

# Treading Tomorrow

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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, Business, Community Outreach and Incentive Division and Criminal Investigation Division

## Office of Management and Finance

## Office of Environmental Assessment

- Includes UST and Remediation

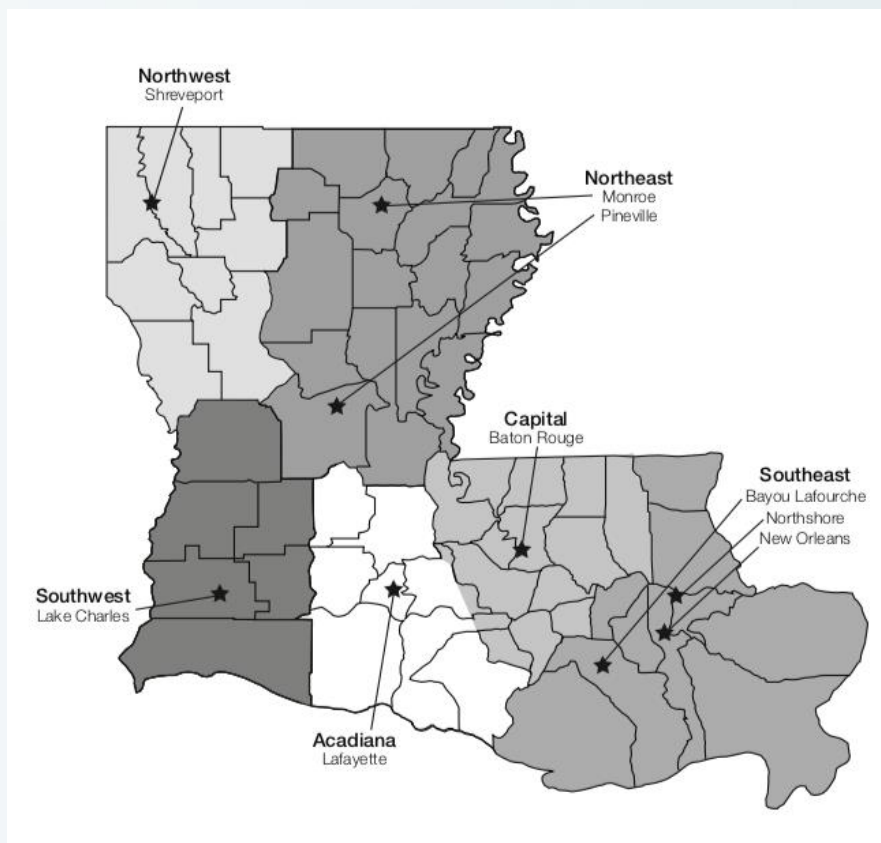
## Office of Environmental Compliance

- Includes Enforcement, Inspections, Surveillance

## Office of Environmental Services

- Includes Air Permits, Waste Permits, Water Permits and Public Participation Support Group

# LDEQ Regional Map & Offices



Acadiana Regional Office – Lafayette  
Bayou Lafourche Office – Lockport  
Capital Regional Office – Baton Rouge  
Kistatchie 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

## Other Goals & Projects:

- LDEQ Comprehensive Internship Program, developed LEAP
- Develop Framework for Advancing Energy Technologies, etc.
- Address Legacy Environmental Issues, developed Tiger Teams





# LDEQ's Tiger Teams - Cottonport

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



# Waste Tire Program

- Began in 1992
- Addresses transportation, storage, processing, disposal, beneficial use and illegal clean-up
- Enforces compliance by issuing permits, inspecting facilities and monitoring for proper handling





# Waste Tire Community Townhalls



COMPLETED 6  
ACROSS STATE



CONJUNCTION  
WITH GOVERNORS  
OFFICE AND LT.  
GOVERNOR OFFICE



FEEDBACK FROM  
STAKEHOLDERS



GOVERNOR  
REPORT

# Long Term Goals

## Reduce

Amounts illegally dumped tires, which impact infrastructure and the environment

## Increase

Public awareness of proper disposal, sustainable waste management

## Promote

Proven technologies, existing and new policies for compliance and enforcement



**Engage the Communities, Businesses, and Officials, for Strategies to reach Resolutions**



# Ordinances for Local Authorities



- Louisiana Local Government Ordinance Template and Handbook
- Complete in 2016
- Package in EDMS for adoption Document ID#10054868

# Statewide Participation

Litter Pick-up  
Events

Recycling  
Programs

Hazardous  
Household  
Materials Day