### FY 2018-19

### **Northeast District Business Plan**



#### **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

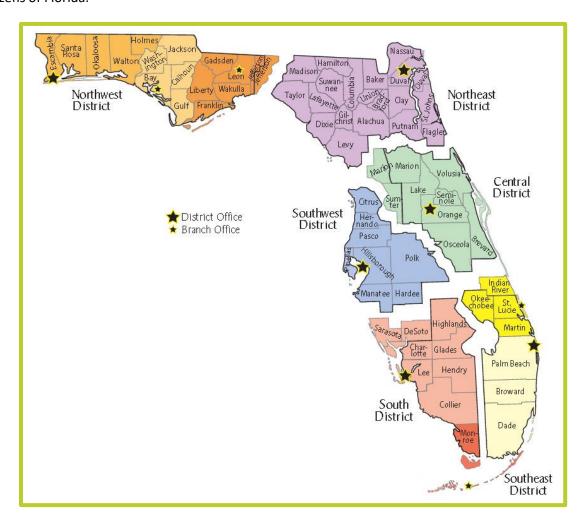
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The six District Offices represent a public presence for the Department's Regulatory Programs. In addition to issuing various kinds of program-specific permits, these offices conduct the majority of the day-to-day environmental inspections, including the performance of compliance assistance and enforcement functions.

Within each District Office, a District Director provides guidance and oversight to the program areas, while an Assistant Director coordinates the compliance functions. The Divisions do not supervise the district program areas but provide guidance for policy and consistency between the districts.

The Legislature appropriates funding in a lump sum to the District Offices, which is then allocated internally by the Department to each District Office. The appropriation is comprised of General Revenue funds, as well as an aggregate of eleven different trust funds. In January 2013, the boundaries of the District Offices were realigned with the goal of distributing work more evenly, and further enabling consistency between the districts and saving valuable travel time for both our employees and the citizens of Florida.



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# VISION, VALUES and STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES

#### **Vision**

Creating strong community partnerships, safeguarding Florida's natural resources and enhancing its ecosystems.

#### **Values**

- Integrity. We operate honorably, ethically and respectfully with our customers and each other.
- Accountability. We take personal ownership for our actions and responsibilities.
- **Communication**. We operate transparently by sharing information frequently and honestly.
- **Innovation**. We continuously seek innovative ways to improve our operations to protect and restore the environment.
- Service. We serve our communities and work to enhance our stakeholders' experience.

### **Strategic Goals & Objectives**

#	Strategic Goals	#	Objectives
	Community Impact:	1.1	Improve funding decisions to align with water quality and quantity priorities
1	Focus taxpayer resources on projects that provide a	1.2	Streamline contract processing, improve contract management, and award contracts efficiently and effectively
_	direct benefit to the environment and local communities	1.3	Develop and implement restoration strategies and projects through stronger partnerships with local communities to restore waterbodies, springs and the Everglades
	<u>Partnership:</u> Partner with communities	2.1	Implement regulatory changes to promote consistency, improve quality and enhance protections for the State's natural resources
2	and businesses to protect natural resources and promote economic growth	2.2	Leverage state funding with local partners to expeditiously expand restoration and protection efforts
	Measure Performance: Establish and consistently	3.1	Improve quality, transparency and accountability of the Department's metrics
3	use clear metrics to evaluate and strengthen	3.2	Identify, prioritize and implement continuous improvement projects
	the Department's programs, activities and services	3.3	Improve accountability to the public by reporting metrics through the Department's dashboard
	Improve Resource Management:	4.1	Improve park conditions and enhance access to outdoor recreational opportunities, so even more Floridians and visitors can enjoy Florida's award-winning state parks.
4	Improve the quality of natural resources through long-term planning, restoration and maintenance	4.2	Move more acres within Florida State Parks from a restoration condition to a more natural and less labor-intensive maintenance condition.
5	Empower Employees: Empower employees to	5.1	Create a professional development culture by providing training, communicating tools and measuring success
5	solve problems through	5.2	Recruit and hire the best people
	innovation and efficiency	5.3	Reward top performers
	Effective Communication: Proactively communicate a	6.1	Use appropriate, targeted tools to better communicate the State's restoration activities and successes to media, stakeholders and the general public
6	clear and consistent message both internally	6.2	Create a consistent message which perpetuates the Department's vision and strategic goals
	and externally	6.3	Ensure internal communication is frequent and interactive

#### **Northeast District Support for Strategic Goals and Objectives**

### Strategic Goal 1: Focus taxpayer resources on projects that provide a direct benefit to the environment and local communities.

