

Department of Environmental Conservation

House Finance Sub-Committee

Larry Hartig, Commissioner Lynn Kent, Deputy Commissioner Tom Cherian, Administrative Services Director

February 5, 2013



DEC's Mission

Protect human health and the environment.









Responsibilities & Functions

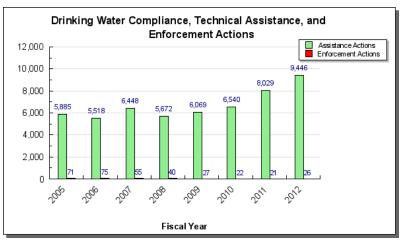
- Develop standards
- Issue permits
- Provide compliance and financial assistance
- Respond to spills of oil and other hazardous substances
- Safeguard the quality of food and seafood
- Operate the State Environmental Health Lab
- House the Office of the State Veterinarian
- Regulate pesticides and certain types of use
- Educate and assist the public
- Interact with our federal agency counterparts
- Investigate violations and enforce state law



Current Challenges to Departmental Performance



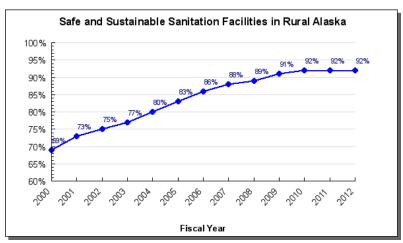
Increasing development activity and strained personnel resources threatens permitting timeliness

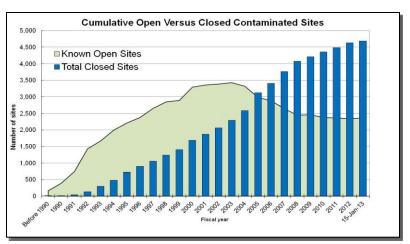


Burden of new EPA rules threatens drinking water safety by limiting resources for technical assistance



Long-term Challenges to Departmental Performance





Village homes served by safe water:

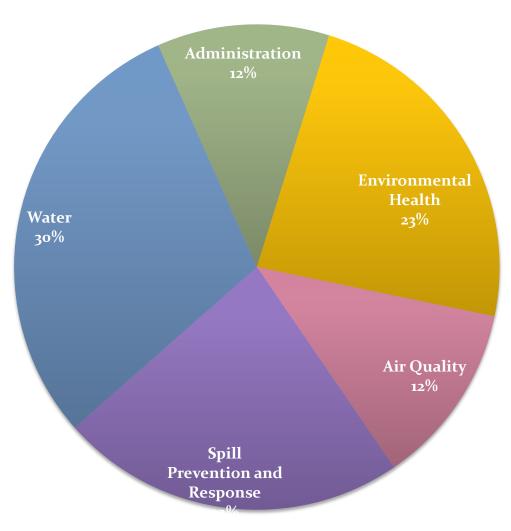
- More challenging communities
- Declining Funding
- Increasing Costs
- Innovation & Sustainability

Spill prevention and response threatened by declining Response Fund receipts as a result of declining TAPS throughput



Divisions

- Administration
- Environmental Health
- Air Quality
- Spill Prevention and Response
- Water



Percent Funding per Division (All Funds) FY2014 Governor's Operating Budget Request



Division of Administration

Components:

- Commissioner's Office
- Administrative Services
 - Environmental Crimes Unit
 - Information Services
 - Financial Services
 - Budget Services
 - Human Resources
 - Procurement & Building Management
- State Support Services
 - Lease & Contracts

Commissioner: Larry Hartig

Deputy: Lynn Kent

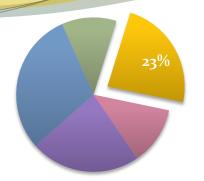
Director: Tom Cherian

Challenges:

- Reintegration of Human Resources staff to Department
- Recruitment and Workforce Development
 - Aging workforce at or near retirement
 - Highly specialized job classes



Division of Environmental Health



Components:

- Director's Office
- Food Safety & Sanitation
- Laboratory Services
- Drinking Water
- Solid Waste Management

Also:

Building Maintenance & Operations

Acting Director:

Elaine Busse-Floyd

Challenges:

- Drinking Water EPA Rule Implementation
- High Risk Food Safety Inspections
- Unique Laboratory
 Technology & Equipment
 Needs
- Marine Debris



Division of Air Quality



Components:

- Director's Office
- Air Quality

Director: Alice Edwards

Challenges:

- Fairbanks Air Quality
- Declining Federal Funding

Note: Division of Air Quality resides in the Environmental Health appropriation.



