

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department of Natural Resources**

**HB Section(s): 6.225, 6.230**

**DEQ - Administration**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Division of Environmental Quality Administration**

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

The Division of Environmental Quality helps Missouri citizens thrive by managing natural resources to promote a healthy environment and economy by:

- Promoting environmental responsibility and resource stewardship.
- Enhancing services, information, and communication to improve customer experience.
- Modernizing infrastructure, strengthening workforce, and supporting economic development.
- Improving internal processes to better serve our customers.

**1b. What does this program do?**

The Division of Environmental Quality includes the Water Protection Program, Soil and Water Conservation Program, Air Pollution Control Program, Environmental Remediation Program, Waste Management Program, Environmental Services Program, Central Field Operations, and Regional Offices (St. Louis, Lee's Summit, Macon, Poplar Bluff, and Springfield).

The Division of Environmental Quality Administration responsibilities include:

- Implementing statewide environmental and natural resource policies resulting in environmentally-sound decisions that protect our air, land, and water while fostering economic development.
- Managing the organizational units within the division.
- Promoting efficient administration and operations.
- Long-range planning to implement policies to protect human health and the environment.

Technical Assistance Grants PSD: The division provides technical assistance to businesses, citizens, and local governments to increase compliance with statutes and regulations and promote pollution prevention strategies. This assistance is offered through federal and state funded training and certification of drinking water operators and wastewater operators. Other activities include environmental studies, demonstration projects, and pilot projects.

The following table shows financial data for the budget units included in this form.

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Current	Gov Rec
DEQ Admin Operations (78117C)	1,155,212	1,127,664	1,117,118	1,401,962	1,351,962
Technical Assistance Grants (79360C)	312,517	407,971	313,797	800,000	700,000
Total	1,467,729	1,535,635	1,430,915	2,201,962	2,051,962

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**2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.**

**Services Provided to Regulated Entities and the Public**

	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2020 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2021 Projected</b>	<b>FY 2022 Projected</b>	<b>FY 2023 Projected</b>
Regulated Facility Inspections	6,262	6,030	5,389	5,900	6,200	6,500
Compliance Assistance Visits	3,557	6,260	6,977	7,500	7,600	7,700
Environmental Emergency Responses	238	310	170	200	200	200
Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program Visits**	988	923	96	400	800	800
Soil and Water Cost Share Contract Monitoring Visits	719	719	727	727	727	727
<b>Total Assistance</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>14,242</b>	<b>13,359</b>	<b>14,727</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>15,927</b>

FY 2019 Regulated Facility Inspections was updated with more current data.

The inspections and compliance assistance visits reported for this measure are performed by the division's regional offices. The division's central office programs also perform a portion of these inspections. COVID-19 impacted on-site inspection numbers in FY 2020 and will continue to do so in FY 2021.

As of FY 2020, the Department includes both in-person and office assistance in the Compliance Assistance Visits category. FY 2018 - FY 2020 data and future projections have been restated to reflect all compliance assistance. In-person compliance assistance efforts were limited as a result of COVID-19; however, virtual meetings, emails, and phone calls allowed for a continued increase in compliance assistance overall.

FY20 Environmental Emergency Responses decreased because the Department changed the threshold criteria for responding. The program worked with local emergency response agencies to reduce duplicative responses to vehicular accidents, which are the most common type of response. Under a revised protocol, the Department does not respond to vehicular accidents where the petroleum release is less than 300 gallons, unless the responsible party cannot respond timely, water resources are threatened, or the local agency requests assistance. COVID-19 also impacted response numbers as stay-home orders decreased travel across the state.

\*\* The Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program is a federal requirement. As the vehicle fleet becomes more efficient, the Department is evaluating the benefit of this program towards air quality. The Department submitted a request to EPA in December 2019 to reevaluate these requirements and EPA's response is pending.

