



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



MISSION

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

DEQ STAFF ACHIEVES THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION BY...

Reviewing and processing permit applications

Monitoring resources and inspecting regulated entities

Providing pollution prevention and compliance assistance

Promoting department programs and services

Meeting with stakeholder groups to get feedback about the regulatory process

DIVISIONS AND OFFICES



AIR QUALITY DIVISION

[*www.michigan.gov/air*](http://www.michigan.gov/air)

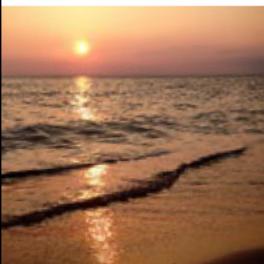
The Air Quality Division (AQD) staff works with business, industry, air pollution sources, and with the public to maintain clean air and minimize adverse impacts on human health and the environment. Staff work to reduce existing outdoor air pollution problems and to prevent deterioration of air quality through air emission control programs, air monitoring, control strategy planning, permit issuance, and inspection of air emission sources.



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

[*www.michigan.gov/deqoea*](http://www.michigan.gov/deqoea)

The Office of Environmental Assistance (OEA) promotes environmental stewardship and enhances customer service across the DEQ. OEA's primary services are compliance assistance, pollution prevention, environmental education, permit coordination, financial assistance, incentive programs, training, and outreach. Additionally, the OEA manages metrics, process improvement, Freedom of Information Act requests, and professional development initiatives.



OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES

[*www.michigan.gov/deqogl*](http://www.michigan.gov/deqogl)

The Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1985 under the Great Lakes Protection Act to lead policy development and implement programs to protect, restore, and sustain the Great Lakes ecosystem. The OGL is responsible for Michigan's Water Strategy, Great Lakes Areas of Concern, Lakewide Action and Management Plan programs, and Coastal Zone Management Program. The OGL director also represents the state in a number of international and interstate organizations, including the Asian Carp Coordinating Committee, Great Lakes Commission, International Joint Commission, and Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.



REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION

www.michigan.gov/deqrrd

The Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) administers two cleanup programs – the Environmental Remediation program and the Underground Storage Tank program – and coordinates DEQ’s implementation of brownfield redevelopment financing for environmental response activities. In addition, the RRD manages portions of the federal Superfund program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. These programs guide RRD’s efforts in the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties in Michigan.



OFFICE OF OIL, GAS, AND MINERALS

www.michigan.gov/deqoilgasminerals

The Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals (OOGM) oversees the development of fossil fuels and minerals to ensure protection of natural resources, the environment, property, and public health and safety. The OOGM regulates the locating, drilling, operating, and plugging of wells used for exploration and production of oil, gas, brine, and minerals, as well as for underground storage and waste disposal. It also regulates mines for metallic minerals and industrial sand. Additionally, the OOGM maintains a variety of maps and data on Michigan geology, fossil fuels, and minerals for industry and public use.



OFFICE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION

www.michigan.gov/deqwaste

The Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP) includes the solid and hazardous waste programs as well as work related to some radioactive materials. It oversees solid waste disposal areas and county planning, the transportation and collection of scrap tires, the transportation and disposal of liquid industrial and hazardous waste, electronic waste collection and recycling, and the storage and disposal of medical waste. The office also is responsible for developing a more comprehensive strategy for residential, commercial, and industrial recycling and finding beneficial uses of waste materials. Activities in the radiological arena include coordinating with nuclear power plants, local emergency responders, and the federal government to ensure that Michigan has sufficient resources in the event of a radioactive material release. The state’s radon awareness program is also managed from this office.



OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE

www.michigan.gov/drinkingwater

The Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA) oversees Michigan's 11,000 public water supplies to ensure safe drinking water. The office is involved in source water protection, operator certification and training, water well construction, registration of water well drilling contractors, assisting local health departments in conducting drinking water quality investigations in areas of known or suspected environmental contamination, administering drinking water replacement activities, approving and licensing the handling of domestic septage including land application and registration of haulers, and oversight of the on-site wastewater program. The office is also responsible for the design approval and licensing of campgrounds and public swimming pools. In addition, the office's revolving loan programs provide grant and loan assistance for eligible drinking water, wastewater, and water quality improvement projects.

