



# Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

FY 2024 Budget Presentation  
Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee



STATE OF IDAHO  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Mission – To protect human health and the quality of Idaho’s air, land, and water.

Vision – An Idaho where the quality of our environment enhances healthy living and supports thriving communities.

Statutory authority resides in Title 39 Chapter 102A

# Updates from FY23 enhancements

\$300 million ARPA funding for drinking water and wastewater projects.

- 69 construction projects in process of receiving award (21 ready to go)
- 105 planning grants

\$70 million ARPA funding for addressing contamination.

- \$30 million for Lake Coeur D'Alene nutrient reduction projects
- \$ 7 million for Triumph mine
- \$16 million for landfills
- \$17 for contaminated sites

Provided 8 limited-service positions to disperse these funds but have been difficult to fill.

## Supplemental Requests

1. EDMS	\$3,000,000 GF	Onetime	N/A
2. Waste Management	\$4,895,400 federal	Ongoing	§39-130 §39-1
3. Central Treatment Plant	\$555,000 dedicated	Ongoing	§39-1
4. Drinking water/wastewater	\$115,000,000 GF/ARPA	Onetime	§39-76 §39-3626
5. Agriculture Best Management Practices*	\$7,000,000 GF	Onetime	§39-3628A §39-3628B
6. Air monitors	\$195,900 ARPA	Onetime	§39-1
7. CDA Basin Match	\$21,000,000 GF	Onetime	§39-1
Tire Disposal Deficiency Warrant	\$14,000 GF	Onetime	§39-65

\*Governor's Revision \$7M instead of \$12M

# Supplemental requests

1. Electronic Data Management System \$3,000,000 GF - **onetime** funding to replace antiquated file management system with one supported by OITS with reappropriation to be spent over multiple years.
2. Waste management federal fund increase \$4,895,400 federal – **ongoing** to access recently available federal funds to be used to address contamination which expected to be available for several years.
3. Central Treatment Plant Maintenance \$555,000 dedicated – **ongoing** increase of dedicated funding authority from the Bunker Hill Central Treatment Plant Fund.

# Supplemental requests



4. Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects \$115,000,000 (\$92,000,000 GF, \$23,000,000 ARPA) - **onetime** transfer of funding into Water Pollution Control Fund
5. Agriculture Best Management Practice Projects \$7,000,000 GF - **onetime** transfer into the Agricultural Best Management Fund\*
6. Air Program ARPA Grant \$195,900 ARPA- **onetime** funding to purchase air monitors with reappropriation to be spent over multiple years.

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# Supplemental requests

- CDA Basin Superfund Match 21,000,000 GF - **onetime** transfer to Environmental Remediation Basin Fund for state's obligation to Bunker Hill Superfund Site replacing annual appropriation needed for next 15 years.

Tire Disposal Deficiency Warrant \$14,000 GF – **onetime** funding to be spent in FY23 to reimburse Jefferson County for actual costs incurred.

## FY24 total budget request

Category	FY23	FY24
Personnel Cost	\$ 40,505,800	\$ 43,241,300
Operating Expense	\$ 26,924,600	\$ 45,340,300
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,416,000	\$ 2,502,800
Trustee/Benefit	\$ 74,888,200	\$ 74,888,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 144,734,600</b>	<b>\$ 165,972,600</b>

<i>48 vacant positions</i>
<i>36 in recruitment</i>
<i>3 vacant positions designated for transfer to OITS and DHR</i>
<i>2 proposed for reuse in FY24 enhancement requests</i>