The NED is focused on maximizing taxpayer resources through reducing the cost to conduct business by 5% annually, preventing lost time injuries and by identifying, prioritizing and implementing continuous improvement projects that yield quantifiable returns.

### Strategic Goal 2: Partner with communities and businesses to protect natural resources and promote economic growth.

The NED promotes regulatory consistency, improved quality, and enhanced protection through a number of different outreach methods as well as partnering with communities, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions.

### Strategic Goal 3: Establish and consistently use clear metrics to evaluate and strengthen the Department's programs, activities and services.

The NED aligns, establishes and refreshes its program's performance metrics on an annual basis to positively impact the Department's strategic goals. Each metric corresponds to a continuous improvement initiative (project, activity and services) which allows us to report quantifiable results each quarter.

#### Strategic Goal 5: Empower employees to solve problems through innovation and efficiency.

The NED has a robust continuous improvement program that empowers staff to seek innovative ways to improve processes and performance through Lean thinking methods and tools. Additionally, the NED partners with the Jacksonville Lean Consortium to promote continuous improvement training and opportunities that drive improvements in quality, productivity and customer satisfaction.

### Strategic Goal 6: Proactively communicate a clear and consistent message both internally and externally.

The NED supports this goal by conducting regular meetings with staff at all levels on a weekly and monthly basis. The director also issues "Director's Messages" to staff in the quarterly NED News. Additionally, the director coordinates and attends at least one quarterly informal meeting with facility owners and managers within district boundaries. The NED communicates a clear and consistent message proactively with stakeholders through outreach and training events.

#### **CLIENT SERVICES**

The Northeast District has two client segments which we must responsibly balance:

#### The Citizens and Visitors of Florida

These clients expect that the District will reasonably, respectfully, and responsibly, implement Florida's laws and regulations. Services provided on behalf of these clients include:

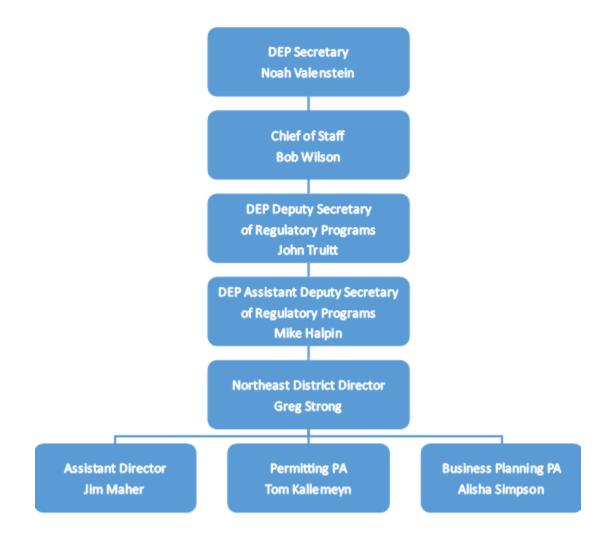
- Adopts rules and issues permits that meet the state and federal requirements
- Ensures compliance of regulated facilities
- Responds to public concerns related to regulated and non-regulated facilities
- Provides opportunities for the public to share its thoughts and concerns
- Conducts outreach to assist the community in understanding environmental rules and responsibilities
- Promotes appreciation and stewardship of our natural resources

#### **The Regulated Community**

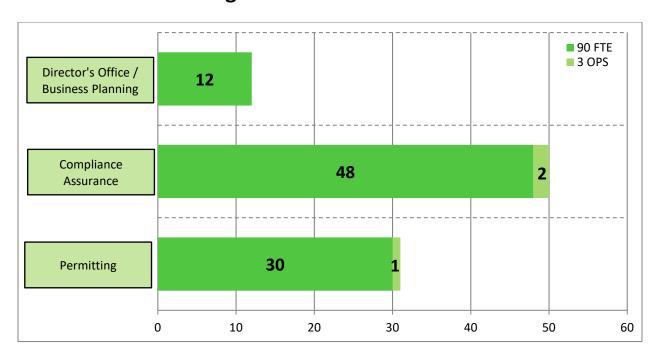
These clients expect that we will provide regulatory certainty and consistency along with fair solutions. Services provided on behalf of these clients include:

- Adopts rules and issues reasonable, law-based permits in a timely manner
- Ensures regulatory certainty and consistency
- Provides professional and timely review of permit applications
- Provides opportunities for the regulated community to share its thoughts and concerns
- Provides outreach to assist regulated entities to understand rule requirements, how they apply
  to their facility or activity, and the least burdensome manner in which to maintain compliance
- Provides structure to manage competing interests with regard to environmental issues

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



### **District Office Staffing**



#### ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Compliance Assurance**

- Provide timely inspections which meet state and federal requirements
- Oversee compliance with all media (air, waste, water and state lands)
- Provide the regulated community with compliance assistance
- Coordination of enforcement activities
- Promote high compliance rates through outreach activities
- Respond to complaints and citizen inquiries both timely and effectively
- Provide the regulated and general communities with the highest customer service and problem-solving efforts rooted in respect for each party's concerns
- Provide conditions to promote a level playing field among the regulated community regarding accountability to compliance with environmental requirements
- Support economic activity with assistance and streamlining regulatory requirements for new and expanding businesses and property development while fully ensuring environmental goals and requirements are met

#### **Permitting**

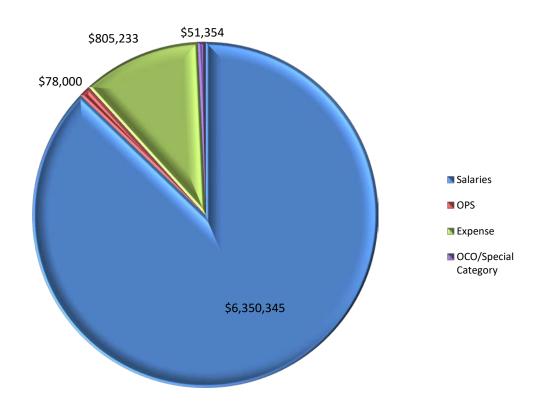
- Provide professional and timely assistance with the issuance of reasonable, law-based permits
- Perform permit determinations to encourage environmental solutions
- Provide technical support and educational outreach on air, waste, water discharge, environmental resources and public water supply issues
- Manage activities related to the cleanup of sites contaminated by pollutants
- Increase business and job development utilizing the Brownfields program activities
- Issuance of permits for Air, Solid Waste, Domestic Wastewater, Industrial Wastewater, Potable
   Water and Environmental Resource Permits
- Promote reuse of reclaimed water

#### **Business Planning**

- Provide effective human resource services including expansive professional development opportunities
- Manage budget, purchasing, property, facilities and fleet while ensuring the most cost-effective methods and systems are utilized in support of district and agency priorities
- Promote a paperless environment by use of electronic technology
- Manage information systems, data and document storage
- Provide analysis of regulatory data to improve operational processes and to ensure most efficient allocation of resources
- Provide administrative services in support of regulatory programs

#### **DISTRICT OFFICE BUDGET OVERVIEW**

FY 18-19 Annual Operating Budget

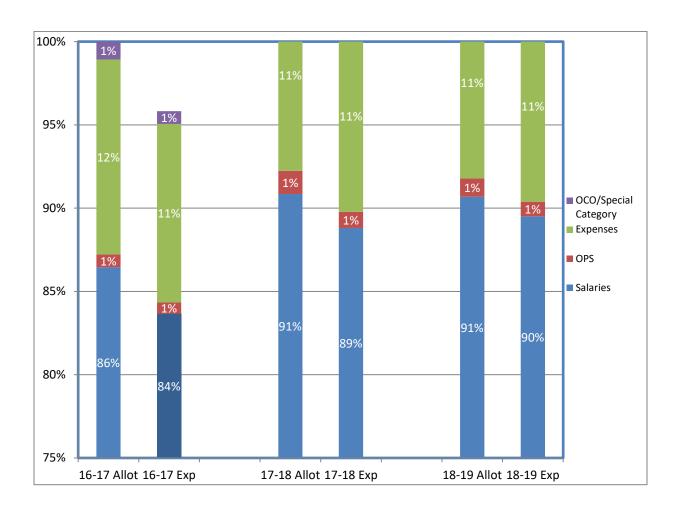


#### **Budget Utilization**

The Northeast District's annual budget of \$7,284,932 is optimized to the greatest extent possible to ensure the health and safety of citizens of the State of Florida while accomplishing the Department's mission of protecting air, water and land.

