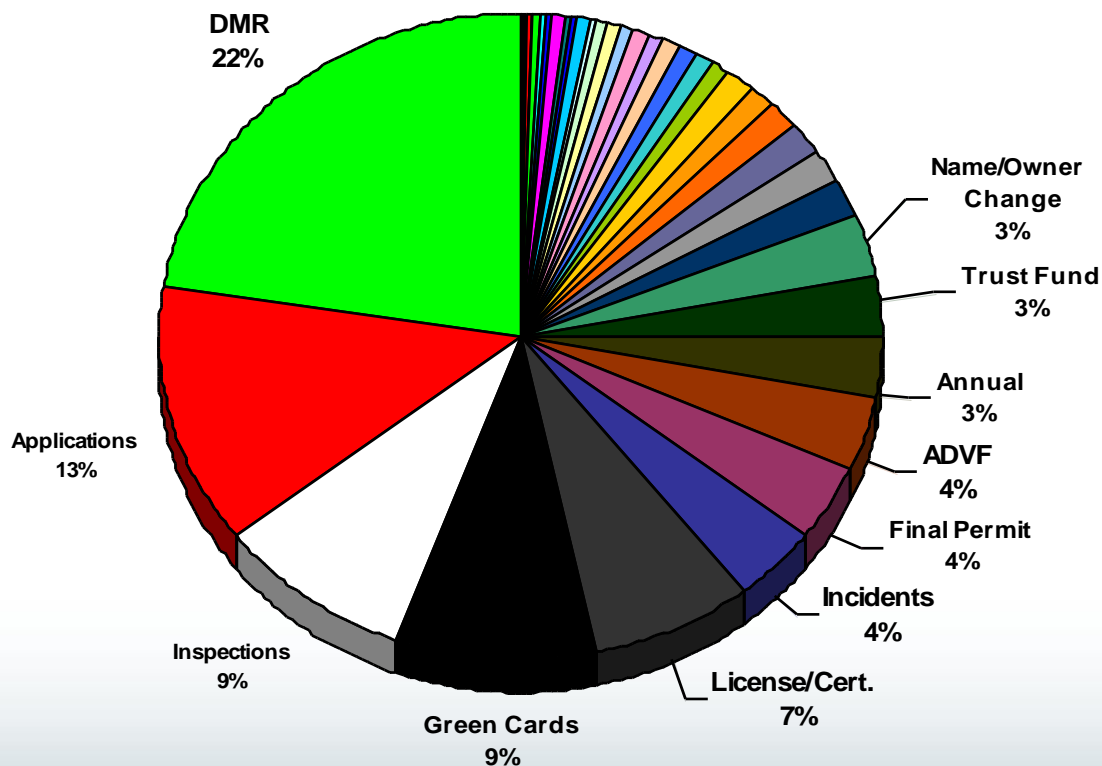
- **ePayments – July 08**
- **ePermits – Applications and Permits**
- **eData Submittal**
 - Title V Reports
 - DMRs
 - Emissions Inventory
- **eIdentity –user name and password for conducting future ebusiness with DEQ. (example: name/ownership changes)**





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Online Services/Submittals



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Front-Loading: Community/Industry Outreach

- Working with the Small Business Assistance Section and Circuit Riders to educate small, non-compliant facilities with limited financial and technical resources
- Working with LMA, LRWA, LPJA, and others to facilitate assistance for small businesses and municipalities
- Working with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to attract new businesses to the state while educating businesses on regulatory requirements and community outreach opportunities
- EnviroSchool
- Compliance Assistance Schools



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Front-Loading



Current:

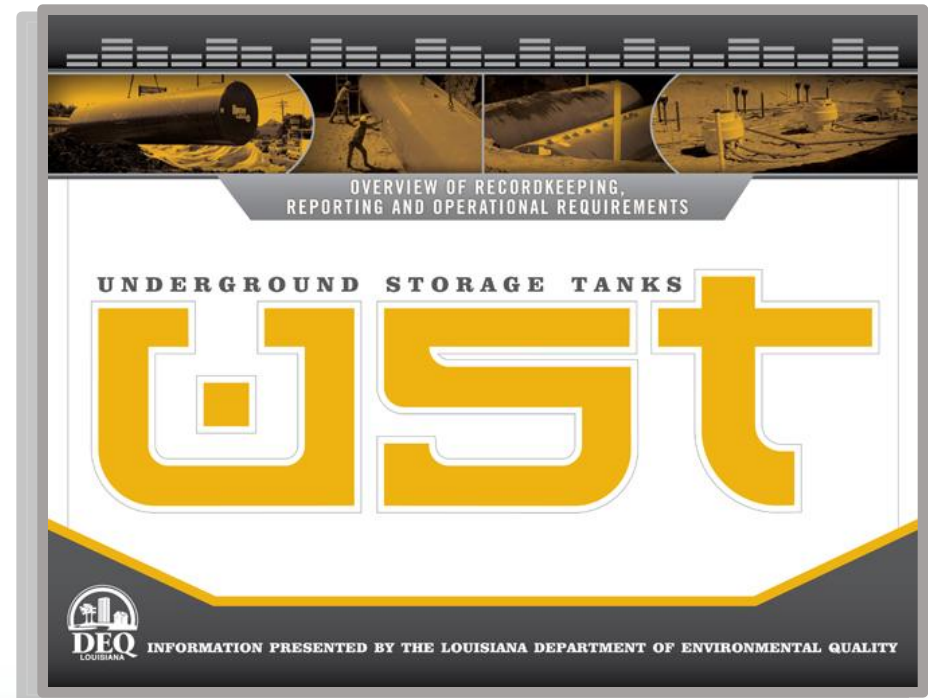
- Underground Storage Tanks
- Small Sanitary Sewage
- Car Washes

• Future:

- Sandblasting
- Stormwater – Small Construction

• Local Info/PSAs/SBA

• Regional Answers!



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Green Government Executive Order



- Set energy efficiency goals for state facilities, office buildings or complexes for Years 2009, 2010 and 2011 Fiscal
- Establish programs for energy analysis of state-owned buildings and identify opportunities for reduced energy use
- Adopt a program to reduce solid waste, including but not limited to adopting paperless office programs
- Review purchasing practices to assure 100% compliance with existing state requirements related to energy conservation
- Develop average fuel economy goals for the state automobile fleet
- Create an information campaign to disseminate to other departments best methods and practices regarding energy efficiency and conservation.



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Select Issues



- Ozone
- Illegal Dumping
- Leveling the Playing Field!
- Employee Retention/Training





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Focus Areas – 10 Point Plan

- 1. Ethics and Integrity**
- 2. Transparency**
- 3. Level Playing Field**
- 4. Front-Loading**
- 5. Regionalization**
- 6. Investment in Employees**
- 7. Investment in Community Organizations and Local Governments**
- 8. Investment in Small Businesses**
- 9. Investment in Green Government and Applied Research**
- 10. Investment in Technology and eBusiness**



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Enviroschool for communities to begin at DEQ

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality is inviting citizens to participate in an informative “school” to help the public understand the agency and how it operates. An Enviroschool session, entitled LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency, will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on May 8 in the Pensacola Room in the DEQ Conference Center, 602 North 5th Street.

As part of the new “front-loading” concept introduced by DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett, Deputy Secretary Alex Appeaning has begun the process of educating the public about the agency and its services using Enviroschool.

“The Enviroschool concept is new to DEQ,” said Appeaning. “Its goal is to help the public understand the processes so they can work together with the agency and the regulated community. The school will be managed by Tomeka Prioleau, Community and Industry Relations.”

“Louisiana citizens are interested in the regulatory process and want to contribute to the well being of our state,” said Prioleau. “These open forums, where citizens can ask questions and get answers, will help DEQ better serve the state in the future.”

Sessions will take place around the state and will focus on a variety of topics. The first, LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency will focus on:

- Understanding the vision and mission of the agency
- Challenges and opportunities
- The organization and function of each office and division

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Louisiana Environmental Action Network
Helping to Make Louisiana Safe for Future Generations

EMAIL ALERT

May 5, 2008

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will begin the **Enviroschool for Communities** training program on May 8, 2008 with the first in a series of sessions planned. **Enviroschool** is a series of training sessions designed to educate communities and encourage meaningful participation in the regulatory process. The goal is for communities to become informed participants and skilled on how to access and utilize informational resources for effective communication and dialogue with stakeholders. Training sessions will focus on a series of regulatory topics.

