

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**Department of Natural Resources**

**HB Section(s): 6.225**

**DEQ - Regional Offices**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Regional Offices**

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

The Regional Offices and Central Field Operations Office will help 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?**

Five regional offices and the Central Field operations office are located throughout the state to provide locally-available technical expertise, assistance, and knowledge of Department resources and services to the public and regulated entities to promote environmental protection. (Lee's Summit, Macon, St. Louis, Springfield, Poplar Bluff, and Jefferson City).

**Regional offices/Central Field Operations office:**

Provide training, customer service, and environmental assistance to the public, regulated entities, agencies, local government and organizations, and other Department staff.

Provide compliance assistance to regulated entities and the public.

Conduct inspections of regulated entities and issue permits to maintain environmental protection.

Respond to environmental concerns reported by citizens.

Respond to environmental emergencies like flooding, drinking water outages, storm damage, and fish kills.

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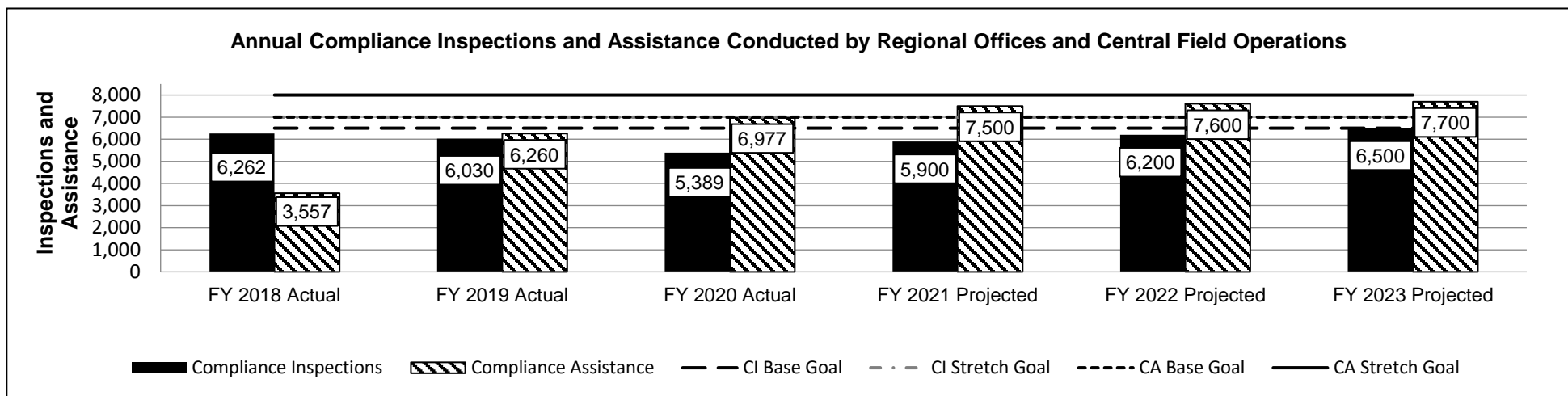
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



**Compliance Inspections:**

The number of inspections varies based on demand work, environmental concerns, EPA priority, and risk. The EPA inspection goal for Missouri in 2020 was 2,414. Office restructuring and vacancies temporarily reduced the overall number of inspections possible for FY 2019. Limitations on field activities and held vacancies as a result of COVID-19 impacted on-site inspection numbers in FY 2020.

**Compliance Assistance:**

Compliance assistance efforts consist of field and office work that provide technical expertise, guidance, or training to an entity in order to assist them in returning to or maintaining compliance with environmental rules and regulations. A focused and more consistent tracking approach was put into place in FY 2018 as well as a Department-wide focus on compliance assistance.

FY 2019 Compliance Inspections and FY 2019 Compliance Assistance actuals were updated based on the most recently available data.

