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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Environmental Protection Agency

- \$81 million annual revenue stream preserved by fee extensions
- About 70% of budget covered by fee and fine money
- Roughly one-quarter of budget allocated for air pollution control

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is generally charged with protecting the state's environment and public health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws. In order to uphold their broad duties, it is organized programmatically as follows: air pollution control, environmental response and revitalization, materials and waste management, drinking and ground waters, surface water protection, environmental education, compliance assistance and pollution prevention, environmental and financial assistance, special investigations, environmental laboratory services, and program management.

Ohio EPA's five district offices perform various services and activities, including reviewing permit applications, investigating citizen complaints, investigating and overseeing cleanups of spills and releases, monitoring compliance with environmental standards, and other direct contact with the regulated community.

Appropriation Overview

The Ohio EPA's FY 2015 expenditures are compared with the appropriations for FY 2016-FY 2017, by fund group, in Table 1 below.

Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$10,756,563	\$14,923,093	38.7%	\$14,923,093	0.0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$117,056,968	\$127,513,512	8.9%	\$128,901,743	1.1%
Internal Service Activity	\$11,568,222	\$9,377,234	-18.9%	\$9,244,566	-1.4%
Capital Projects	\$318,397	\$284,124	-10.8%	\$284,124	0.0%
Federal	\$33,859,322	\$35,310,223	4.3%	\$36,917,121	4.6%
TOTAL	\$173,559,471	\$187,408,186	8.0%	\$190,270,647	1.5%

*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.

To support the Ohio EPA's programs in FY 2016, the budget appropriates a total of \$187.4 million, an increase of \$13.8 million, or 8.0%, from total FY 2015 expenditures of \$173.6 million. For FY 2017, the budget appropriates a total of \$190.3 million, a \$2.9 million, or 1.5%, increase over the FY 2016 appropriation. These appropriations are expected to be sufficient for the Ohio EPA to maintain FY 2015 service levels over the course of the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

Other notable features of the Agency's FY 2016-FY 2017 biennial budget include:

- Nearly 90% of the Agency's money will be appropriated from two sources: (1) fees and fines deposited in the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group (68%), and (2) grants deposited in the Federal Fund Group (19%).
- In terms of the purposes for which money will be expended, the largest amount, around 60%, is likely to be allocated for personal services (payroll costs attributable to wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and other administrative charges). The remainder will be largely split between subsidies and shared revenue, and supplies, maintenance, and equipment.

Funding by Division/Office

Table 2 below summarizes, by fiscal year, the approximate amount of money that the Ohio EPA will be allocated for its divisions and offices. Approximately one-quarter, or \$90.1 million, of the Agency's \$377.7 million biennial budget will be allocated for air pollution control-related services and activities. Close to 20%, or \$67.8 million, will be allocated for surface water protection.

Division/Office	FY 2016	FY 2017	% of Biennial Total
Air Pollution Control	\$44,777,049	\$45,320,791	23.9%
Surface Water Protection	\$33,767,274	\$34,054,363	18.0%
Materials and Waste Management	\$25,617,192	\$26,313,446	13.7%
Program Management	\$22,260,000	\$22,580,000	11.9%
Environmental Response and Revitalization	\$20,840,468	\$21,297,412	11.2%
Drinking and Ground Waters	\$20,513,827	\$20,694,082	10.9%
Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention	\$7,838,098	\$7,879,682	4.2%
Environmental and Financial Assistance	\$4,733,621	\$4,890,262	2.5%
Environmental Laboratory Services	\$3,776,827	\$3,944,159	2.0%
Environmental Education	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000	1.0%
Office of Special Investigations	\$1,408,830	\$1,421,450	0.7%
Total Funding	\$187,408,186	\$190,270,647	100.0%

Staffing Levels

Table 3 below summarizes the number of staff by program for the Ohio EPA from FY 2014 projected through FY 2017. The table suggests that the Ohio EPA may reduce its FY 2015 number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions by 27, or 2.2%, from 1,215 to 1,188.

Program	FY 2014	FY 2015**	FY 2016**	FY 2017**
Air Pollution Control	184	187	187	187
Environmental Response and Revitalization	165	176	172	172
Materials and Waste Management	193	200	194	194
Drinking and Ground Waters	142	153	148	148
Surface Water Protection	205	225	221	221
Environmental Education	5	5	4	4
Compliance Assistance/Pollution Prevention	14	24	24	24
Environmental and Financial Assistance	34	42	43	43
Special Investigations	10	10	10	10
Environmental Laboratory Services	28	28	27	27
Program Management	143	165	158	158
TOTAL	1,123	1,215	1,188	1,188

*Numbers are rounded.

**FYs 2015-2017 are Ohio EPA estimates.

Fee Sunset Extensions

The budget extends the sunset of certain environmental regulation fees, the practical fiscal effect of which is to "preserve" a total annual revenue stream of around \$80.8 million. Of that total, over 90%, or \$74.1 million, is used by the Ohio EPA; the remainder, \$6.7 million, is used by the Department of Natural Resources. Those fee extensions are summarized in Table 4 below, including the fund(s) into which those fees are deposited and the amount of annual revenue that is preserved by the extension of the sunset language.

Fee	Fund	Amount of Annual Revenue Preserved
Solid waste transfer and disposal fees	5030	\$2.7 million
	5050	\$9.0 million
	4K30	\$9.9 million
	5BC0	\$36.4 million
	5BV0*	\$3.2 million
Sale of tires fee	4R50	\$3.5 million
	5BV0*	\$3.5 million

Table 4. Fee Extensions		
Fee	Fund	Amount of Annual Revenue Preserved
Synthetic minor facility emissions fees	4K20	\$365,000
Various water pollution control fees	4K40	\$6.2 million
Various safe drinking water fees	4K50	\$6.0 million
TOTAL		\$80.8 million

*Fund 5BV0 is used by the Department of Natural Resources.

The fees being extended are related to waste management, air pollution control, and water pollution control activities and can generally be described as follows:

- Annual emission fees for synthetic minor facilities.
- Annual discharge fees for holders of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.
- Public water system licenses.
- Transfer or disposal of solid wastes (\$4.75 per ton in total), with adjustments to the amounts that are credited to certain existing state funds.
- Fee on the sale of new tires.
- Non-NPDES application fee for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and Safe Drinking Water Law.
- NPDES application fee for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and Safe Drinking Water Law.
- License fees for public water systems licenses issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law.
- Plan approvals for wastewater treatment works.
- State evaluation of laboratories and laboratory personnel.
- Applications and examinations for certification as operators of water supply systems or wastewater systems.

Solid Waste Transfer and Disposal Fees

The budget retains the \$4.75 aggregate amount from four state fees levied on the transfer or disposal of solid wastes, but reallocates the individual fees and their uses as follows:

- Decreases from \$1.00 to \$0.90 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030) and the Hazardous Waste Clean-up Fund (Fund 5050), and allocates \$0.20, rather than 30% as in current law, of the fee to Fund 5030 and \$0.70, rather than 70% as in current law, to Fund 5050.

- Decreases from \$1.00 to \$0.75 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), renamed the Waste Management Fund.
- Increases from \$2.50 to \$2.85 the per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), and additionally requires the fund be used to pay the costs of providing compliance assistance to small businesses.
- Retains the \$0.25 per-ton fee the proceeds of which are credited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by the Department of Natural Resources.

The retention of the fees preserves annual revenues totaling approximately \$61.2 million. Adjusting the formula for distributing that total results in the following:

- Decrease of \$3.2 million in the amount credited to Fund 4K30 annually from \$12.9 million to \$9.7 million.
- Decrease of \$1.3 million in the amount credited to Fund 5030 annually from \$3.9 million to \$2.6 million.
- Increase of \$4.5 million in the amount credited to Fund 5BC0 annually from \$32.3 million to \$36.8 million.
- Amounts credited annually to Fund 5BV0, around \$3.2 million, and Fund 5050, around \$9.0 million, are unchanged.