- Employees continue cross-training and are being utilized across multiple programs to ensure the sustainment of a highly proficient, effective and streamlined organization.
- Vacancies are assessed based on workload, levels of service and regulatory requirements, and positions are reallocated to ensure maximum efficiency.
- Procurement of goods and services are competitively shopped among minority and nonminority vendors to ensure the best value for the District and the Department.
- Fleet resources are managed and maintained in a manner that reduces operational costs.
- District records are efficiently e-filed in a document management system to allow easy access for citizens.

### **Operating Budget and Expenditures**



FY16-17 Total		FY17-18 Total		FY18-19 Total			
Allotment:	\$7,003,059	Allotment:	\$7,060,432	Allotment:	\$7,284,932		
Expended:	\$6,710,689	Expenditure:	\$6,924,333	Projected Expenditure:	\$7,177,042		

### **STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

2. Partner with commu	nities and businesses to p	•			<u>16, 18, 19, 25</u> 1				
Objective <sup>2</sup>	Action <sup>3</sup>	KPI⁴	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target <sup>5</sup>	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Implement regulatory changes to promote consistency, improve quality and enhance protections for the State's natural resources	Ensure overall time to process permits for FY 17-18 is maintained or improved for FY 18- 19	Average number of days to process a permit	District Director	10.9	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	9.5	9.9		
	Ensure overall actual compliance rate for FY 17-18 is maintained for FY 18- 19	Percent of facilities in non-compliance		6%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	3.6%	5.51%		

3. Establish and consist	tently use clear metrics to	evaluate and strengthe	n the Department	's programs, a	ctivities and ser	vices		_1	16, 18, 19, 25 <sup>1</sup>
Objective <sup>2</sup>	Action <sup>3</sup>	KPI⁴	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target <sup>5</sup>	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Identify, prioritize and implement continuous improvement projects	Continue to identify district-specific processes in need of improvement that will result in standardized efficient processes, cost savings, and/or better internal and external customer experience, while operating a leaner organization	Track quarterly continuous improvement projects including quantifying improvements in time to process, cost savings, etc.	District Director	4	Minimum one per quarter	Q1 Initiatives	Several initiatives scheduled to be completed during Q3		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Area-Specific Strategies from the Dept. of Economic Opportunity's 5-year Strategic Plan. See Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Objective (KPM) – What is to be achieved/measured?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Action – What is to be done to achieve the objective?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Key Performance Indicator (KPI) – What is the indicator/measure that the objective is being achieved?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Baseline/Target – Current status or initial measurement and what is the performance target?

5. Empower employees to solve problems through innovation and efficiency 18, 19, 20, 25, 27, 28,											
Objective <sup>2</sup>	Action <sup>3</sup>	KPI⁴	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target⁵	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Create a professional development culture by providing training, communicating tools and measuring success	Identify mission critical training opportunities for inclusion in the FY 18- 19 Professional Development Plan	Percent of trainings completed	District Director	100%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	12%	17%				
Reward top performers	Continue to manage an employee recognition program to facilitate recognition of top performers & employees who demonstrate DEP's values	Identify 1 top performer		1 per quarter	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	3 EOM Q1	3 EOM Q2				