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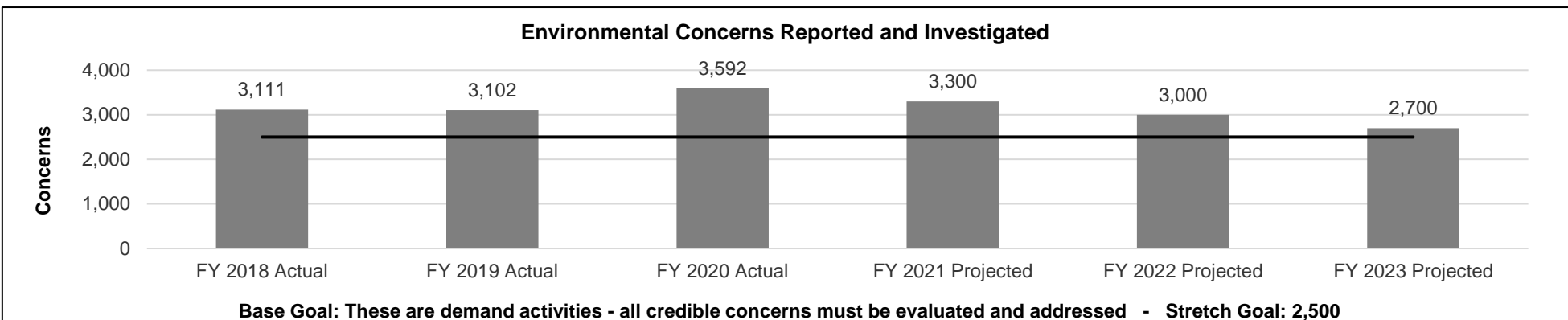
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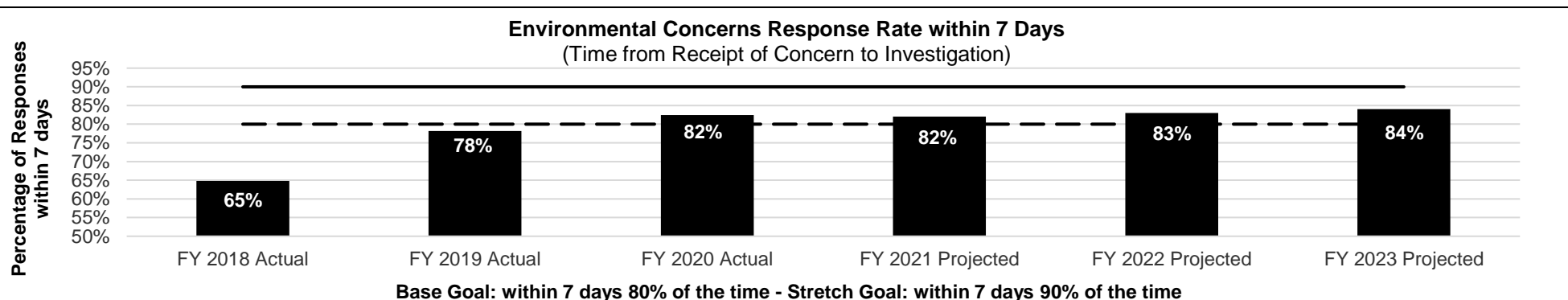
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program (continued).



As a result of increased compliance assistance, the Department expects a reduction in concerns. FY 2019 Actuals were updated based on the most recently available data. In FY 2020, the Department received a higher level of concerns in the St. Louis area related to landfills.

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



Limitations on field activities and held vacancies as a result of COVID-19 impacted overall response time in FY 2020; however, 91% of responses were within 15 days.

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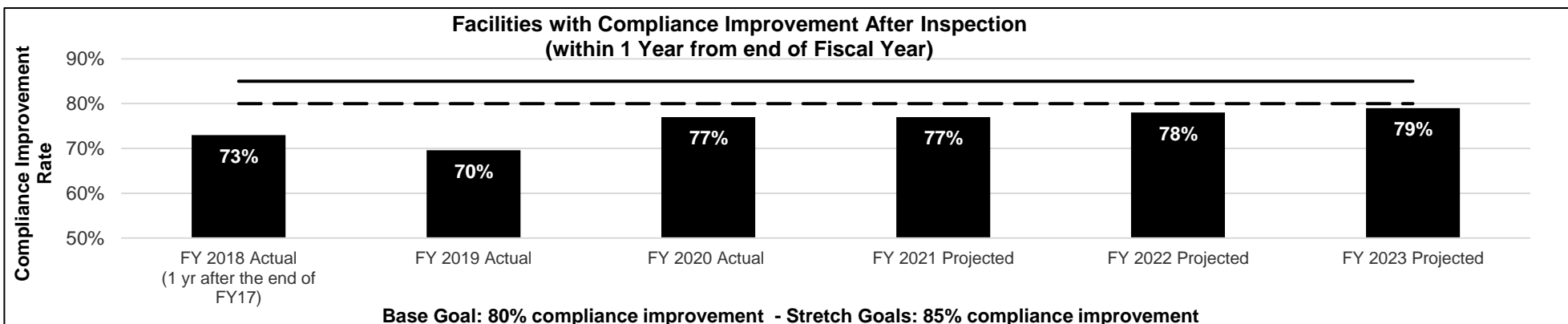
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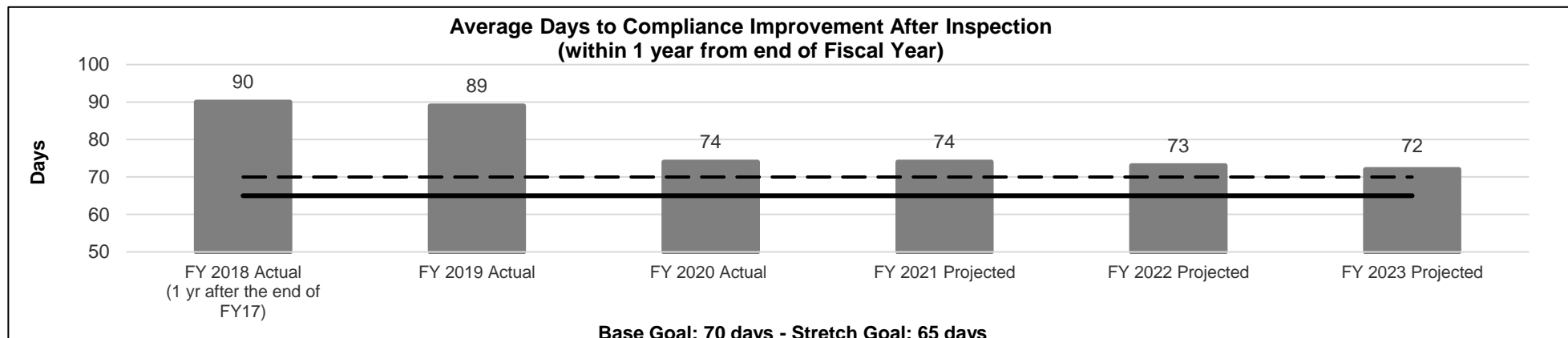
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