Transfer of Storm Water Management Program

The budget transfers, effective January 1, 2016, the administration of the Storm Water Management Program from the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Soil and Water Resources to the Ohio EPA. The Ohio EPA Director, in effecting the transfer, is permitted to develop technical guidance and offer technical assistance to minimize wind or water erosion of soil and assist in compliance with permits for storm water management issued under the Water Pollution Control Law. In order to pay for the related administrative costs, the appropriation for DPF Fund 4K40, line item 715650, Surface Water Protection, was increased by \$181,300 in FY 2016 and \$372,600 in FY 2017.

Study of Nutrient Loading to Ohio Watersheds

The budget: (1) permits the Director of Environmental Protection to study, examine, and calculate nutrient loading to the watershed in the Lake Erie basin and the Ohio River basin from point and nonpoint sources, (2) requires the Director to use certain data, and (3) requires the Director to report and update the study's results to coincide with the release of the Ohio Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. The study's cost over a two-year period is estimated at \$200,000, with required subsequent updates costing \$30,000 annually thereafter.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

This section provides an analysis of the appropriations for each line item in Ohio EPA's FY 2016-FY 2017 biennial budget. In this analysis, the agency's line items are grouped into funding categories reflecting the focus of its services and activities. The ten funding categories used in this analysis are as follows:

1. Air Pollution Control;
2. Environmental Response and Revitalization;
3. Materials and Waste Management;
4. Drinking and Ground Waters;
5. Surface Water Protection;
6. Environmental Education;
7. Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention;
8. Environmental and Financial Assistance;
9. Environmental Laboratory Services; and
10. Program Management.

To aid the reader in finding each line item in the analysis, the table below shows the funding category in which it has been placed.

Fund			ALI and Name	Funding Category
Categorization of Ohio EPA Appropriation Items for Analysis of Enacted Budget				
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions e-Check Program		1: Air Pollution Control
GRF	715505	Drinking Water Solutions		5: Surface Water Protection
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
1990	715602	Laboratory Services		9: Environmental Laboratory Services
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect		10: Program Management
4A10	715640	Operating Expenses		10: Program Management
Federal Fund Group				
3530	715612	Public Water Supply		4: Drinking and Ground Waters
3540	715614	Hazardous Waste Management – Federal		3: Materials and Waste Management
3570	715619	Air Pollution Control – Federal		1: Air Pollution Control
3620	715605	Underground Injection Control – Federal		4: Drinking and Ground Waters
3BU0	715684	Water Quality Protection		5: Surface Water Protection
3CS0	715688	Federal NRD Settlements		2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
3F20	715630	Revolving Loan Fund – Operating		8: Environmental and Financial Assistance
3F30	715632	Federally Supported Cleanup and Response		2: Environmental Response and Revitalization

Categorization of Ohio EPA Appropriation Items for Analysis of Enacted Budget			
Fund	ALI and Name		Funding Category
3T30	715669	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
3V70	715606	Agencywide Grants	10: Program Management
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	7: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
4K20	715648	Clean Air – Non Title V	1: Air Pollution Control
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	3: Materials and Waste Management
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	5: Surface Water Protection
4K40	715686	Environmental Laboratory Services	9: Environmental Laboratory Services
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	3: Materials and Waste Management
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	3: Materials and Waste Management
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
4T30	715659	Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	1: Air Pollution Control
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	3: Materials and Waste Management
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	7: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	3: Materials and Waste Management
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	1: Air Pollution Control
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	7: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	1: Air Pollution Control
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	5: Surface Water Protection
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	1: Air Pollution Control
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	7: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	9: Environmental Laboratory Services
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	5: Surface Water Protection
5BC0	715692	Administration	10: Program Management
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	6: Environmental Education
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	3: Materials and Waste Management
5CD0	715682	Clean Diesel School Buses	6: Environmental Education
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	4: Drinking and Ground Waters
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	5: Surface Water Protection
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	8: Environmental and Financial Assistance

Categorization of Ohio EPA Appropriation Items for Analysis of Enacted Budget		
Fund	ALI and Name	Funding Category
6780	715635 Air Toxic Release	1: Air Pollution Control
6790	715636 Emergency Planning	1: Air Pollution Control
6960	715643 Air Pollution Control Administration	1: Air Pollution Control
6990	715644 Water Pollution Control Administration	5: Surface Water Protection
6A10	715645 Environmental Education	6: Environmental Education
Capital Projects Fund Group		
5S10	715607 Clean Ohio – Operating	2: Environmental Response and Revitalization

Funding Category 1: Air Pollution Control

This funding category encompasses funding for the Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control, which maintains air quality levels and performs all functions necessary to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. Two primary areas of activity include: (1) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and (2) stationary source permitting.

The table below shows the ten line items whose primary or exclusive purpose is to fund the Division's services and activities, as well as the appropriated amounts. It is then followed by a narrative describing how each appropriated amount will be used. These appropriations together are expected to support approximately 187 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Air Pollution Control				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions e-Check Program	\$10,923,093	\$10,923,093
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3570	715619	Air Pollution Control – Federal	\$6,310,203	\$6,310,203
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4K20	715648	Clean Air – Non Title V	\$3,309,301	\$3,726,893
4T30	715659	Clean Air – Title V Permit Program	\$13,507,000	\$13,639,150
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	\$214,826	\$214,826
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	\$1,999,172	\$1,999,172
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	\$4,945,566	\$4,945,566
6780	715635	Air Toxic Release	\$133,636	\$133,636
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	\$2,623,252	\$2,623,252
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$27,857,753	\$28,407,495
Total Funding: Air Pollution Control			\$45,091,049	\$45,640,791

Auto Emissions e-Check Program (GRF line item 715502)

This line item is used for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, and enforcement of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program known as e-Check. The program started in January 1996 and is designed to identify motor vehicles that emit excessive levels of pollutants into the air. The program currently tests a base of 2.3 million vehicles in seven northeastern Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit. The budget also authorizes the extension of e-Check through June 30, 2021, in Ohio counties in which a program is federally mandated (R.C. 3704.14).

To fund this program, the budget provides \$10,923,093 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an increase of \$166,530, or 1.5%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$10,756,563. Around 87%, or \$9.4 million, of the line item's appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated to pay Envirotech Systems, the contractor that actually operates the program. Close to 10% of the remainder will be allocated annually for payroll expenses.

Air Pollution Control – Federal (FED line item 715619)

This line item consists of federal money used to assist the Ohio EPA in complying with federal air pollution law, most specifically permitting, air toxic regulation, and NAAQS enforcement. The budget appropriates \$6,310,203 in both FY 2016 and FY 2017, an amount that is \$18,366, or 0.3%, more than FY 2015 expenditures of \$6,291,837. Roughly one-half of the appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll costs, and the other half for subsidies distributed to local air pollution control agencies.

The line item draws its appropriation from the Air Pollution Control Fund (Fund 3570). In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$6 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$241,996.

Clean Air – Non Title V (DPF line item 715648)

This line item provides funding for various administrative and enforcement expenses of the Division of Air Pollution Control, including Non Title V permitting. The budget appropriates \$3,309,301 in FY 2016, an increase of \$897,653, or 37.2%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$2,411,648. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$3,726,893, an increase of \$417,592, or 12.6%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. In the range of 70% to 75% of the appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll costs, and secondarily supplies and maintenance. And in the range of 25% to 30% is likely to be allocated for subsidies distributed to local air pollution control agencies.

The line item's appropriation is supported by various fees, including: (1) permit-to-operate emission fees for Non Title V facilities, which are those whose discharge levels are not considered to be major sources of pollution, and (2) emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities. The revenue is deposited into the Clean Air – Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20). In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have ranged between \$1.8 million and \$3.8 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$6.6 million.

Clean Air – Title V Permit Program (DPF line item 715659)

This line item is funded with money collected for Title V permits and deposited into the Clean Air Title V Permit Fund (Fund 4T30). The fund and related line item are used to pay for the cost of the Title V Permit Program administered by Ohio EPA and

local air pollution control agencies. There are approximately 700 facilities in Ohio required to obtain Title V permits. The Title V fees are based on actual emissions. The fee, which is adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, was \$25 per ton in CY 2013.

The appropriation for this line item is \$13,507,000 in FY 2016, an increase of \$1,473,354, or 12.2%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$12,033,646. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$13,639,150, an increase of \$132,150, or 1.0%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. Roughly 65% of the appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll-related costs, and secondarily supplies and maintenance. Of the remainder, around 32%, or \$4.3 million, is likely to be allocated for subsidies to local air pollution control agencies. Also of note is that approximately \$300,000 of each year's appropriation will be allocated for use by the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention.