Division of Spill Prevention & Response

Components:

- Director's Office
- Contaminated Sites Program
- Industry Preparedness & Pipeline Operations
- Prevention & Emergency Response
- Response Fund Administration

Director: Larry Dietrick

Challenges:

- Declining Prevention Account Balance
- Increasing Natural Resource Activity

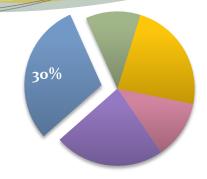
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Division of Water

Components:

- Water Quality
- Facility Construction
 - Village Safe Water Program
 - Municipal Grants & Loan Program



Director:

Michelle Bonnet Hale

Challenges:

- Continuing to build APDES permitting program
- Sustaining the Village Safe Water Program



FY2014 Budget Request

Operating Request: \$85,271.1

•Unrestricted GF \$22,231.0

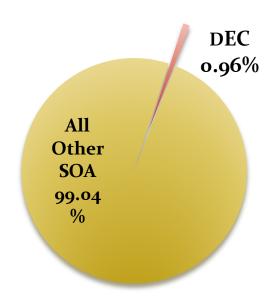
•Designated GF \$26,902.2

•Other State Funds \$11,199.2

•Federal Receipts \$24,938.7

Capital Request: \$96,905.8

2.2% growth*\$1,052.2 GF Increase



Percent of State GF Spending

^{*} GF Adj Base to FY2014 Governor's Request



FY2014 Budget Detail

Administration

(Subcommittee Book p. 12-17)

AS - Indirect Revenues for Federal Grants

\$400.0 Fed

SSS - DOA Core Services Rates

\$145.2 UGF

Environmental Health

(Subcommittee Book p. 18-29)

• LS - Federal Grants

\$300.0 Fed

• DW Drinking Water Rules

\$350.0 UGF

Air Quality

(Subcommittee Book p. 30-33)

AQ – Remove Anchorage Vehicle I/M Program

\$-100.0 SDPR

Spill Prevention & Response

(Subcommittee Book p. 34-43)

• No changes.

Water

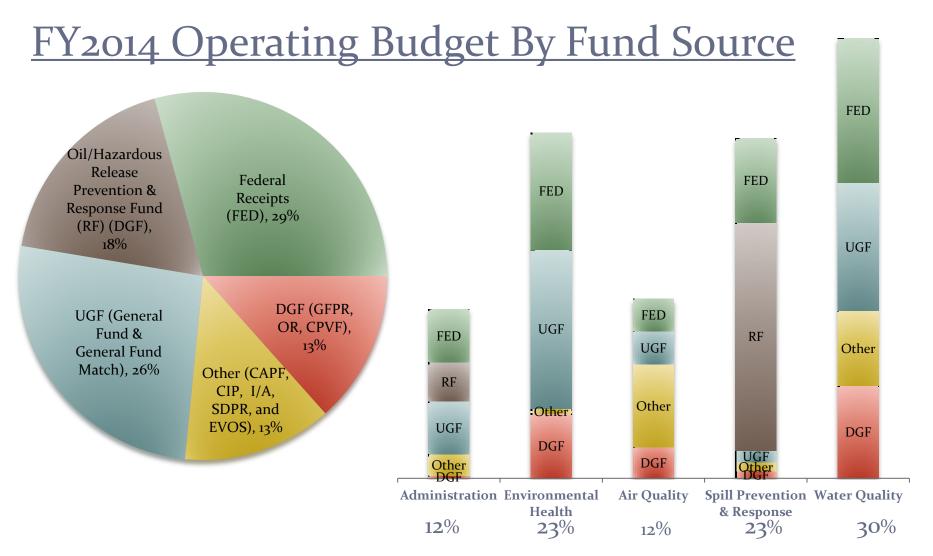
(Subcommittee Book p. 44-47)

WQ – Oil and Gas Development Permitting

\$557.00 UGF/DGF +1 PFT

Note: does not include salary and health increments.





