Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

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DEQ Mission

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality promotes wise management of Michigan’s air, land, and water resources to support a sustainable environment, healthy communities, and vibrant economy.
2017 DEQ Priorities

- Protect Public Health & Environment
- Assist Michigan Communities with addressing Infrastructure Needs
- Build External Partnerships to Address Michigan’s Environmental Issues
Protecting Public Health

• Secure funding for MDEQ’s core programs
• Implement Michigan’s revised LCR rule
• Update the Part 201 Cleanup Criteria
• Modernize Michigan’s Solid Waste Law
• State and Federal Relationship
Funding the MDEQ

Total: $510.8 Million

- Federal Funds: $170 Million (33%)
- Bond Funds: $88.2 Million (17%)
- Restricted Funds: $201.3 Million (40%)
- State GF/GP: $51.3 Million (10%)
Budget Challenges

- Depletion of bond dollars
- Uncertainty of federal dollars
- Lack of champions supporting DEQ’s budget
- No new fees or fee increases pledges
- “My fee, my program” mentality
- Less pollution = Less money
What we are working on...

- Nestle Permit
- Enbridge’s Line 5 pipeline
- Flint Recovery
- Environmental Justice
- 21st Century Infrastructure
Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

- Michigan Lead and Copper Rule
- Cleanup Criteria
- Waste Management statute
State and Federal Relationship

If EPA puts more responsibility on the States to implement environmental protection, is Michigan ready and willing to step up the plate?
MWEA/DEQ Relationship

Partnerships are **key** to the success of DEQ moving forward