In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged \$13.5 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$7.1 million.

Risk Management Reporting (DPF line item 715671)

This line item is used exclusively for the administration and enforcement of the state's Risk Management Planning Program, which implements federal air chemical emergency preparedness and protection requirements of the Clean Air Act. The appropriation for this line item is \$214,826 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an amount that is an increase of \$7,172, or 3.45%, greater than FY 2015 expenditures. Most of the line item is likely to be allocated for payroll-related expenses, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item draws its appropriation from the Risk Management Plan Reporting Fund (Fund 5420). The fund consists of risk management reporting fees and civil penalties. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$187,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$632,442.

Facilities are required to submit risk management plans for emergency situations where air toxins are released. Nearly 600 facilities have submitted risk management plans since these requirements were implemented. The fees for plan submission range from \$65 to \$200 depending on the regulated substance.

Local Air Pollution Control (DPF line item 715622)

This line item is used to distribute money to local air pollution control agencies under contract with the Ohio EPA. The appropriation for this purpose is \$1,999,172 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an amount identical to FY 2015 expenditures.

The amount awarded to a local air pollution control agency is based upon the projected amount of local funds available for the program, the number of pollution sources, the size of the population exposed to pollutants, and the geographical area within the jurisdiction of the local agency. The award amounts are used in conjunction with Title V and Non Title V money available for distribution to these local agencies.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Air Pollution Control (DPF line item 715672)

This line item is used to generally support the numerous objectives and programs of the Division of Air Pollution Control. The appropriation for this purpose in each of FYs 2016 and 2017 is \$4,945,566, a \$99,801, or 2.0%, decrease from FY 2015 expenditures of \$5,045,367. Most of the line item's appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll. Around 12%, or \$600,000, of the annual appropriation is typically disbursed as subsidies.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Air Toxic Release (DPF line item 715635)

This line item is used to implement, administer, and enforce the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Program operated by the Division of Air Pollution Control. The program is mandated by Title III of the federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). The appropriation for this line item is \$133,636 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an increase of \$12,899, or 10.7%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$120,737. The line's appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be allocated entirely for operating expenses, largely payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Toxic Chemical Release Reporting Fund (Fund 6780), which consists largely of filing fees. TRI fees include a \$50 base fee and an additional \$15 per chemical reported. This fee has not been increased since it was established in 1988. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$129,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$116,629.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) requires certain facilities emitting pollution to release a report detailing the release of these chemicals. The TRI report shows the Ohio EPA collected approximately 5,000 reports from the required facilities. The Ohio EPA compiles this information and releases it in an annual report accessible to the public.

Emergency Planning (DPF line item 715636)

This line item is used to implement, administer, and enforce emergency planning and community right-to-know programs mandated by Title III of the federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). The appropriation for this line item is \$2,632,252 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an amount that is nearly identical to FY 2015 expenditures. Roughly 80% of the appropriation in each fiscal year is likely to be disbursed to 87 local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) statewide, with the remainder likely to be allocated for payroll-related expenses and supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Emergency Planning Fund (Fund 6790), which consists of annual filing fees charged to facilities for reporting inventories of hazardous substances and chemicals, as well as civil penalties. The base filing fee is \$150 each year, with \$20 for each additional hazardous chemical reported, and \$150 for each extremely hazardous chemical reported, capped at \$2,500. The revised annual fee schedule for the oil and gas production and storage facilities has a base fee of \$50, with \$10 for each additional storage site in excess of 25, and a fee cap of \$900. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$2.6 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$2.8 million.

The State Emergency Planning Commission (SEPC) administers this program. Grants are made to state agencies or any of the 87 LEPCs and fire departments. Each LEPC has a hazardous chemical plan which is created and exercised annually using the funds received from this line item. Most of these LEPCs receive no additional financial support from their respective counties and, therefore, rely on money awarded from this line item for 100% of their funding. The Ohio EPA retains 10% of the fees collected by the program for its administrative costs. Activities include managing information from approximately 7,200 chemical inventory reports submitted annually, operating the fee program, and providing technical assistance to the regulated community.

Air Pollution Control Administration (DPF line item 715643)

This line item is used to supplement other funding sources available for the administration and enforcement of the state's air pollution control laws. The appropriation for the line item is \$1,125,000 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an increase of

\$221,413, or 24.5%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$903,587. Over 90% of the annual appropriation is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Air Pollution Control Administration Fund (Fund 6960), which consists of money received from enforcement actions and civil penalties imposed for violations of state air pollution control regulations. The fund's annual revenues are highly variable, recently ranging from \$309,000 in FY 2015 to \$833,000 in FY 2012. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$2.3 million.

Funding Category 2: Environmental Response and Revitalization

This funding category encompasses funding for the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, which provides emergency response to environmental spills and releases, oversees investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites, and provides assistance and guidance for cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites.¹

The table below shows the eight line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 182 FTE staff positions, including ten housed in the Office of Special Investigations.

Appropriations for Environmental Response and Revitalization				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3CS0	715688	Federal NRD Settlements	\$200,000	\$200,000
3F30	715632	Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$4,168,991	\$4,291,191
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$4,368,991	\$4,491,191
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	\$825,759	\$842,275
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	\$718,793	\$731,293
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$14,388,348	\$14,701,826
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	\$1,316,878	\$1,316,878
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$298,304	\$303,174
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$17,548,082	\$17,895,446
Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Group				
5S10	715607	Clean Ohio Revitalization Operating	\$284,124	\$284,124
Total Funding: Environmental Response and Revitalization			\$22,201,197	\$22,670,761

Federal NRD Settlements (FED line item 715688)

The source of this line item's appropriation is money drawn from the Natural Resource Damages Fund (Fund 3CS0), which consists of natural resource damages settlements stemming from any release, or threatened release, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that could endanger human health and/or the environment. These funds are then used for cleanup and remediation of the damaged area.

¹ Brownfields are abandoned or underused industrial and commercial facilities available for reuse.

The revenue stream currently consists of money from a settlement between the state of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Energy for natural resource damages surrounding the Fernald site, a former uranium processing facility in southwest Ohio. To date, the money has been primarily used to purchase land and property easements within the watershed where Fernald is located for the purpose of protecting and remediating the groundwater resource. In September 2010, the state received its first deposit of \$13.8 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$6.5 million.

The appropriation for this line item is \$200,000 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, a decrease of \$912,033, or 82.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,112,033. The appropriations will be allocated for oversight expenses, largely payroll expenses.

Federally Supported Cleanup and Response (FED line item 715632)

This line item is used by the Division for oversight of cleanups at federal facilities, site investigations at federal sites, and promotion of brownfield revitalization. The appropriation for this line item is \$4,168,991 in FY 2016, a \$1,762,540, or 73.2%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$2,406,451. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$4,291,191, a \$122,200, or 2.9%, increase from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, mostly payroll costs.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Federally Supported Cleanup and Response Fund (Fund 3F30), which consists of federal emergency and remedial grants. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$2.7 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$186,064.

Voluntary Action Program (DPF line item 715658)

This line item is used exclusively for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the Voluntary Action Program. Under the program, companies are permitted to investigate possible environmental contamination, clean it up if necessary, and receive a promise from the state of Ohio not to sue and that no more cleanup is needed.

The budget appropriates \$825,759 in FY 2016, a decrease of \$121,662, or 12.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$947,421. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$842,275, an increase of \$16,516, or 2.0%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, largely payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Voluntary Action Fund (Fund 4R90), which collects revenues from varying sources, including, but not limited to, fees for certification, permits, technical assistance, review of "No Further Action" (NFA) letters, and variances from applicable standards. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$1.2 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$1.8 million.

The program certifies environmental professionals who conduct voluntary cleanups, and certifies laboratories that analyze samples from the dirty sites. The Division also issues NFA letters after cleanup is completed and issues covenants not to sue. Ohio EPA reviews and approves all voluntary cleanups, audits 25% of the cleanups, and provides technical assistance to volunteers. There are 100 certified environmental professionals in Ohio and 20 certified laboratories.