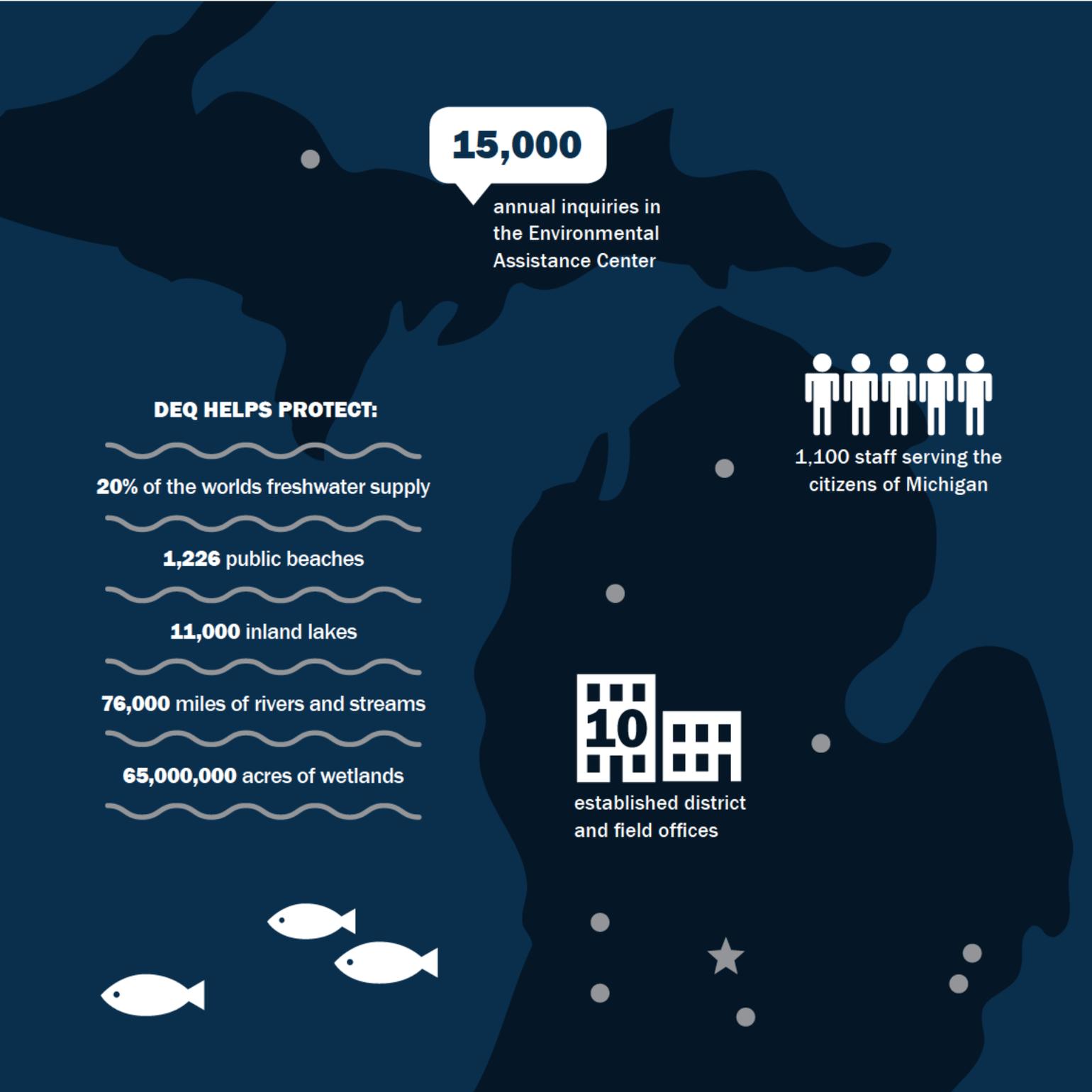


WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

www.michigan.gov/wrd

The Water Resources Division (WRD) protects and monitors Michigan's waters by establishing water quality standards, assessing the health of aquatic communities, issuing permits to regulate wastewater discharges, and overseeing aquatic invasive species concerns and significant water withdrawals. The WRD also processes permit applications and provides technical assistance to local soil erosion and sedimentation control programs as well as activities like dredging or filling water bodies; constructing or dismantling dams; constructing marinas, seawalls, or docks; building in a designated critical sand dune, wetland, or floodplain; and protecting underwater shipwreck resources.





15,000

annual inquiries in
the Environmental
Assistance Center

DEQ HELPS PROTECT:

20% of the worlds freshwater supply

1,226 public beaches

11,000 inland lakes

76,000 miles of rivers and streams

65,000,000 acres of wetlands



1,100 staff serving the
citizens of Michigan



established district
and field offices



STRATEGIC GOALS

- *Protect public health*
- *Improve the quality of air, land and water resources*
- *Increase recycling and reuse of waste*
- *Expand role in economic development*
- *Achieve air quality compliance in all counties*
- *Emphasize effective risk management and increase remediation for redevelopment at brownfields and other contaminated properties*
- *Implement Michigan's Water Strategy*
- *Reduce the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species to and from the Great Lakes*



Working side by side with partners at the local, regional, and state levels, the DEQ safeguards our state's environment while supporting the economic growth and development crucial for Michigan's future.

As part of providing expert technical and pollution prevention assistance to businesses and individuals, the DEQ annually performs approximately 30,000 site visits and inspections.

The DEQ employs about 1,100 scientists, engineers, geologists, toxicologists, inspectors, technicians, managers, biologists, and support staff across the state.



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