The first session in this series will be:

LDEQ 101: Understanding the Agency

This session will focus on:

- understanding the mission and new vision of the agency
- challenges and opportunities





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DEQ launches 'Enviroschool' for communities



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When the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality staff traveled the state last year to get public input, community members had one overwhelming request: more training.



ENVIROSCHOOL

FOR COMMUNITIES

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ENVIROSCHOOL FOR COMMUNITIES



Goal: Educating communities to become informed participants in the regulatory process.

- Outreach program designed to help communities understand and participate meaningfully in the LDEQ regulatory process
- Series of training sessions
 - *regulations, permitting, monitoring, surveillance, enforcement, cleanup, public participation*
- Sessions will help communities to access and utilize informational resources for effective communication and dialogue with stakeholders

EDUCATION + MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION = COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



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Community Involvement

- Pre-planning meeting was held in March with community members and leaders from environmental organizations, local governments, and state government
- 40 people in attendance
- Purpose was to obtain feedback from community on new program and to get public input
- Sessions developed based on community requests/concerns/need for information



Topic

Focus Area

Understanding LDEQ: Agency Overview

Executive Staff: Vision; Mission; Offices; Challenges; Opportunities

Environmental Regulations & Standards 101: A Broad Overview

What environmental regulations are designed to do; state and federal environmental regulations; how they govern what we do; accessing regulations; how regulations are set; how they are implemented; how meeting these standards protects human health and the environment

Access 101: A Hands-On Approach

Hands on computer training: Navigating LDEQ's website; locating your facility-AI numbers; retrieving information; public records request; EDMS; public notices; LDEQ website; LDEQ make-a-map; Accessing data

Public Participation 101: Understanding the Process

Public involvement; policy that governs; public notices; Public comments; public meetings vs. public hearings; making effective comments; where to find public notices; how to receive public notices; role of public officials

Permits 101: Understanding Permits & The Components

What are permits, what permits are designed to do; Statement of basis, Emissions Inventory Questionnaires (EIQs); Certifications; Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS); permit types: general, individual, major, minor, etc.; modifications; variances

Topic

Focus Area

Air Permits 101: Understanding the Process	Program Mission; Major Regulations that govern; flowchart of permit stages (with approximate timelines if appropriate); permit types and examples; description of where the community can get involved in the process
Air Permits 101: Understanding the types of permits	Permit types and examples; Major, Minor, Title V Part 70, synthetic minor, etc.; major differences
Air Quality 101: Understanding Emissions	Fact based decision making (based on data); what are air toxics?-Toxic Air Pollutants-TEDI; what are Criteria Pollutants-EI; TRI monitoring locations; how we monitor; what we monitor; equipment-MAML
Air Quality 101: Nonattainment & You	Defining attainment and non-attainment; identifying the areas; how it affects the regulatory standards; how new standards impact Louisiana
Water Permits 101: Understanding the Process	Program Mission; Major Regulations that govern; flowchart of permit stages; permit types and examples; description of where the community can get involved in the process; permit types and examples

Topic

Focus Area

Water Quality 101: Understanding Water Quality Issues	Water quality assessment and standards; TMDLs; drinking water protection, non-point source; fish advisories
Waste Permits 101: Understanding the Process	Program Mission; Major Regulations that govern; flowchart of permit stages; description of where the community can get involved in the process
Waste Permits 101: Understanding the types of permits	Permit types and examples; Type I; Type II; Type III landfills; what are the differences; what types of waste do they accept?
Surveillance & Emergency Response 101: How the Process Works	Surveillance process procedures; facility inspections; Emergency Response; SPOC; LDEQ role in emergencies; complaint and spill reporting; facility reporting rules; community involvement
Enforcement 101: The Process	Enforcement process; relationship with surveillance; Beneficial Environmental Projects (BEPS); tools-ECHO
RECAP 101: Understanding Remediation Standards	What is remediation; what is RECAP; understanding screening standards-risk based levels; risk based standards

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ENVIROSCHOOL FOR COMMUNITIES



- Regional workshops across the state
- One topic per month

2 hour sessions

1 hour training + Exercises & Activities + Q&A

Workshop Materials Provided

- Session schedule
 - May 8: Baton Rouge
 - May 15: Shreveport
 - May 21: New Orleans
 - May 29: Lake Charles



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