Immediate Removal Special Account (DPF line item 715608)

This line item is used to pay the costs of investigating, mitigating, removing, or abating any unauthorized spill, release, or discharge of material that requires emergency action. The appropriation for this line item is \$718,793 in FY 2016, an increase of \$99,149, or 16.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$619,644. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$731,293, a \$12,500, or 1.7%, increase over the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Immediate Removal Fund (Fund 5000), which consists of remedial action cost recoveries and certain civil fines and criminal penalties. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$575,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$1.8 million.

Hazardous Waste Cleanup (DPF line item 715623)

This line item is principally used for: (1) the cleanup of sites contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), (2) the inspection, investigation, and conducting of enforcement actions where hazardous waste has been treated, stored, or disposed of, and (3) the planning and implementation of site remediation.

The appropriation for this line item is \$14,388,348 in FY 2016, an increase of \$1,343,215, or 10.3%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$13,045,133. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$14,701,836, an increase of \$313,478, or 2.2%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, in approximate order of magnitude as follows: payroll, supplies and maintenance, purchased personal services, and equipment.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund (Fund 5050), which collects revenue from a variety of sources, a portion of the tipping fee assessed to solid waste disposal, civil penalties assessed for violations of hazardous waste law, proceeds from the sale of cleaned sites, and hazardous waste site remediation cost recoveries. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$12.2 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$19.6 million.

Office of Special Investigations

The Office of Special Investigations works in partnership with other state and federal agencies to investigate activities that may criminally violate state or federal environmental laws or regulations. Of the total amount appropriated for line item 715623 in each year, approximately \$1.4 million will be allocated for the Office's operating expenses, including the payroll expenses of about ten FTEs.²

Corrective Actions (DPF line item 715678)

This DPF line item is used by the Division for: (1) overseeing the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites including federal facilities, (2) responding to and overseeing cleanup of emergency releases and spills to the environment, and (3) providing assistance to companies and communities who clean up and reuse brownfield sites.

The appropriation for this line item is \$1,316,878 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, a \$569,503, or 76.2%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$747,375. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Emergency Response Radiological Safety (DPF line item 715631)

This line item is used by the Division to pay its costs to administer a radiation safety program relating to nuclear power plants, including training, drilling, and equipment for a radiation assessment team. The budget appropriates \$298,304 in FY 2016, an increase of \$15,092, or 5.3%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$283,212. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$303,174, an increase of \$4,870, or 1.6%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The Ohio EPA is one of six state agencies on the Utility Radiological Safety Board. The Board levies assessments against nuclear electric utilities in an amount no greater than the appropriation specified in the applicable main operating appropriations act to fund emergency response planning and preparedness.

² Also of note is that approximately \$125,000 of each year's appropriation will be allocated for use by the Office of Environmental Education.

Clean Ohio Revitalization Operating (CPF line item 715607)

This line item pays for the Division's costs to support the state's bond-driven Clean Ohio Program, the purpose of which is to preserve green space and farmland, improve outdoor recreation, and clean up brownfields. The appropriation for this line item is \$284,124 in each of FYs 2016 and FY 2017, a decrease of \$34,273, or 10.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$318,397. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Clean Ohio Operating Fund (Fund 5S10), which consists of excess investment earnings transferred from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$285,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$114,614.

Clean Ohio Fund

The Clean Ohio Fund consists of four competitive statewide programs: the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund, the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, and the Clean Ohio Trails Fund. The Division works with the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund to target brownfield cleanups.

Funding Category 3: Materials and Waste Management

This funding category encompasses funding for the Ohio EPA's Division of Materials and Waste Management. This Division regulates facilities that treat, store, transport, or dispose of hazardous waste and ensures proper management of solid waste through regulating solid waste landfills, transfer facilities, or composting facilities.

The table below shows the seven line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations will support approximately 194 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Materials and Waste Management				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3540	715614	Hazardous Waste Management – Federal	\$3,038,383	\$3,038,383
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	\$13,118,573	\$13,202,293
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	\$10,000	\$10,000
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	\$1,040,161	\$1,060,965
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$5,765,075	\$6,082,805
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	\$2,048,101	\$2,048,101
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$645,000	\$919,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$22,626,910	\$23,323,164
Total Funding: Materials and Waste Management			\$25,665,293	\$26,361,547

Nonhazardous Waste Management

The line items under this heading fund the Division's services and activities performed for the purpose of ensuring the proper management of solid and infectious waste at 54 licensed operating landfills, 64 licensed transfer facilities, and 375 composting facilities statewide. All of these facilities are required to be licensed or registered. The Division also: (1) implements, administers, and enforces the state's Scrap Tire Management Program, including contracts for cleanup of illegal tire dumps, (2) regulates the generator's identification, segregation, management, storage, and treatment of infectious waste, and (3) regulates construction and demolition debris (C&DD) disposal, which includes the oversight of 44 C&DD landfills.

Solid Waste (DPF line item 715649)

This line item is used by the Division to fund personnel, contractual expenses, training and support staff, equipment, and other administrative costs associated with the administration and enforcement of solid waste laws, infectious waste laws, and construction and demolition debris laws.

For FY 2016, the budget appropriates \$13,118,573, a decrease of \$1,287,059, or 8.9%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$14,406,231. The appropriation for FY 2017 is \$13,202,293, an increase of \$83,720, or 0.6%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with fees appropriated from the renamed Waste Management Fund (Fund 4K30). In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged about \$13.8 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$20.2 million.

Fund Consolidation

The budget:

- Renames the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30) to the Waste Management Fund, eliminates its use for providing compliance assistance to small businesses and paying a share of the administrative costs of the Ohio EPA, and adds that it must be used to address violations of the Air and Water Pollution Control Laws at facilities regulated under the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law.
- Eliminates the Construction and Demolition Debris Facility Oversight Fund (Fund 4U70), credits the money that was credited to Fund 4U70 to Fund 4K30, and retains the use of that money exclusively for the administration and enforcement of the Construction and Demolition Debris Law.
- Eliminates the Infectious Waste Management Fund (Fund 6600), credits the money that was credited to Fund 6600 to Fund 4K30, and requires, rather than permits as in current law, use of that money exclusively for the administration and enforcement of the infectious waste provisions in the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law.

These changes create a potential saving effect, as consolidating these revenue streams and their purposes will make budgeting/fiscal management easier for the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

Scrap Tire Management (DPF line item 715656)

This line item pays for the Division's costs to administer and enforce the state's Scrap Tire Management Program, including contracts for cleanup of illegal tire dumps. For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$1,040,161, an increase of \$233,321, or 28.9%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$806,840. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$1,060,965, an increase of \$20,804, or 2.0%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, more or less in the following order of magnitude: personal services contracts, payroll, supplies and maintenance, and equipment.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50), which consists of scrap tire facility application, permit, and license fees; grants and gifts; scrap tire transporter registration fees; scrap tire abatement recovery moneys; and a \$0.50 per tire fee placed on the sale of new tires. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged \$3.8 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$13.9 million.

Scrap tires are considered solid waste and are generally regulated under the solid waste initiatives discussed above. However, additional requirements exist for scrap tire transporters, landfills, storage facilities, processing facilities, and recovery facilities. The Division provides oversight and technical assistance to 29 licensed scrap tire facilities and 90 registered transporters. All facilities are required to be licensed and/or registered, depending on the type of facility. Transporters are also required to be registered.

Site Specific Cleanup (DPF line item 715670)

This line item is used by the Division for contracted remediation and closure activities at abandoned facilities where owners/operators have failed to complete regulatory requirements and have not provided adequate financial assurance to do the work. The appropriation is \$2,048,101 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, an increase of \$508,517, or 33.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,539,584. Around 95% of the appropriated amounts in each year will be allocated for contracts. Also of note is that approximately \$48,000 of each year's appropriation will be allocated for use by the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410), which consists of money from civil penalty settlements obtained through enforcement actions. The fund's annual revenue stream varies greatly from year to year: \$8.6 million in FY 2010, \$522,981 in FY 2011, \$641,735 in FY 2012, \$2.6 million in FY 2013, \$134,450 in FY 2014, and \$160,763 in FY 2015. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$20.5 million.