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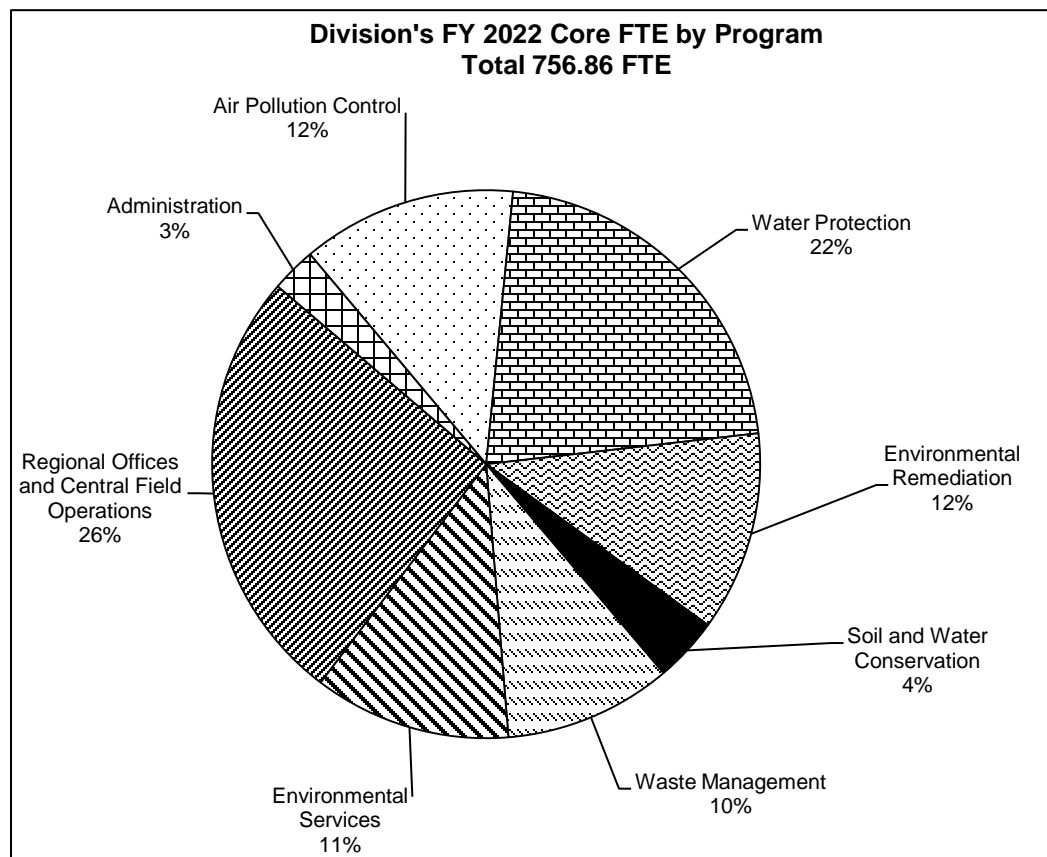
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



The division serves the programs by aiding in resource maximization with only a small percent of total FTE.

Water Protection, Soil and Water Conservation, Air Pollution Control, Environmental Remediation, Waste Management, Environmental Services, Regional Offices and Central Field Operations.

**Division Budget Unit Net FTE**

**Reductions:**

FY 2018 = 5 FTE

FY 2019 = 6.82 FTE

FY 2020 = 16 FTE

FY 2021 = 0 FTE

**TOTAL Net Reductions = 27.82**

**Note: FY 2019 and FY 2020 5 FTE increase in Agency-wide PSTIF Budget**

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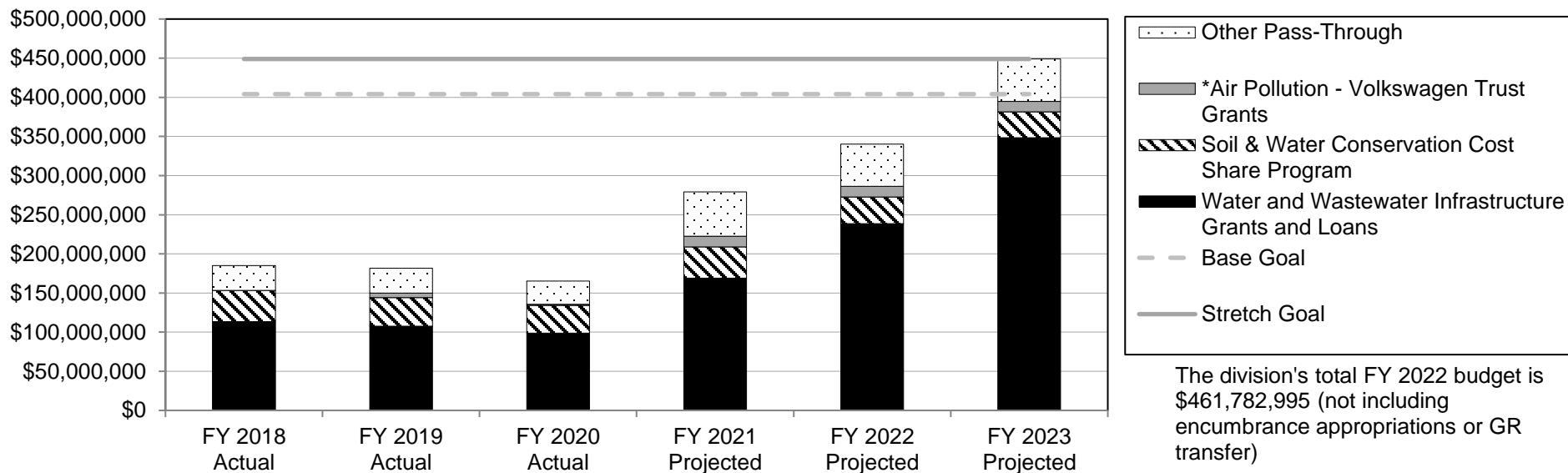
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

