

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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**Bobby Jindal**  
*Governor*

**Harold Leggett, Ph.D.**  
*Secretary*

# 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.

## **Vision:**

To be a respected and trusted steward of the State's environment.

**“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 waste  
Hazardous wastes  
Asbestos, mercury  
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

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  
Legislative Support

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# DEQ'S LEADERSHIP 10 POINT PLAN

## DEQ'S TEN 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 e-Business

- As we move into a new era of state government, the DEQ has embraced Governor Bobby Jindal's philosophy grounded in ethics and integrity, transparency, performance-based budgeting, maximizing efficiency, customer service, controlled spending, serving as a good steward of taxpayers' dollars to provide a return on investment and achieving measurable results. The Governor's vision as outlined in his nine statewide goals has been incorporated as a roadmap by the Department in its DEQ LEADERSHIP 10-Point Plan.
- DEQ is committed, through the implementation of its 10-Point Plan, to operating as a first-class organization by adopting a common sense business approach which incorporates the recommendations of the Governor's Transition Economic Growth Advisory Council – Environmental Working Group.

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# DEQ STREAMLINING INITIATIVES

<b>General Fund Reduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Streamlining of Services and Resource Management</li> </ul>	<b>DEQ-DNR Oilfield Inspection Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opportunity for consolidation &amp; efficiency</li> </ul>
<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•"Front-loading"</li> <li>•Enviroschool</li> </ul>	<b>DEQ-DHH Drinking Water Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opportunity for consolidation &amp; efficiency</li> </ul>
<b>Regionalization &amp; Efficiency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Increased customer service for stakeholders</li> </ul>	<b>DEQ-DWF Litter Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opportunity for consolidation &amp; efficiency</li> </ul>
<b>E-Business &amp; Efficiency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Streamlining</li> <li>•eDMR, ePayment, ePermits</li> </ul>	<b>DEQ-DAF Office &amp; Warehouse Partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Office and warehouse space at a reduced cost</li> </ul>
<b>Investment in Employees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Productivity</li> </ul>	<b>DEQ-DAF Fuel &amp; Vehicle Maintenance Partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fuel and routine vehicle maintenance at a reduced cost</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Realignments in Agency &amp; Consolidation of Programs</b>	<b>Geographic Information Systems (GIS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opportunity for consolidation &amp; efficiency</li> </ul>
<b>Laboratory Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Outsourcing of analytical services</li> </ul>	<b>Information Technology (IT) Services</b>

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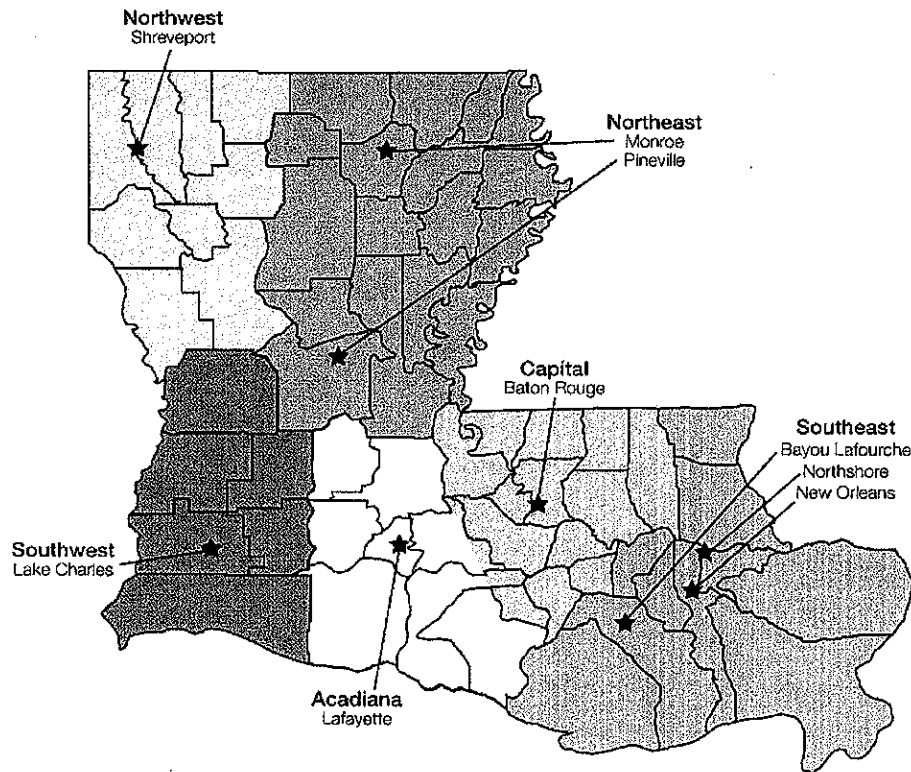
# GENERAL FUND REDUCTION

- The Department has implemented strategies in order to reduce the general fund budget by \$ 3.2 million in the FY 2010.
- This was accomplished by:
  - Reduction in acquisitions
  - Closure of Mandeville field office
  - No new vehicle purchases
  - Reduction of professional services
  - Travel
- The Department plans to be totally off of general fund dedications by FY 2011.

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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.

Regionalization fosters 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.

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## **eBusiness & Efficiency**

- ePayments – Done
- ePermits – Applications and Permits (Test Mode)
- eData Submittal
  - Title V Reports
  - DMRs – (Spring 09) Test Mode
  - Emissions Inventory

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