C&DD Groundwater Monitoring (DPF line item 715679)

This line item is used to pay for the expenses of monitoring groundwater at C&DD landfills. Monitoring activities include installing wells, sampling, and laboratory analysis, as well as use of field equipment. The appropriation is \$645,000 in FY 2016, an increase of \$616,252 from FY 2015 expenditures of \$28,748. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$919,000, an increase of \$274,000, or 42.5%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, primarily, in order of magnitude, payroll, purchased personal services, and supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Construction and Demolition Debris Facility Ground Water Monitoring Fund (Fund 5BT0), which consists of an additional fee of not more than \$0.05 per cubic yard or \$0.10 per ton on the disposal of construction and demolition debris at a licensed construction and demolition debris facility. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged around \$295,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$2 million.

Hazardous Waste Management

The three line items discussed below fund the Division's hazardous waste management statutory duties and responsibilities, the purpose of which are to regulate facilities that generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste. These responsibilities include: conducting inspections, pursuing appropriate enforcement, responding to complaints, reviewing and approving closure/post-closure plans and corrective action plans and reports, reviewing and issuing final actions on renewal and modification permit applications, adopting new revised rules, and providing technical assistance.

During the course of a fiscal year, the Division conducts approximately 700 compliance evaluation inspections at various categories of hazardous waste generators and facilities. The Division also completes enforcement actions at approximately 25 to 35 facilities, reviews and approves between five and eight new and renewal permit applications in addition to reviewing and approving approximately 75 to 100 permit modifications, investigates 300 to 400 citizen complaints, and provides technical and regulatory compliance assistance to over 1,000 entities.

Hazardous Waste Management – Federal (FED line item 715614)

This line item is used to support the development and maintenance of the Ohio EPA's statewide hazardous waste management program in conjunction with the two line items discussed below. The purpose of the program is to control the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$3,038,383, a decrease of \$1,049,616, or 25.7%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$4,087,999. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, largely payroll.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal grants deposited in Fund 3540. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged around \$4.2 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$113,607.

Cozart Landfill (DPF line item 715654)

This line item is used to pay for oversight care, security, and other post-closure maintenance activities necessary in maintaining the closed Cozart Sanitary Landfill, a nonpermitted solid waste landfill in Athens County, Ohio. The appropriation is \$10,000 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, a \$274,798, or 96.5%, decrease from FY 2015 expenditures of \$284,798. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for the necessary contract(s) to perform these services.

The line item is funded through a \$3.9 million award in settlement money placed in a trust fund, with cash transferred as necessary to Fund 4P50, which closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$62,225. As the Division needs funds for remediation and post-closure oversight, money is transferred to support the line item's appropriation. The court-ordered settlement requires that the Ohio EPA provide post-closure remediation services. The money in the trust fund, and this line item, cannot be used for any other purpose.

Hazardous Waste Facility Management (DPF line item 715621)

This line item is used by the Division to pay for the costs of regulating facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste and used oil, and of providing technical assistance and outreach to the regulated community and the public. The appropriation in FY 2016 is \$5,765,075, a decrease of \$745,716, or 11.5%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$6,510,791. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$6,082,805, a \$317,730, or 5.5%, increase from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for a mix of operating expenses, largely payroll, and secondarily for supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), which consists of hazardous waste disposal and treatment fees, hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit fees, and a portion of the tipping fee assessed to every ton of solid waste disposed of in the state. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$7.8 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$11.6 million.

The budget decreases the distribution of the tipping fees to Fund 5030, which will reduce the fund's future revenue by about \$1.3 million annually. Under prior law, the fund's annual take from tipping fees totaled around \$6.0 million; the budget's amendment of that law will reduce that annual amount to around \$4.7 million.

Funding Category 4: Drinking and Ground Waters

This funding category encompasses funding for the Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, which protects groundwater quality and ensures safe drinking water.

The table below shows the nine line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 148 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Drinking and Ground Waters				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	715505	Drinking Water Solutions	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3530	715612	Public Water Supply	\$2,058,127	\$2,113,020
3620	715605	Underground Injection Control – Federal	\$98,628	\$102,859
3T30	715669	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$2,824,076	\$2,824,076
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$4,980,831	\$5,039,955
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	\$393,917	\$399,125
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	\$6,637,044	\$6,825,955
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	\$3,324,521	\$3,324,520
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	\$350,499	\$356,727
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$220,200	\$126,200
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$10,926,181	\$11,032,527
Total Funding: Drinking and Ground Waters			\$19,907,012	\$20,072,482

Public Water Supply

These line items as a group fund the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, including conducting inspections, reviewing chemical compliance data, and administering the Operator Certification Program.

There are more than 4,800 public drinking water systems in Ohio. The Ohio EPA inspects all of these systems to ensure compliance with safe drinking water laws. This includes inspections at approximately 400 community and 750 noncommunity water systems annually to meet minimum requirements by federal rule.

Public water systems are also required to conduct monitoring for specific contaminants according to an established schedule and report the results to the Ohio EPA. The Division establishes, distributes, and tracks monitoring schedules; verifies

collected samples; and evaluates the results to determine whether samples exceed maximum allowable levels. Annually, it also processes and reviews nearly 28,000 sample submission reports and reviews approximately 145,000 sample submissions for bacterial analysis.

Drinking Water Solutions (GRF line item 715505)

The budget requires the Director of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Director of Natural Resources, to distribute the money in this new line item to each municipal corporation the boundaries of which are located within the Lake Erie drainage basin and the Ohio River drainage basin and that is subject to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact if the municipal corporation is experiencing increased costs for treating or obtaining its drinking water supplies. For this purpose, the budget appropriates \$4,000,000 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017.

Each municipal corporation receiving the money is required to use it for one of the following purposes: relocating its water treatment facility, partnering with another political subdivision or subdivisions to access water sources, establishing pipelines to access suitable water resources, or treating water to supply drinking water to the municipal corporation. Such a municipal corporation is also permitted to use the money for expenses related to undertaking one of these required purposes.

Public Water Supply (FED line item 715612)

This line item partially funds the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters' efforts to implement and enforce the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Ohio and to ensure Ohio's public water systems provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water under the federal State Public Water System Supervision Program. Responsibilities include conducting inspections, reviewing chemical compliance data, and administering the operator certification program.

The FY 2016 appropriation for this line item is \$2,058,127, a reduction of \$415,432, or 16.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$2,473,559. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$2,113,020, an increase of \$54,893, or 2.7%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation in each fiscal year will be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal grants deposited in Fund 3530. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$2.7 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$85,710.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (FED line item 715669)

This line item is used for operating expenses incurred in the assessment and protection of drinking water sources from contamination, and administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the

appropriation is \$2,824,076, an increase of \$55,749, or 2.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$55,749. The line item's appropriation in each fiscal year will likely be allocated entirely for operating expenses, around 90% of which is payroll.

The appropriation for this line item is supported by federal money deposited in Fund 3T30. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$2.2 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$185,885.

Drinking Water Protection (DPF line item 715651)

This line item supports drinking and groundwater protection programs administered by the Division, including public drinking water supply supervision, public drinking water systems plan review, drinking and wastewater operator certification, public drinking water laboratory certification, and drinking water source protection.

The appropriation for this line item is \$6,637,044 in FY 2016, an increase of \$1,554,305, or 30.6%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$5,082,739. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$6,825,955, an increase of \$188,911, or 2.8%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will likely be allocated for operating expenses, mostly payroll costs, and secondarily for supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), which consists of fees for operator certification, laboratory certification, plan reviews, and licenses to operate public water system fees. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$6.2 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$9.9 million.

The budget also eliminates the prohibition against the use of money in Fund 4K50 to meet any state matching requirements that are necessary to obtain federal grants (R.C. 6109.30).

Drinking and Ground Water (DPF line item 715673)

This line item partially funds the Division's efforts to implement and enforce the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Ohio, and to ensure Ohio's public water systems provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water. Responsibilities include: (1) reviewing engineering plans, (2) conducting inspections, (3) reviewing chemical compliance data, and (4) administering the operator and laboratory certification programs.