**Financial Assistance and Other Pass-Through**



**Other Pass-Through** includes Soil and Water District grants, Solid Waste District grants, scrap tire grant, non-point source water protection, regional water quality planning, water and wastewater operator certification, clean up and emergency response activities, environmental restoration, water quality monitoring, and soil and water conservation research.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grants and Loans - Projects are multiyear; therefore, funds are expended over a 24-month period for wastewater projects and over an 18-month period for drinking water projects. State Revolving Fund (SRF) program demand is increasing. Increases in FY 2021 through FY 2023 are planned disbursements for SRF applications the department is currently processing, including several very large projects.

\*The Volkswagen Trust appropriation was authorized in the Department's FY 2019 budget.

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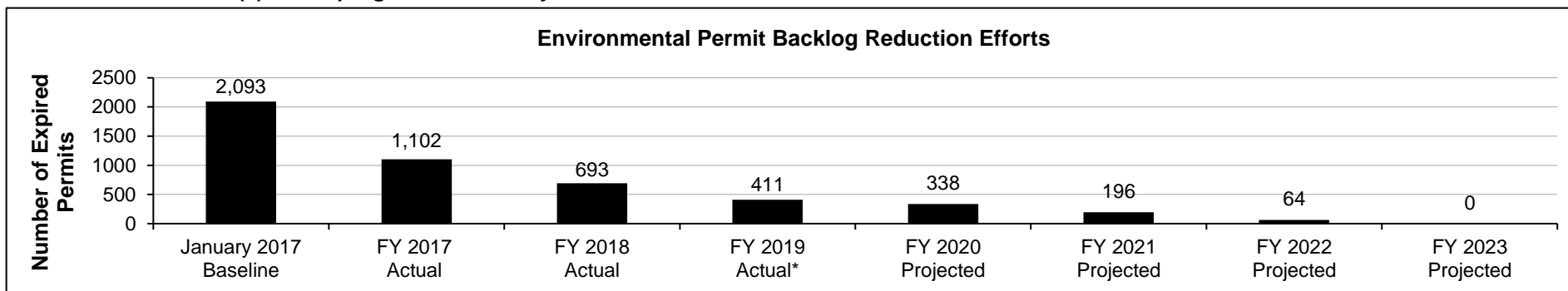
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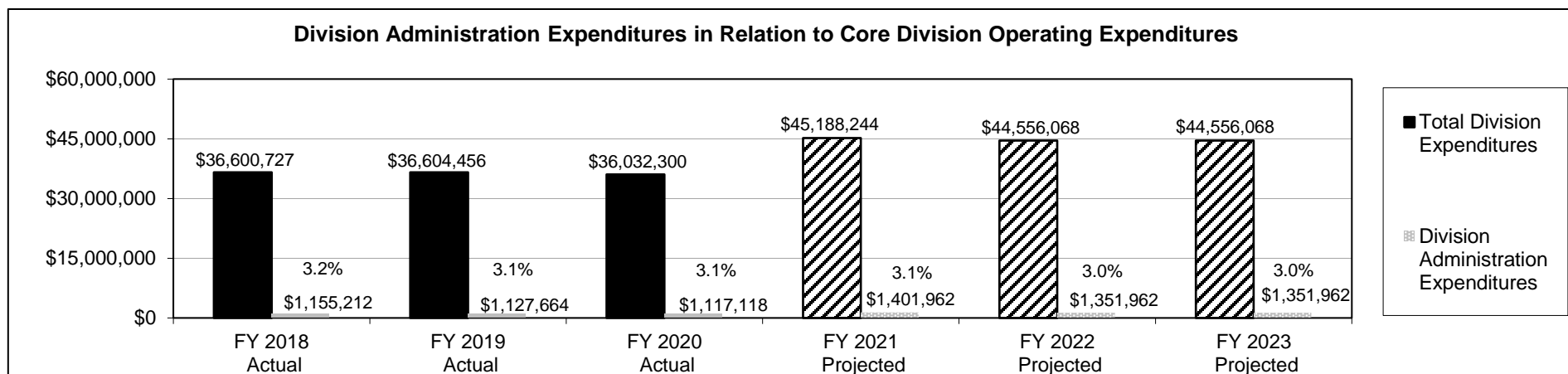
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



Beginning baseline January 2017. The division's environmental permits include air, hazardous waste, drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste facilities. The Department's goal is to eliminate the backlog by the end of FY 2023. \*FY2019 actuals adjusted to reflect updated data.