6. Proactively communicate a clear and consistent message both internally and externally 13, 16, 18, 19, 25											
Objective <sup>2</sup>	Action <sup>3</sup>	KPI⁴	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target <sup>5</sup>	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Create a consistent message which perpetuates the Department's vision and strategic goals	Issue quarterly "Director's Messages" to district staff	Newsletter is to be submitted to the ADS & Communications Office within 30 days of the end of each quarter	District Director	1 per quarter	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	10/03/18 Addressed team at CAP Inspector Institute	12/05/18 Addressed team at Annual Awards Ceremony				
Ensure internal communication is frequent and interactive	Conduct quarterly sessions for supervisory personnel addressing leadership issues and provide copies to the ADS via inclusion in the business plan update	Provide quarterly update to the ADS		1 per quarter	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	08/27/18 Dealing with Unconscious Bias, Matthew Lusk	10/11/18 The Leadership Edge, Lt. General Rick Tryon				
Provide outreach to increase environmental awareness and enhance DEP's	Provide outreach and training to regulated entities	# of events and # of regulated representatives reached; regulatory topics covered		20 events per quarter	Quarterly district outreach summary report via	62 events; 207 attendees; PW, ERP, HW, Tanks	77 events; 251 attendees; PW, ERP, CCCL, Tanks, HW				

commitment to protecting Florida's environment	Provide outreach to environmental stakeholders	# of events and # in attendance		new tracking form	5 events; 210 attendees	2 events; 58 attendees
	Provide broad community outreach	# of events and # in attendance			6 events; 305 attendees	7 events; 423 attendees
Measure outreach event quality	Distribute survey to outreach event stakeholders to obtain feedback on outreach event quality	Cumulative Survey Score	>86%		100%	94.7%

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Objective (KPM)	Action	КРІ	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Reduce the cost of doing business	Meet the individual budget target provided by the ADS	Projection of FY-end expenditures	District Director	\$7,284,932	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	\$7,284,932	\$7,177,042		
Develop and implement efforts to improve safety	Interview injured employee, make recommendations to avoid recurrence, and share the injury interview and review report with the ADS within 30 days of the injury	The injury interview and review report is to be sent to the ADS within 30 days of the injury		FY 17-18 2 incidents	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	1 08/06/18 Tick bite	0		
Enhance stakeholder relationships	Coordinate and attend at least one informal one-on-one meeting with facility owners/managers within the District boundaries as to enhance our stakeholder relationships	Number of informal meetings held with facility owners/managers		4	Summary due to ADS within 30 days of the end of each quarter	08/08/18 Liquefied Natural Gas Outreach	1 12/07/18 Heritage Chrystal Clean		

### **Compliance Assurance Program Goals & Objectives**

Objective (KPM)	Action	КРІ	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Improve State	Audit the records of	Report each quarter	Assistant	Air	Within 30 days	100%	70%		
Review Framework	10 facilities (Title V	the percent of	Director		of the end of				
data quality and	and synthetic minor	facilities out of 10		100% Data	each quarter				
accuracy	facilities) for	audited that were		Consistency					
	consistency using the	100% consistent.							
	CAA SRF Audit	Identify potential							
	Procedures and CAA	corrective actions							
	File Review checklist,	for inconsistencies							
	which includes:	found and report to							
	facility details, C&E	Division.							
	activity dates,								
	violation								
	classifications, and								
	penalty assessment								
	details; the review								
	should cover								
	information from the								
	previous 12-month								
	period with a focus on								
	facilities with recent								
	violations, FCEs,								
	inspections, stack test								
	submittals, or other								
	pertinent compliance								
	activities								
	Audit the records of	Report each quarter		Water	Within 30 days	70%	80%		
	10 NPDES facilities	the percent of			of the end of				
	using the CWA SRF	facilities out of 10		100% Data	each quarter				
	Audit Procedures and	audited that were		Consistency					
	CWA File Review	100% consistent.							
	checklist, which	Identify potential							
	includes: facility	corrective actions							
	details, C&E activity	for inconsistencies							
	dates, violation	found and report to							
	classifications, and	Division.							
	penalty assessment								
	details; the review								
	should cover								
	information from the								

Expand skill set of inspectors across programs	previous 12-month period with a focus on facilities with recent inspections that had violations resolved with or without enforcement  Audit the records of 10 hazardous waste facilities using the RCRA SRF Audit Procedures and RCRA File Review checklist, which includes: facility details, C&E activity dates, violation classifications, and penalty assessment details. The review should cover information from the previous 12-month period with a focus on facilities with recent inspections that had violations resolved with or without enforcement.  Encourage inspections to be completed by cross- trained compliance assurance staff outside their home program with appropriate program oversight	Report each quarter the percent of facilities out of 10 audited that were 100% consistent. Identify potential corrective actions for inconsistencies found and report to Division.  Percent of inspections completed by crosstrained staff	Waste 100% Data Consistency	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter  Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	90%	35%	
Meet Level of Service (LOS) for compliance inspections	Perform inspections of regulated facilities	Number of inspections conducted for each facility type vs LOS requirement	25% of LOS each quarter	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	30%	21%	