The appropriation for this line item is \$3,324,521 in FY 2016, a decrease of \$995,604, or 23.1%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$4,320,521. The appropriation for FY 2017 is \$3,324,520, a decrease of \$1 from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, mostly payroll costs.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Groundwater Support (DPF line item 715664)

This line item is used to pay for the technical support the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters provides to other Ohio EPA divisions, including geologic and hydrogeologic analysis. The appropriation for this line item is \$350,499 in FY 2016, an increase of \$271,600, or 344.2%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$78,899. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$356,727, an increase of \$6,228, or 1.8%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will likely be allocated for operating expenses, primarily supplies and maintenance (around 60%) and payroll (around 30%).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Groundwater Support Fund (Fund 5H40), which consists of money collected as charges to other divisions of the Ohio EPA for work performed by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. As the manner in which the Agency's chargeback systems are incorporated into its budget structure has changed, no new revenue has been generated since the end of FY 2012. All expenditures since then have drawn on the fund's existing cash balance. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$2.2 million.

Drinking Water Loan Fee (DPF line item 715696)

This new line item will be used to facilitate public water supervision program activities. For FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriations are \$220,200 and \$126,200, respectively. The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Drinking Water Loan Fee Fund (Fund 5PZ0), which consists of proceeds from drinking water loan application fees.³ The fund is forecasted to generate \$270,200 in FY 2016 and \$126,200 in FY 2017.

Underground Injection Control

As discussed below, the Division utilizes two line items to administer the Underground Injection Well Program which seeks to protect public health and the environment by preventing contamination of underground sources of drinking water. The Division is specifically charged with the duty of adopting and enforcing rules governing the injection of sewage, industrial waste, hazardous waste, and other waste into wells. Additionally, the Division has primary enforcement authority for the

³ A 1% fee against the principal amount of the award assistance to the applicant.

regulation of Class I, Class IV, and Class V wells as required by the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Underground Injection Control (DPF line item 715638)

This line item is used to administer Ohio EPA's Underground Injection Control Program, which focuses primarily on Class I injection wells. The appropriation for this line item is \$393,917 in FY 2016, an \$88,937, or 29.2%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$304,980. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$399,125, an increase of \$5,208, or 1.3%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation is likely to be allocated entirely for operating expenses, mostly payroll costs, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Underground Injection Control Fund (Fund 4J00), which collects Class I injection well permit and disposal fees. The permit fee is generally \$12,500 per well and the disposal fee is \$1.00 per ton on the disposal of nonhazardous waste up to a maximum of \$25,000. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged around \$366,000. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$886,073.

Fifteen percent (15%) of the money in the fund each year is required to be transferred to the Injection Well Review Fund (Fund 4J20), which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of paying expenses incurred in its duty to review and monitor injection wells.

Underground Injection Control – Federal (FED line item 715605)

This line item helps pay the administrative and implementation costs of the Division's Underground Injection Control Program. The appropriation for this line item is \$98,628 in FY 2016, a decrease of \$13,226, or 11.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$111,854. The appropriation for FY 2017 is \$102,859, an increase of \$4,231, or 4.3%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. The line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, mostly payroll costs.

The line item's appropriation is supported by federal money deposited in Fund 3620. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$106,020. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$7,318.

Funding Category 5: Surface Water Protection

This funding category consists of line items that fund the Division of Surface Water, which ensures compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and works to increase the number of water bodies that can safely be used for swimming and fishing. To perform this mission, the Division is organized around the following activities: water quality monitoring and assessment, wetlands permitting, point and nonpoint source pollution control, storm water pollution prevention, Lake Erie restoration and resource management, and wastewater construction plan approval.

The table below shows the six line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriation funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 221 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Surface Water Protection				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3BU0	715684	Water Quality Protection	\$13,211,815	\$14,537,389
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	\$9,446,300	\$8,422,600
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	\$8,665,974	\$8,665,974
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	\$450,000	\$450,000
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	\$800,000	\$800,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$21,162,274	\$20,138,574
Total Funding: Surface Water Protection			\$34,374,089	\$34,675,963

Water Quality Protection (FED line item 715684)

This line item is used to distribute funds from the federal Clean Water Act, and, more frequently, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The appropriation for FY 2016 is \$13,211,815, an increase of \$2,333,784, or 21.5%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$10,878,031. For FY 2017, the appropriation is \$14,537,389, an increase of \$1,325,574, or 10.0% from the FY 2016 appropriation. Roughly one-half of each year's appropriation will be allocated for payroll, and around 40% will be allocated for subsidies. Also of note is that approximately \$600,000 of each year's appropriation will be allocated for use by the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Water Quality Protection Fund (Fund 3BU0). In recent years, the fund has averaged around \$9.3 million annually. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$195,377.

Surface Water Protection (DPF line item 715650)

This line item is used for the Division's costs of programs required under the federal Water Pollution Control Act, including the development of water quality standards, waste load allocations, effluent limits, water quality monitoring, surface water discharge permitting, permit enforcement, technical assistance, operator certification, and the administration of the state Isolated Wetlands Permit Program.

For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$9,446,300, an increase of \$2,176,059, or 29.9%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$7,270,241. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$8,442,600, a decrease of \$1,023,700, or 10.8%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. Most of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll (around 65%), and secondarily supplies and maintenance (around 20%).

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), which consists of a mix of permit discharge, plan approval, and disposal fees. In recent years, the fund has averaged \$9.1 million annually. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$10.2 million. A portion of the fund's available cash is also appropriated to DPF line item 715686, Environmental Laboratory Services.

Areawide Planning Agencies (DPF line item 715687)

This line item is used to issue grants to areawide planning agencies that are engaged in areawide water quality management activities. An areawide planning agency is designated by the Governor of Ohio under authority of Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act, and has responsibilities for areawide waste treatment management planning within a specified area of a state.

For each of FYs 2016 and FY 2017, the appropriation is \$450,000. This is a decrease of \$124,438, or 21.7%, from the FY 2015 expenditures of \$574,438. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for grants.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Surface Water (DPF line item 715624)

This line item finances the Division's efforts to implement the programs and objectives of the federal Clean Water Act with the goal of all of Ohio's lakes, rivers, and streams attaining fishable and swimmable standards. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$8,665,974, a \$3,362 increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$8,662,612.

All of the line item's appropriation is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Surface Water Improvement (DPF line item 715685)

This line item is used to fund contracts and agreements, including grant agreements with federal, state, and local government agencies; environmental nonprofit organizations; and universities, for the purpose of completing water quality restoration and protection projects. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$1,800,000, an increase of \$79,351, or 4.6%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,720,649. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated to fund the above-described contracts and agreements.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Surface Water Improvement Fund (Fund 5Y30), which consists of financial enforcement penalties for required mitigation projects. The fund's annual revenue stream is highly variable: \$341,400 in FY 2012, \$3.0 million in FY 2013, \$773,040 in FY 2014, and \$149,000 in FY 2015. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$3.9 million.

Water Pollution Control Administration (DPF line item 715644)

This line item is used by the Division for the costs of administering and enforcing water pollution control laws. For FY 2016 and FY 2017, the appropriation is \$800,000, a \$526,420, or 192.4%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$273,580. All of the line item's appropriation is likely to be allocated for operating expenses, largely purchased personal services, and secondarily supplies and maintenance and equipment.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Water Pollution Control Administration Fund (Fund 6990), which consists of 50% of the civil penalties collected for certain water pollution control law violations. The fund's annual revenue stream is variable: \$862,789 in FY 2012, \$788,869 in FY 2013, \$310,574 in FY 2014, and \$329,004 in FY 2015. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$1.7 million.

Funding Category 6: Environmental Education

This funding category consists of line items that primarily fund the Office of Environmental Education, which administers four different grant programs: (1) the Clean Diesel School Bus Fund Retrofit Grants, (2) the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, (3) the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program, and (4) Environmental Science and Engineering Scholarships.