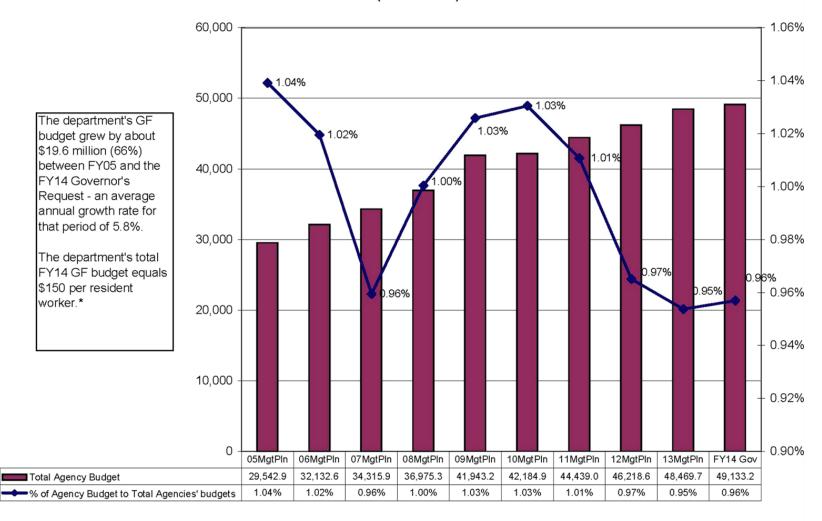


Legislative Finance

10-Year Look Back Charts



Department of Environmental Conservation Share of Total Agency Operations (GF Only) (\$ Thousands)



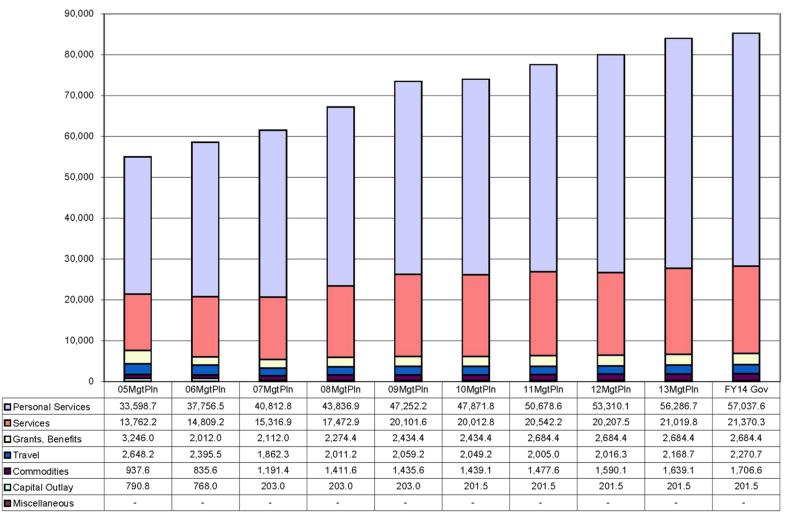
* According to the Department of Labor, there were 328,611 resident workers in Alaska in 2010.



The majority of FY14 funding in DEC is comprised of the following two line items: Personal Services--67%
Services--25%