Conduct outreach with Source Separated Organics Processing Facilities (SOPF)	Conduct outreach visits to active SOPF sites that have not been inspected in at least 2 years and formerly registered sites to increase awareness of SOPF rules and decrease the incidence and magnitude of noncompliance; ensure formerly registered sites are not continuing to operate without a registration	21 outreach visits to SOPF sites that have not been visited in the past 2 years or had been registered in 2014 or later and are no longer registered	21	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	2	0 Q2 2 YTD	
Increase ERP customer service outreach	Ensure ERP permittees meet compliance with permits by increasing outreach efforts to new EI and high-risk applicants	Percent of new EI and high-risk ERP permittees that receive outreach contact and assistance within 60 days of issuance	30%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	70%	27%	
Increase drinking water systems compliance rates	Increase the compliance rates for drinking water systems by providing outreach to systems prior to their sanitary survey inspections; a pre-inspection checklist is provided to all systems prior to their DEP inspection	Number of pre- inspected checklists emailed to drinking water systems	200	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	50	56 Q2 106 YTD	
Increase inspection efficiency for tank facilities with TNC water systems	Conduct joint inspections of regulated tank facilities with transient noncommunity water systems	Number of joint tank/drinking water inspections conducted	12	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	3	2 Q2 5 YTD	

Increase compliance rates	Number of compliance assistance events conducted	Percent of MNC's receiving informal or formal written compliance assistance	100%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	100%	100%	
Reduce backlog of OGC cases	Reduce number of backlogged open LCT enforcement cases as of July 1, 2018, by 25% during FY 18-19	Number of backlogged OGC enforcement cases closed; provide summary to the ADS' office	90 open backlog cases; 25% reduction	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	15 Cases Closed 16% reduction	8 Cases Closed 23 YTD 25% reduction	
Increase emergency response outreach	Conduct outreach visits to each of the district's County Emergency Directors to explain OER capabilities and build working relationships with them	3 outreach visits with County Emergency Directors per quarter	12	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	1	8 Q2 9 YTD	

### **Permitting Program Goals & Objectives**

Objective (KPM)	Action	КРІ	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Increase efficiencies	Maintain time to	Average number of	Permitting	Air-19.5	Within 30 days	Air-13.8	Air-12.9		
	process permits	days to process a	Program	ERP-14.4	of the end of	ERP-15.7	ERP-15.1		
		permit	Administrator	DW-7.3	each quarter	DW-4.7	DW-4.1		
				IW-5.9		IW-1.4	IW-2.4		
				PW-5.6		PW-3.2	PW-5.0		
				SW-6.8		SW-17.6	SW-15.9		
				UIC-4.0		UIC-N/A	UIC-N/A		
	Distribute a minimum	Percentage of		83%	Within 30 days	78.6%	TBD		
	of 30 permitting	satisfied customers			of the end of		Awaiting		
	experience surveys to	(rated as Smooth			each quarter		data from		
	recent customers to	Sailing)					SWD		
	obtain feedback on								
	permit work product,								
	quality and customer								
	service								
	Maintain or reduce	Average number of		28	Within 30 days	28.8	24.5		
	average time to	days to review waste			of the end of				
	review waste cleanup	cleanup submittals			each quarter				
	submittals								
	Reduce the number of	Number of open		22	Within 30 days	16	46		
	permit applications in	permit applications			of the end of				
	house greater than 90				each quarter				
	days	Percentage of closed		6.9%	Within 30 days	6.9%	6.4%		
		permit applications			of the end of				
		compared to the			each quarter				
		total closed							
		applications							
Reduce the cost of	Review facility permits	Is the customer		16	Within 30 days	5	5		
doing business	to identify non-rule-	required to comply			of the end of				
	based permit	with the test			each quarter				
	conditions and/or	requirements and/or							
	requirements that can	reporting							
	be modified and/or	requirements listed							
	eliminated to save	in the permit? Can							
	customer compliance	they be modified							
	costs	and/or removed							
		without adverse							
		impacts to human							

		health, air quality, or the environment?					
Improve state review framework data quality and accuracy	Audit multiple program permits prior to issuance for quality; audit questions will be developed to improve permit quality and preparation for both division and SRF audits	Report percentage of deficiencies for each program audit	95%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	97%	97%	
Expand skill set of permitters across programs	Encourage permits to be completed by cross-trained permitting staff outside their home program with appropriate program oversight	Percent of permits completed by cross- trained staff	20%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	23.9%	24%	