The table below shows the three line items that are the primary sources of funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately four FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Environmental Education				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	\$100,000	\$100,000
5CD0	715682	Clean Diesel School Buses	\$150,000	\$150,000
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000
Total Funding: Environmental and Financial Assistance			\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000

Environmental Resource Coordination (DPF line item 715694)

This line item is used for operating expenses of the Office of Environmental Education incurred in administering diesel emission reduction and environmental education grant programs. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$100,000, an increase of \$55,515, or 124.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$44,485. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, mostly payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Clean Diesel School Buses (DPF line item 715682)

This line item is used for grants to public school districts and county boards of developmental disabilities to purchase and install pollution controls onto certain types and model years of diesel buses. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$150,000, a reduction of \$149,134, or 49.9%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$299,134. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for grants.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Clean Diesel School Bus Fund (Fund 5CD0), which consists of gifts, grants, and contributions, including contributions made pursuant to the settlement of an administrative or civil action brought at the request of the Ohio EPA. On average, the fund has collected around \$156,000 annually over the last three fiscal years. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$221,755.

Environmental Education (DPF line item 715645)

This line item is used by the Office of Environmental Education to administer environmental education and public awareness programs, including making project grants for that purpose. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$1,500,000, a \$497,807, or 49.7%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,002,193. Of the line item's appropriation, close to 70% is likely to be allocated for grants (around \$1 million annually). Recipients will include education projects targeting preschool to university students and teachers, the general public, and the regulated community. The remainder of the appropriation, around 30%, will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Education Fund (Fund 6A10), which consists of one-half of the amount collected for certain civil penalties. The fund's annual revenue stream is variable: \$1,739,140 in FY 2012, \$1,233,578 in FY 2013, \$832,247 in FY 2014, and \$646,840 in FY 2015. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$2.3 million.

Funding Category 7: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention administers a nonregulatory program that helps small businesses and other organizations comply with environmental regulations, prevent pollution, and fund recycling and litter prevention efforts. The table below shows the four line items that are the primary sources of funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 24 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	\$50,000	\$50,000
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	\$4,691,000	\$4,698,000
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	\$1,150,000	\$1,170,000
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	\$1,583,098	\$1,591,682
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$7,474,098	\$7,509,682
Total Funding: Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention			\$7,474,098	\$7,509,682

Recycled State Materials (DPF line item 715618)

This line item will be used to pay for supplies and maintenance. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$50,000. The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Recycled Materials Fund (Fund 4D50), which consists of the proceeds from the sale of recycled goods and materials by state agencies. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have been trending downward: \$101,974 in FY 2012, \$46,553 in FY 2013, \$21,990 in FY 2014, and \$8,980 in FY 2015. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$508,838.

Recycling and Litter Control (DPF line item 715646)

This line item is used to support the following grant programs: the Community Development Grant which provides financial assistance to Ohio's local governments that propose, design, and establish projects involved in the collection and processing of recyclable material, and the Market Development Grant Program which offers funds to Ohio businesses that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful recyclable material markets.

For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$4,691,000, a decrease of \$354,999, or 7.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$5,045,999. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$4,698,000, a \$7,000, or 0.1%, increase from the FY 2017 appropriation. Around 85% of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for providing grants; the remainder for operating expenses, mostly payroll and supplies and maintenance.

The program is supported by the Litter Prevention and Recycling Fund (Fund 5320), which collects fees of 37.5¢ per cubic yard or 75¢ per ton of construction and demolition debris disposed of in the state. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged \$4.1 million. The fund closed FY 2015 with a cash balance of \$9.7 million.

Scrap Tire Market Development (DPF line item 715637)

This line item supports two purposes: (1) market development activities for scrap tires and synthetic rubber from tire manufacturing processes and tire recycling processes, and (2) scrap tire amnesty and cleanup events sponsored by solid waste management districts. For these purposes, the appropriation is \$1,150,000 in FY 2016, a decrease of \$101,111, or 8.1%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,251,111. The appropriation for FY 2017 is \$1,170,000, an increase of \$20,000, or 1.7%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. Of the line item's appropriation, around 90%, or \$1 million, will be allocated for grants; the remainder will be allocated for operating expenses.

Under current law, the Scrap Tire Grant Fund (Fund 5860), which is the source of the line item's appropriation, receives a transfer of \$1.0 million in each year from the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by the Ohio EPA. At the close of FY 2015, Fund 5860 had a cash balance of \$4.9 million.

Assistance and Prevention (DPF line item 715676)

This line item pays for operating expenses of the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$1,583,098, a \$966,704, or 156.8%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$616,394. The appropriation for FY 2017 is \$1,591,682, an increase of \$8,584, or 0.5%, from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll (around 85%).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. At the close of FY 2015, the fund had a cash balance of \$16.1 million.

Funding Category 8: Environmental and Financial Assistance

This funding category supports the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, which administers two revolving loan funds for municipal wastewater treatment projects and other projects improving water quality and drinking water projects.

The table below shows the two line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 43 FTE positions.

Appropriations for Environmental and Financial Assistance				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3F20	715630	Revolving Loan Fund – Operating	\$2,800,000	\$2,900,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$1,933,621	\$1,990,262
Total Funding: Environmental and Financial Assistance			\$4,733,621	\$4,890,262

Revolving Loan Fund Administration

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance serves four primary programs as follows: (1) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), (2) Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund (WSRLA), (3) Ohio Power Siting Board Reviews (OPSB), and (4) federal Special Appropriations Act Project Administration (SAAP).

The WPCLF is used to provide technical assistance and low-cost financial assistance to public and private applicants to improve and protect Ohio's water resources and meet state and federal water quality requirements. For the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium, the Division anticipates providing approximately \$290 million per year in financing for public health and water quality, and awarding \$15 million in no-repayment financing for the protection and restoration of 20 water bodies.

The WSRLA provides below-market rate loans for the planning, design, and construction of new or improved community and noncommunity public water systems. For the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium, the Division anticipates providing approximately \$60 million per year in financing for public health and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance, and approximately \$10 million to economically disadvantaged water systems to reduce the costs of their construction projects.

The primary purpose of the OPSB is to perform environmental impact reviews of applications to the Ohio Power Siting Board for construction involving any major electric or gas transmission line, major generating facility, or economically significant wind farm. The Division expects to perform 20 to 45 of these reviews annually.

The primary purpose of the SAAP is to administer federal "Special Appropriations Act Projects" awarded by Congress to local governments for water or wastewater infrastructure construction.

Revolving Loan Fund – Operating (FED line item 715630)

This line item funds the costs of providing financial and technical assistance for the administration of the Division's loan programs. For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$2,800,000, an increase of \$1,966,795, or 236.1%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$833,205. The FY 2017 appropriation is \$2,900,000, a \$100,000, or 3.6%, increase over the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, largely payroll.

The money for this line item is appropriated from federal money deposited in Fund 3F20. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged around \$725,000. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$0.

Water Pollution Control Loan Administration (DPF line item 715642)

This line item is used to provide technical and financial assistance to Ohio communities, private entities, the U.S. EPA, and the Ohio Power Siting Board. For FY 2016, the appropriation is \$1,933,621, a decrease of \$1,243,299, or 39.1%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$3,176,920. For FY 2017, the appropriation is \$1,990,262, a \$56,641, or 2.9%, increase from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Water Pollution Control Loan Administration Fund (Fund 6760), which consists of an annual fee equal to 2% of the outstanding loans awarded from the WPCLF. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$3.5 million. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$227,602.

Funding Category 9: Environmental Laboratory Services

This funding category supports the Division of Environmental Services, which provides laboratory services to other Ohio EPA divisions, state and local agencies, and private entities.

The table below shows the three line items that are the primary sources of the Division's funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 27 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Environmental Laboratory Services				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group				
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	\$427,234	\$594,566
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
4K40	715686	Environmental Laboratory Services	\$2,096,007	\$2,096,007
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	\$1,253,586	\$1,253,586
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$3,349,593	\$3,349,593
Total Funding: Environmental Laboratory Services			\$3,776,827	\$3,944,159

Laboratory Services (ISA line item 715602)

This line item is used to pay for the costs of analytical laboratory services and laboratory certification and assistance. For FY 2016, the appropriation for the line item is \$427,234, a \$330,645, or 342.3%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$96,589. For FY 2017, the appropriation is \$594,566, a \$167,332, or 39.2%, increase from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily supplies and maintenance and equipment.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Laboratory Services Fund (Fund 1990), which consists of laboratory services payments from other Ohio EPA divisions and other public agencies. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged around \$277,000. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$1.6 million.