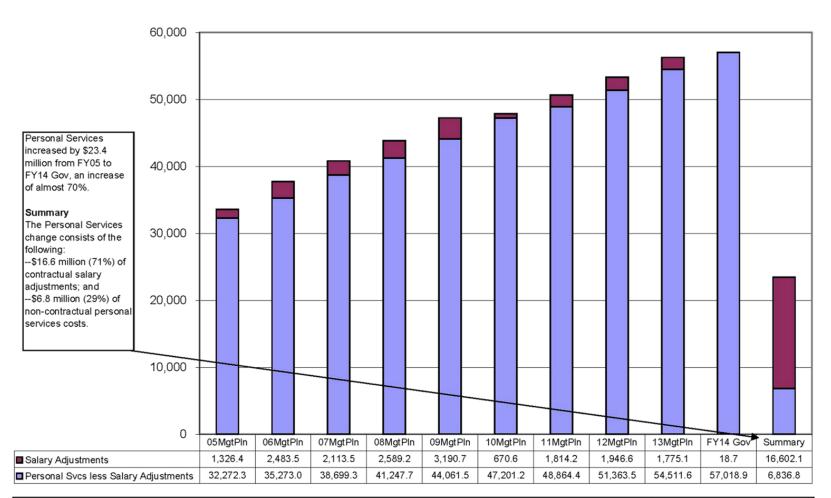
Department of Environmental Conservation Line Items

(All Funds) (\$ Thousands)



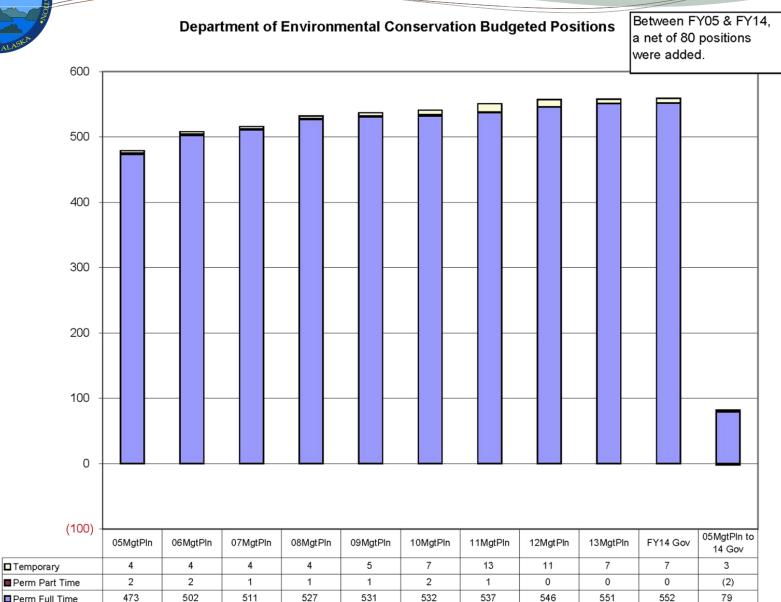


Department of Environmental Conservation Salary Adjustment Increases and Personal Services Costs (All Funds) (\$ Thousands)



* Changes in the personal services line from FY05 to FY14 Gov are segregated into two parts: (1) base increases (primarily due to contractual negotiations) and (2) other personal services increases such as transfers between line items or increases from new positions. The final column sums the two types of changes during the period.

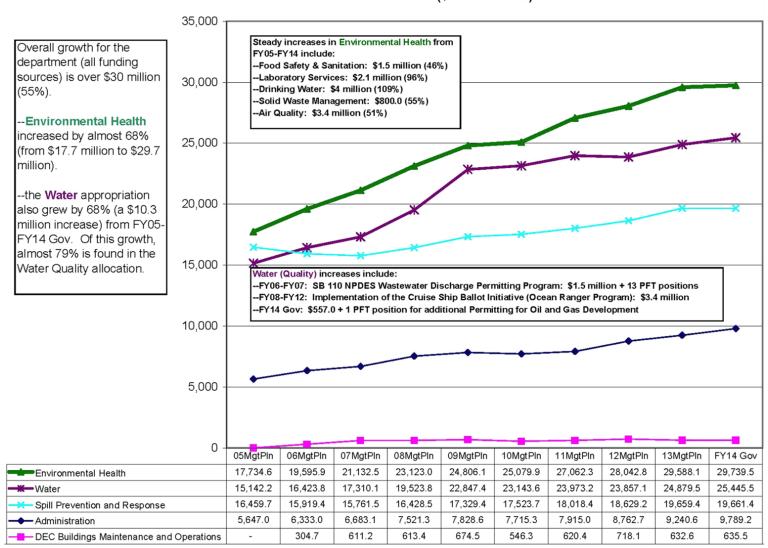




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Appropriations within the Department of Environmental Conservation (All Funds) (\$ Thousands)





