Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) mission is to protect human health and the environment (Section 39-102A, Idaho Code). The department ensures compliance with federal and state regulations on air and water quality standards, coordinates natural resource restoration in the Coeur d'Alene Basin, ensures that solid wastes are managed and disposed properly, and monitors the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) for nuclear releases.

From FY 2018 - FY 2021 DEQ Expended on average:
- 74.6% of the total appropriation
- 89.7% of personnel cost appropriations
- 51.5% of operating expenditure appropriations
- 81.5% of trustee and benefit payment appropriations

The General Fund makes up 31.9% of the total appropriation, with 24.7% of the total in dedicated funds, and 43.4% federal funds.

From FY 2016 - FY 2021, loans accounted for 99.16% of the total award for Wastewater projects, and 97.48% of Drinking Water projects.

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/