<b>Total FTP</b>
<b>FY23 – 387</b>
<b>FY24 - 381</b>

# Enhancement requests

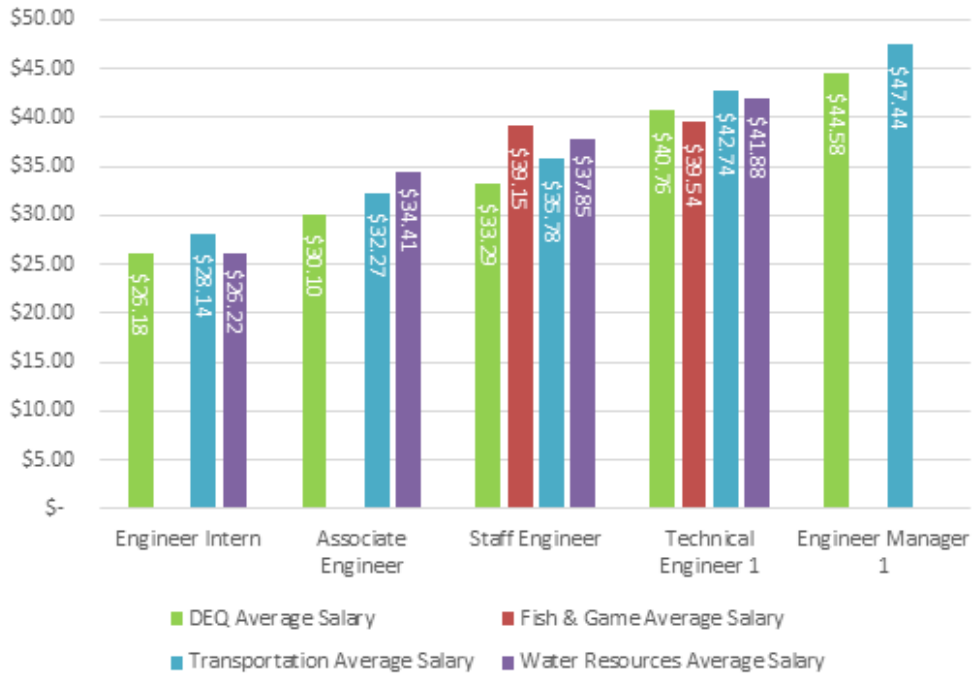
1. Pay Increase for engineers  
 \$191,900 (\$72,300 GF \$10,100 dedicated, \$109,500 federal)

Extremely difficult to keep engineers and fill vacancies

DEQ pays engineers much less than other state agencies

Making it difficult for us to do important work

Engineer Salary Comparison



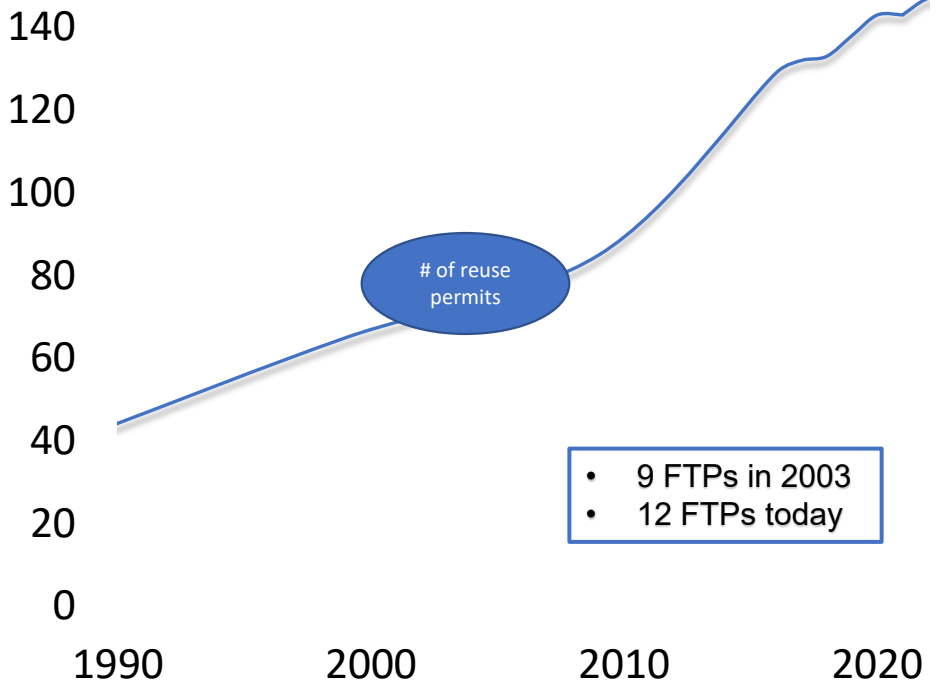
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2. Wastewater Reuse Analyst  
 \$98,200

Reuse program allows dischargers to avoid more complex discharge permit to water

Beneficially reuses a precious resource – water!

Permit requests have been increasing - was 72 in 2003 is 147 today



## Enhancement requests

### 3. Water Quality Program Enhancement \$148,600 General Funds:

- Hourly pay to \$15 (\$33,200) and sample processing (\$115,400)
- Needed to inform permitting decisions
- Used by stakeholders to protect Idaho's surface waterbodies