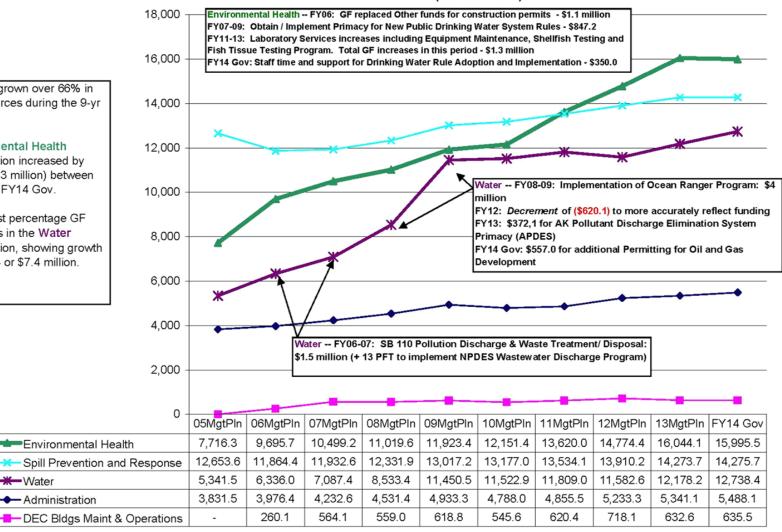
Appropriations within the Department of Environmental Conservation (GF Only) (\$ Thousands)

DEC has grown over 66% in all GF sources during the 9-yr period.

Environmental Health

appropriation increased by 107% (\$8.3 million) between FY05 and FY14 Gov.

The largest percentage GF increase is in the Water appropriation, showing growth of 139% -- or \$7.4 million.

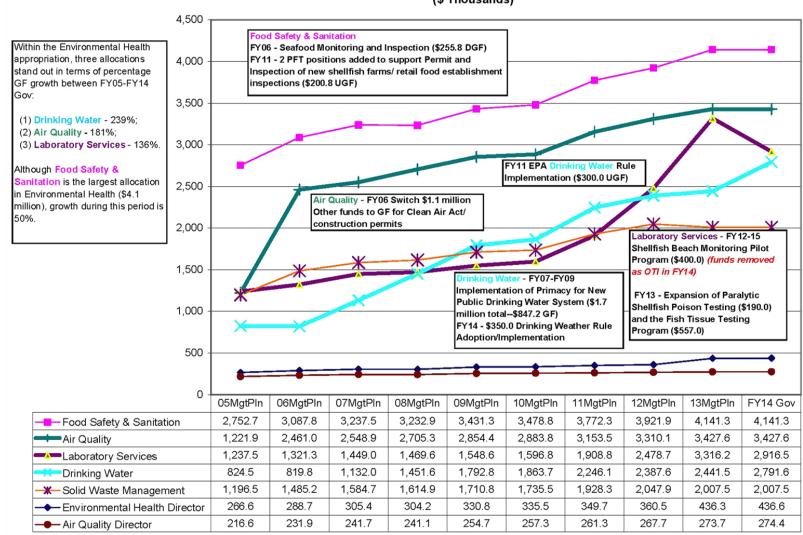


Water

Administration



Department of Environmental Conservation Allocations within the Environmental Health Appropriation (GF Only) (\$ Thousands)



