

Water Program Office Questions and Answers

The total number of filled positions per year broken down by bureaus since 2007.

Please see the attached document.

The total number of filled positions for stream biologists per year broken down by region since 2007

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The current frequency of stream inspections by DEP staff

The current frequency of stream assessment is once every 30 years. The Department aims to assess surface waters statewide every 10 years.

Any fee reports or other DEP reports which contain any staffing recommendations, assessments or request for staffing for any DEP water program.

Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands (BWEW) conducted its last “3-year Regulatory Fee and Program Cost Analysis” in 2017. This report included both the Water Obstruction and Encroachment (WO&E) Program and Dam Safety Program. The purpose was to identify any disparity between the amount of program income generated by fees and the costs to administer these programs. The program costs were based on complement at that time. The report indicated in a few areas that “existing complement is not sufficient... to address all current program duties.” For WO&E, the annual cost recovery was about 45% (deficit 55%). For Dam Safety, the average annual cost recovery was about 39% (deficit 61%). It was also noted that the current fee schedule provides fee exemptions for Federal, State, county or municipal agencies from paying permit fees, resulting in substantially reduced program recovery.

[EQB Fee Report Chapter 105.pdf](#)

Bureau of Clean Water (BCW) conducted its last “3-year Regulatory Fee and Program Cost Analysis” for the Water Quality Management Program (Chapter 91) and the NPDES Permitting, Monitoring and Compliance Program (92a) in 2024 and is still being processed. The fee reports do not recommend fee increases and there are no staffing recommendations.

The Erosion and Sediment Control Program (Chapter 102) will perform a Regulatory Fee and Program Cost Analysis in 2025, and it will include fee increases and staffing analysis.

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) has two Regulations which previously established fees. Those were the Operator Certification for Water and Wastewater regulation, and the General

Update and Fees Regulations. Neither the past 3-year Regulatory Fee and Cost Analysis nor the current draft versions still under development include any fee or staffing increase requests.

BCW–RAF from 92a/91 Fee Rulemaking includes workload analysis and staff needs for the Clean Water Program that was used to justify fee increases.

[04_7-533_WQMandNPDESFees_Proposed_RAF.pdf](#)

A description of any new positions authorized or filled for any of the DEP water programs in the current budget year.

For the current and previous fiscal year, the total of revenues collected and expended by the Clean Water Fund along with a of summary the uses of these funds. This summary should contain the dollar amount used for salaries as well as the number and description of positions funded.

CWF Total Revenue:

- FY23-24 - \$26,464,821.33
- FY24-25 - \$14,941,771.97 (as of 12/31/24)

CWF Total Expenditures:

- FY23-24 - \$24,851,349.40
- FY24-25 - \$5,951,852.10 (as of 12/31/24)

CWF Salaries:

- FY23-24 - \$13,125,652.27
- FY24-25 - \$7,750,013.58