



Introduction to the Department of Environmental Quality

David Fielder
DEQ, Executive Division
517-284-6705
fielderd@michigan.gov

Overview

- Mission & Activities
- Organizational Structure and Programs
- District Offices
- Permits, Licenses, and Certificates
- Regulations
- Documents
- Training
- Contacts
- Expectations

Mission and Activities

The DEQ promotes wise management of Michigan's air, land, and water resources to support a sustainable environment, healthy communities, and vibrant economy.

- Processing permit applications
- Monitoring resources and inspecting facilities
- Providing compliance assistance
- Promoting programs and services
- Meeting with stakeholders to get feedback

DEQ Programs (By Organization)

- Divisions
 - Air Quality
 - Remediation & Redevelopment
 - Water Resources
- Offices
 - Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
 - Environmental Assistance
 - Oil, Gas and Minerals
 - Waste Management and Radiological Protection

DEQ Programs (By Media)

- Air – permits, monitoring, and compliance
- Land – remediation, redevelopment, oil and gas, and soil erosion & construction storm water
- Waste – solid, liquid, hazardous, and radiological protection
- Water – permits, drinking water, wastewater, storm water, Great Lakes, lakes and streams, wetlands, and water management
- Sustainability – recycling and pollution prevention

DEQ Programs

Quality of Life Agencies

DEQ Headquarters

Constitution Hall -
525 West Allegan St. -
PO Box 30473 -
Lansing, MI 48909 -

DEQ District Offices

- DEQ Districts
- When to Contact the District
 - Submit a Complaint
 - Follow-up on an Inspection
 - Compliance assistance
 - Enforcement
 - Questions about Regulations

Training

Permits, Licenses, and Certifications

- DEQ Permit Checklist
- Permit Coordination

DEQ Regulations

- Statutes
 - Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act
 - 15 other statutes
- Rules
 - 1,900
- Policies
 - Internal/External
 - Interpretative/Non-Interpretive
- Office of Regulatory Reinvention

DEQ Documents

DEQ Newsletters

DEQ Contacts

- Call Center: **800-662-9278**
- Compliance Assistance

What You Should Expect From the DEQ

- Timely responses to your e-mails and phone calls (within 24 hours)
- Courtesy and professionalism exhibited by knowledgeable inspectors
- Problem solving approaches to non-compliance issues
- Clear and concise explanation of regulations