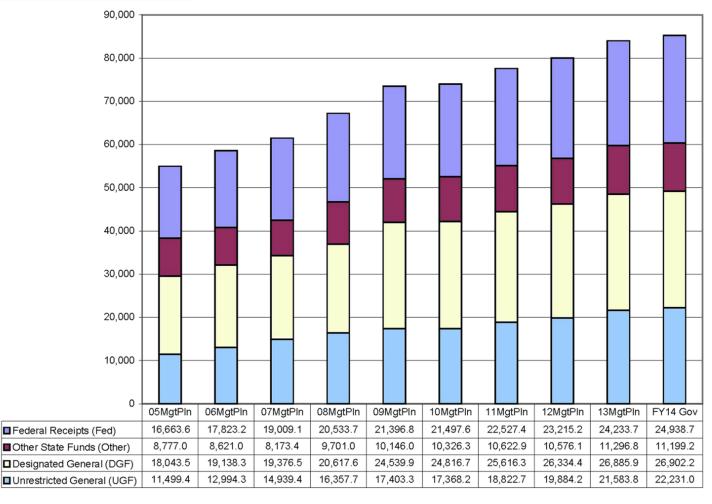
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Department of Environmental Conservation Total Funding Comparison by Fund Group (All Funds)

(\$ Thousands)

Between FY05 & FY14:

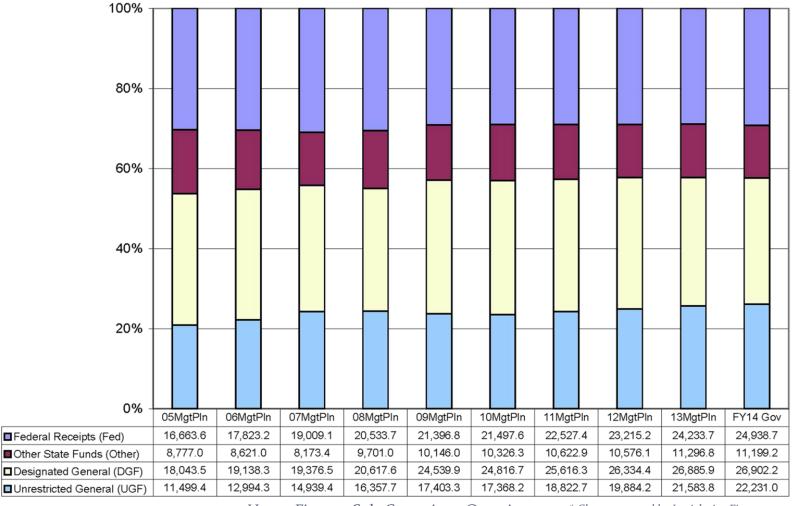
- --UGF increased by \$10.7 million (93%)
- --DGF increased by \$8.9 million (49%)
- -Other Funds increased by \$2.4 million (28%)
- --Federal Receipts increased by \$8.3 million (50%)





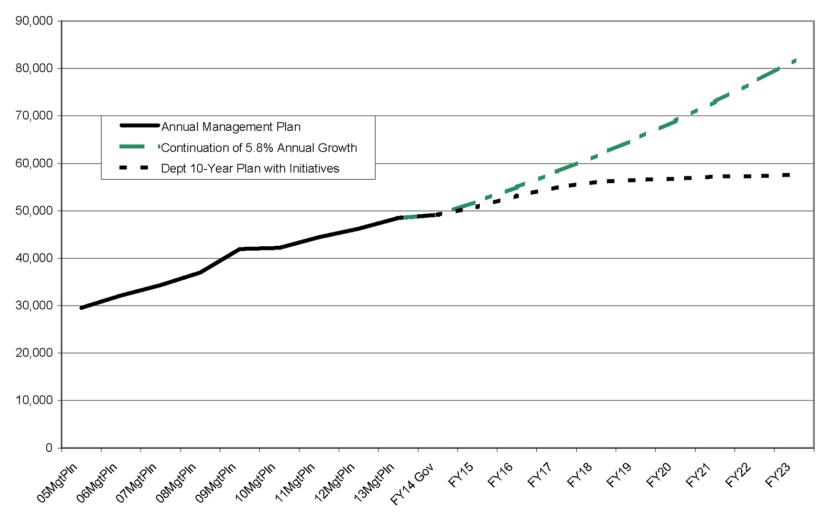
Department of Environmental Conservation Percent of the Total Department's Budget by Fund Group (All Funds) (\$ Thousands)

FY14 Gov Budget:
General Funds (26% UGF and 32%
DGF) --Totaling 58%
Other Funds -- 13%
Federal Receipt Authority -- 29%