### **Business Planning Program Goals & Objectives**

Objective (KPM)	Action	КРІ	Responsible Party	Baseline / Target	Due Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Provide professional development opportunities	Coordinate Professional Development Series (PDS) workshops to focus on leadership, safety, health and wellness and professional skills	Schedule 1 PDS workshop per month	Business Planning Program Administrator	12	Monthly	3 Q1 workshops	Q2 workshops		
Provide frequent communication regarding pertinent business topics	Issue a bi-monthly update which includes information regarding benefits, training, safety, important dates and other pertinent topics	Issue 6 updates per year		6	Within first week of each month	3 07/18 08/18 09/18	2 10/18 11/18 12/18		
Expand skill set of business support staff	Encourage regulatory support activities to be completed by business staff with appropriate program oversight	Percent of business staff performing regulatory support activities		20%	Monthly	30%	70%		
Recruit and retain the best employees	Decrease voluntary employee turnover by increasing employee engagement and encouraging staff to utilize the career path progression plan	Percent of voluntary employee turnover		11%	Within 30 days of the end of each quarter	1.11%	2.22%		

#### MID AND LONG-TERM GOALS

#### Midterm Goals (1-3 Years):

- Foster greater employee engagement and enthusiastic support for senior leadership's values and strategic goals
- Continue reducing regulatory burdens while fully protecting the environment and meeting our mission
- Enhance staff's career experience with promotion of career path structure of advancement
- Increase staff involvement across DEP through the OneDEP initiative
- Remove the last remaining NPDES discharger, Pilgrim's Pride, from the Suwannee River
- Increase regulatory consistency by standardizing permitting processes and documents across the state
- Improve permitting efficiencies by implementing additional processes for online applications and reviews

#### **Long-term Goals (3-5 Years):**

- Continue to build relationships and partnerships with citizens and business leaders to achieve a positive, trustworthy and service-oriented perception
- Improve water quality in the Suwannee and Santa Fe River springsheds through implementation of Basin Management Action Plan requirements into facility permits

#### SUCCESSES, ACHIEVEMENTS & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

#### **Compliance Assurance**

- Broad gains made in cross-training, such that 25% of inspections were completed by inspectors outside their home program
- Successfully transitioned a change in the tanks program referral process from contracted counties significantly increasing staff workload and enforcement processes
- Addressed the impacts of Hurricane Irma on wastewater collection systems, disaster debris
  management, and beaches and dunes and structures within the district while providing onsite
  assistance to multiple emergency operations centers in the days following the storm
- Awarded the Prudential Productivity Award for developing an Access database to evaluate staff workload and manage compliance and enforcement cases including corrective actions associated with those enforcement cases
- Strengthened beach compliance oversight with additional compliance staff allocated and trained, which was critical to meet demand from recovery activity after hurricanes

#### **Permitting**

- Decreased overall average permitting time-to-process by approximately 1 day when comparing processing times from FY 16-17
- Maintained overall permitting time-in-house average when comparing processing times from FY 15-16
- Developed statewide forecasting and pre-application tracking tools to better determine program workload needs
- Broad gains made in cross-training, such that 20% of permits completed were processed by permitters outside their home program

#### **Business Planning**

- During FY 17-18, more than 255 public records requests were received with a 98% response rate within 1 business day
- Expended more than \$30,000 for employee development; more than 83% of employees benefitted from technical, leadership and professional skills training in FY 17-18
- Completed a statewide initiative to e-file all regulatory historical records (3,000+ boxes) into the
  agency's document management system (Oculus); the public records request process has since
  been centralized resulting in quicker, more efficient customer service

### Appendix A – DEO FL 5-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Development

Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development (V20.1) At-A-Glance – click on link to view

### **Appendix B – Revision History**

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