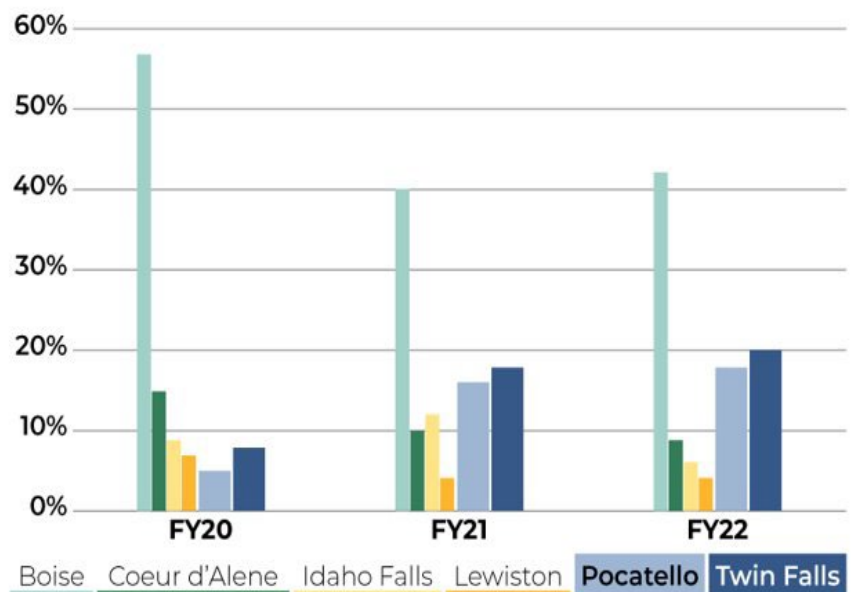
Data is important for assessing overall conditions of Idaho's water bodies.

## Enhancement requests

### 4. Air Quality Compliance Officer - \$98,400 General Funds

- Shared resource between Pocatello and Twin Falls.
- Permits issued in these two regions has been growing.
- Local presence helps businesses address air quality regulations.

PERCENTAGE OF PERMITS ISSUED BY REGION



## Enhancement requests

5. IPDES Permit Writer - \$98,200 dedicated

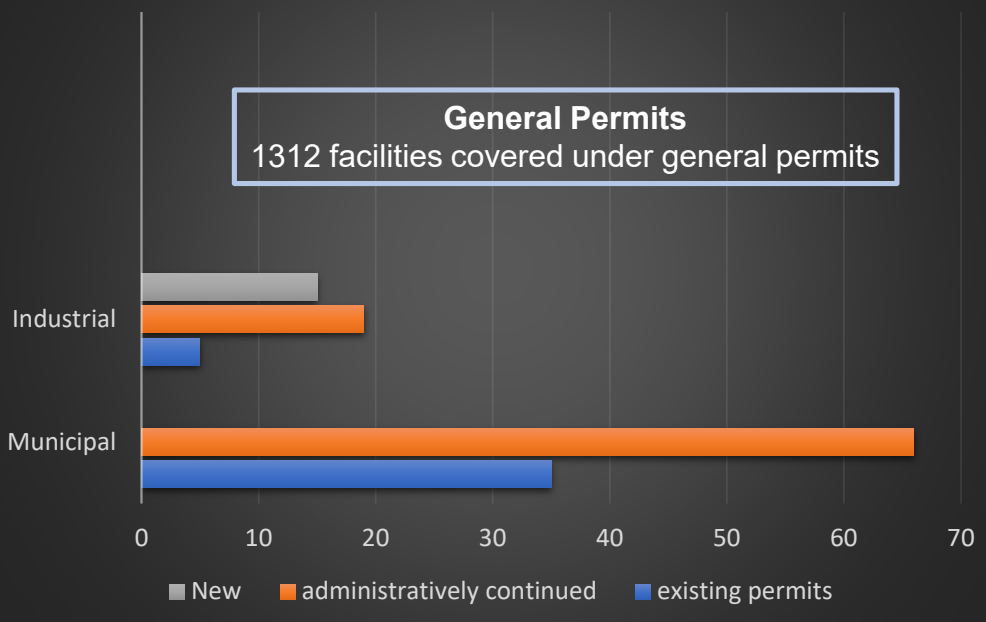
6. IPDES Data Analyst - \$98,200 dedicated

7. IPDES E-permitting system - \$385,000 dedicated

Program is slowly growing as anticipated when primacy was received

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## IPDES Permits



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## Enhancement requests

8. Federal Funding Increase \$12,600,000 one-time federal spending authority for set-asides from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

9. INL Oversight Funding \$400,000 ongoing federal receipt authority for funding from the Department of Energy for oversight activities at the Idaho National Laboratory



BIL funding will target specific issues such as lead pipes and emerging contaminants as well as support existing work.

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# Enhancement requests for program maintenance

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## Human Resource Consolidation

- Moves 6 positions from DEQ to Division of Human Resources (1 vacant)
- Reduces agency budget by \$102,400 for FY24

## OITS Consolidation

- Transferring 2 positions in FY24 (both currently vacant)
- Leaves 4 positions in the agency to maintain systems unique to our programs
- Increased cost to agency of \$52,000 for FY24

# Questions?