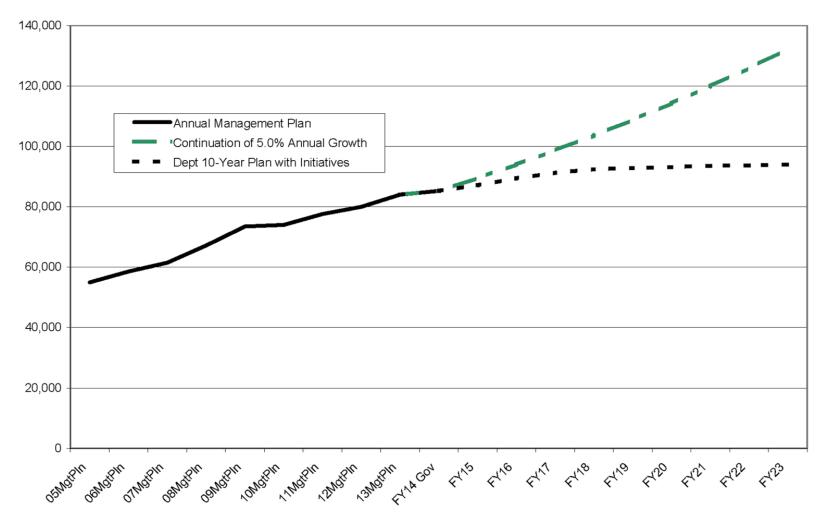


Department of Environmental Conservation Continued Budget Growth Compared to 10-Year Plan (GF Only) (\$ Thousands)





Department of Environmental Conservation Continued Budget Growth Compared to 10-Year Plan (All Funds) (\$ Thousands)





<u>Department: 10-Year Plan Highlights</u>

- Operating Budget
 - Assumes AGIA startup in FY2016.
 - General funds to address inspection rates at high-risk food establishments from FY2015 to FY2023.
 - Retain drinking water primacy by adopting additional required rules.
 - Permits, approvals, oversight, and response of large mining projects throughout the state starting in FY2015.
- Capital Budget
 - Replaces declining federal funds with general funds in the Village Safe Water program beginning in FY2015.



Status of FY2013 Budget Increments

- Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Primacy: \$372.1 GF
 - Primacy fully assumed in October 2012.
 - All funds will be expended by fiscal year-end.
- Paralytic Shellfish Poison Testing: \$274.0 GF + 1 PCN
 - Processed over 380 marine shellfish toxin tests and over 400 shellfish growing water tests.
 - Position is filled and all funds will be expended by fiscal year-end.



Status of FY2013 Budget Increments

- Food Safety Inspections: \$124.6 GF
 - Inspecting high-risk facilities in rural communities.
 - School food services
 - Headstart
 - Elder meal programs
 - All funds will be expended by fiscal year-end.
- Fish Tissue Testing Program: \$557.0 GF
 - Monitoring contaminant levels in fish to ensure the safety and reputation of Alaska's seafood.
 - All funds will be expended by fiscal year-end.



Status of FY2013 Budget Increments

- Cleanup of Contaminated Sites: \$555.0 Fed
 - Managing contaminated site cleanup.
 - Providing technical assistance, oversight and policy development for military facilities, formerly used defense sites, and rural communities.
- Mine Permitting: \$200.0 I/A
 - Expanded Reimbursable Service Agreements with DNR.
- Shared Department Administrative Costs: \$280.0 I/A
 - Reimbursable Service Agreements are in place.



Potential Effects of Federal Sequestration

Water Quality Programs

- Water Quality programs are 40-50% funded by the EPA.
- Impacts could include elimination of water quality grants to communities and staff layoffs.

Rural Sanitation Programs

- Includes Village Safe Water (VSW) projects, Remote Maintenance Worker program, and the Rural Utility Business Advisor program.
- Rural Alaskans may face increasing public health hazards associated with inadequate water and sewer systems.

Air Quality Program

- Federal funding from the EPA supports air quality monitoring assessments and technical assistance to communities.
- Air permits are funded by fees and would continue to be issued.



Questions?