Projections are based on full appropriation spending. These projections only include operating appropriations; pass-through appropriations are not included.

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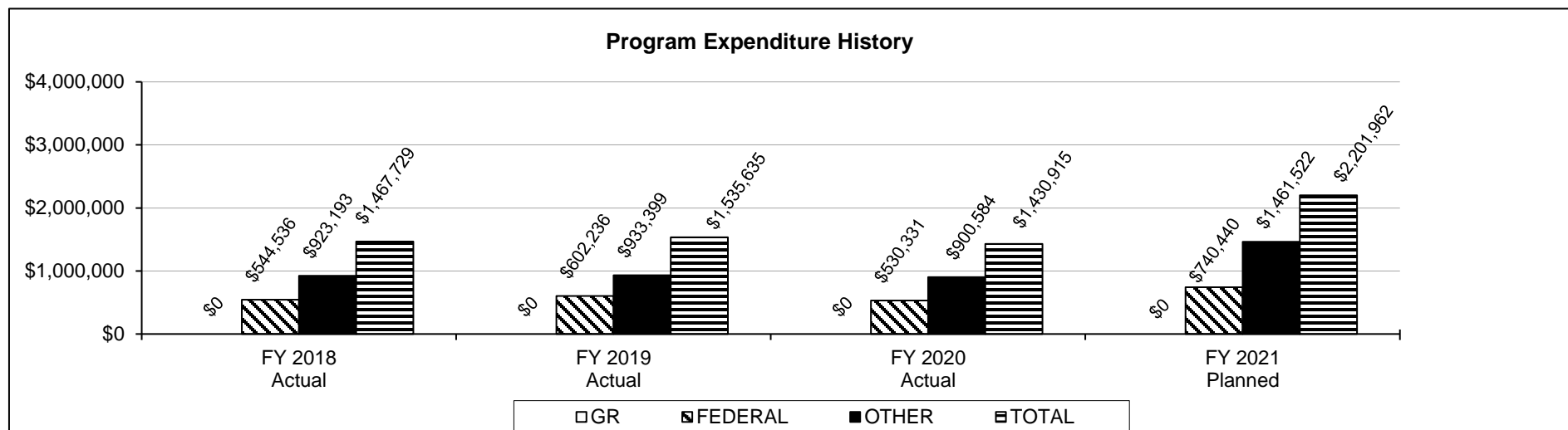
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



This budget does not contain General Revenue.

Financial data includes operating and pass-through appropriations. Core pass-through appropriations are set at a level to encumber and pay our commitments, which often span multiple fiscal years.

FY 2021 Planned is shown at full appropriation.

4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

Cost Allocation Fund (0500); Natural Resources Protection Fund - Water Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0568)

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**5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)**

The Division of Environmental Quality administers programs that protect human health, public welfare, and the environment. These programs are authorized by state and federal laws as noted in each of their program descriptions. These laws deal with air quality, solid and hazardous wastes, voluntary cleanup, petroleum storage tanks, clean water, and drinking water.

RSMo 640.010 – 640.758	Department of Natural Resources - Duties associated with environmental assistance on behalf of the Department
RSMo 640.100	Drinking Water Operator Certification; Safe Drinking Water Act
RSMo 643.173 and 643.175	Small Business Technical Assistance Program
RSMo 643.060 (2)	Prevention, Abatement, and Control of Air Pollution
RSMo 644.006 through 644.096	Water Pollution Planning, Permitting, Inspection, Remediation, Technical Assistance

**6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.**

The division receives several federal grants. The matching requirements for these are listed in each of the applicable program descriptions.

Drinking Water SRF Capitalization Grant - Local & Other Set-Aside	100% Federal (EPA)
Other competitive grants may require various matching ratios	Varies

**7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.**

Division Administration oversees and coordinates programmatic responsibilities for which the state has elected, through environmental statutes, to seek delegation of federal programs. As it relates to Technical Assistance Grants, federal law mandates that operators of public drinking water systems be certified.