Each year's data represented above is a result of facilities' efforts and staff compliance assistance efforts performed since the date of the previous fiscal year's inspection. An increased compliance assistance focus was initiated in FY 2019.

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



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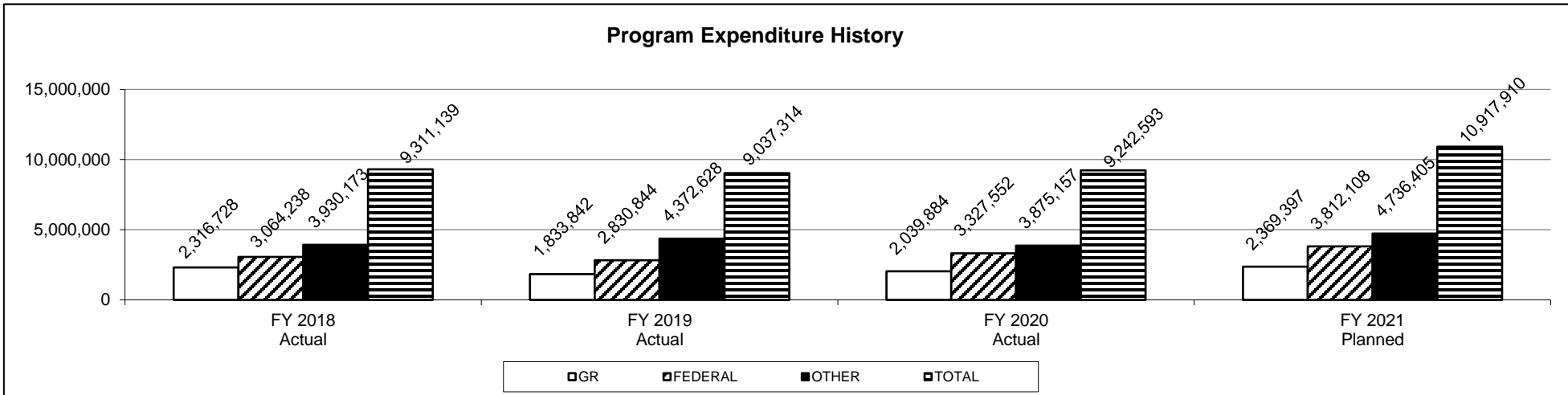
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



FY 2021 Planned is shown at full appropriation.

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

Missouri Air Emission Reduction Fund (0267); Cost Allocation Fund (0500); Natural Resources Protection Fund - Water Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0568); Solid Waste Management Fund - Scrap Tire Subaccount (0569); Solid Waste Management Fund (0570); Natural Resources Protection Fund - Air Pollution Asbestos Fee Subaccount (0584); Natural Resources Protection Fund - Air Pollution Permit Fee Subaccount (0594); Soil and Water Sales Tax Fund (0614); Water and Wastewater Loan Fund (0649); Hazardous Waste Fund (0676); and Safe Drinking Water Fund (0679)

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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.)**

Federal Clean Water Act, as amended  
Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended  
Federal Clean Air Act, with amendments, 1990  
Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended  
Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986  
Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended  
Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1976, as amended  
RSMo 640.040 Cleanup of Controlled Substance

Also see program authorization in the core operating budgets for the Division of Environmental Quality's Water Protection Program, Air Pollution Control Program, Environmental Remediation Program, and Waste Management Program.

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

Performance Partnership Grant	Match varies by component
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	20% State
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	20% State

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

The Regional Offices and Central Field Operations office provide support to implement the Clean Water Act; Safe Drinking Water Act; Clean Air Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; and Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.