Environmental Laboratory Services (DPF line item 715686)

This line item is used primarily to provide analytical laboratory services to divisions within the Ohio EPA. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$2,096,007, a \$32,958, or 1.6%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$2,063,049. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), which consists of a mix of permit discharge, plan approval, and disposal fees. In recent years, the fund has averaged \$9.1 million annually. The fund carried an end of FY 2015 cash balance of \$10.2 million. A portion of the fund's available cash is also appropriated to DPF line item 715650, Surface Water Protection.

Laboratory (DPF line item 715677)

This line item is used to provide laboratory services to Ohio EPA divisions, state and local agencies, and private entities. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$1,253,586, a \$30,467, or 2.5%, increase from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,223,119. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$16.1 million.

Funding Category 10: Program Management

This funding category includes the activities and services responsible for directing, coordinating, assisting, and guiding all of Ohio EPA's divisions and specialized offices. Included herein are the Director's office, employee services, a public interest center, fiscal administration, technology services, legal services, and employee safety and health programs.

The table below shows the four line items that are Program Management's primary sources of funding, as well as the appropriated funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how the appropriated amounts will be used. The appropriations are expected to support approximately 158 FTE staff positions.

Appropriations for Program Management				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group				
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	\$6,900,000	\$6,600,000
4A10	715640	Operating Expenses	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal			\$8,950,000	\$8,650,000
Federal (FED) Fund Group				
3V70	715606	Agencywide Grants	\$600,000	\$600,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group				
5BC0	715692	Administration	\$12,885,000	\$13,505,000
Total Funding: Program Management			\$22,435,000	\$22,755,000

Central Support Indirect (ISA line item 715604)

This line item is used for operating costs of the Ohio EPA, including five district offices and one central office that house administrative, legal services, information technology, fiscal services, human resources, and facilities management staff. Services provided include program oversight, public records reviews, local area network (LAN) administration, fiscal processing and human resources, and public information.

For FY 2016, the appropriation for the line item is \$6,900,000, a \$3,053,390, or 30.7%, decrease from FY 2015 expenditures of \$9,953,390. For FY 2017, the appropriation is \$6,600,000, a \$300,000, or 4.3%, decrease from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll, and secondarily supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money appropriated from the Central Support Indirect Fund (Fund 2190), which consists of administrative charges assessed to certain Ohio EPA funds. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged \$10.5 million. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$9.6 million.

Operating Expenses (ISA line item 715640)

This line item is used for the purpose of defraying the costs of the programs and activities of the Ohio EPA, including equipment purchases. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$2,050,000, an increase of \$531,757, or 35.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$1,518,243. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily supplies and maintenance, and secondarily equipment and payroll. Also of note is that approximately \$50,000 of each year's appropriation will be allocated for use by the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money appropriated from the Goods and Services Fund (Fund 4A10), which consists of money generated by service agreements between programs or activities with the Ohio EPA, and service agreements between Ohio and other state agencies. In recent years, the fund's annual revenues have averaged around \$1.9 million. The fund's cash balance at the close of FY 2015 was \$881,257.

Agencywide Grants (FED line item 715606)

This line item is shared by Program Management and the Office of Environmental Education. For each of FYs 2016 and 2017, the appropriation is \$600,000, an increase of \$214,775, or 55.8%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$385,225. Approximately 80%, or \$475,000, in each year will be allocated to Program Management for purchased personal services. The remainder, 20%, or \$125,000, will be allocated to the Office of Environmental Education for disbursement as grants to school districts and county developmental programs to retrofit school buses with pollution control equipment.

The line item's appropriation is supported with federal grant money appropriated from the Agency Wide Grants Fund (Fund 3V70). In recent years, the fund's revenues have trended downward: \$983,905 in FY 2012, \$487,286 in FY 2013, \$512,281 in FY 2014, and \$384,473 in FY 2015. At the close of FY 2015, the fund had a cash balance of \$1,549.

Administration (DPF line item 715692)

This line item is used to pay for administrative costs of the Ohio EPA. The appropriation for FY 2016 is \$12,885,000, an increase of \$4,353,085, or 51.0%, from FY 2015 expenditures of \$8,531,915. For FY 2017, the appropriation is \$13,505,000, a \$620,000, or 4.8%, increase from the FY 2016 appropriation. All of the line item's appropriation will be allocated for operating expenses, primarily payroll (around 86%).

The line item's appropriation is supported with money appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), which consists of the proceeds from a per-ton tipping fee collected on the solid waste disposed in Ohio landfills. In recent years, the fund's revenues have averaged \$34.2 million. This line item is one of ten line items used by the Ohio EPA that draw their appropriations from this fund. The fund had a cash balance of \$16.1 million at the close of FY 2015.

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EPA Environmental Protection Agency								
GRF	715502	Auto Emissions e-Check Program	\$ 9,813,394	\$ 10,756,563	\$ 10,923,093	1.55%	\$ 10,923,093	0.00%
GRF	715505	Drinking Water Solutions	\$0	\$0	\$ 4,000,000	N/A	\$ 4,000,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 9,813,394	\$ 10,756,563	\$ 14,923,093	38.73%	\$ 14,923,093	0.00%
4D50	715618	Recycled State Materials	\$ 7,170	\$ 3,441	\$ 50,000	1,352.91%	\$ 50,000	0.00%
4J00	715638	Underground Injection Control	\$ 370,670	\$ 304,980	\$ 393,917	29.16%	\$ 399,125	1.32%
4K20	715648	Clean Air - Non Title V	\$ 1,762,593	\$ 2,411,648	\$ 3,309,301	37.22%	\$ 3,726,893	12.62%
4K30	715649	Solid Waste	\$ 14,465,676	\$ 14,406,231	\$ 13,118,573	-8.94%	\$ 13,202,293	0.64%
4K40	715650	Surface Water Protection	\$ 6,203,012	\$ 7,270,241	\$ 9,446,300	29.93%	\$ 8,422,600	-10.84%
4K40	715686	Environmental Laboratory Services	\$ 2,195,589	\$ 2,063,049	\$ 2,096,007	1.60%	\$ 2,096,007	0.00%
4K50	715651	Drinking Water Protection	\$ 4,733,072	\$ 5,082,739	\$ 6,637,044	30.58%	\$ 6,825,955	2.85%
4P50	715654	Cozart Landfill	\$ 59,913	\$ 284,798	\$ 10,000	-96.49%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
4R50	715656	Scrap Tire Management	\$ 964,445	\$ 806,840	\$ 1,040,161	28.92%	\$ 1,060,965	2.00%
4R90	715658	Voluntary Action Program	\$ 756,742	\$ 947,421	\$ 825,759	-12.84%	\$ 842,275	2.00%
4T30	715659	Clean Air - Title V Permit Program	\$ 12,796,682	\$ 12,033,646	\$ 13,507,000	12.24%	\$ 13,639,150	0.98%
4U70	715660	Construction and Demolition Debris	\$ 332,531	\$ 291,485	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5000	715608	Immediate Removal Special Account	\$ 556,762	\$ 619,644	\$ 718,793	16.00%	\$ 731,293	1.74%
5030	715621	Hazardous Waste Facility Management	\$ 6,639,767	\$ 6,510,791	\$ 5,765,075	-11.45%	\$ 6,082,805	5.51%
5050	715623	Hazardous Waste Cleanup	\$ 12,731,667	\$ 13,045,133	\$ 14,388,348	10.30%	\$ 14,701,826	2.18%
5050	715674	Clean Ohio Environmental Review	\$ 15,433	\$ 18,776	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5320	715646	Recycling and Litter Control	\$ 3,169,375	\$ 5,045,999	\$ 4,691,000	-7.04%	\$ 4,698,000	0.15%
5410	715670	Site Specific Cleanup	\$ 1,120,789	\$ 1,539,584	\$ 2,048,101	33.03%	\$ 2,048,101	0.00%
5420	715671	Risk Management Reporting	\$ 190,519	\$ 207,654	\$ 214,826	3.45%	\$ 214,826	0.00%
5860	715637	Scrap Tire Market Development	\$ 448,041	\$ 1,251,111	\$ 1,150,000	-8.08%	\$ 1,170,000	1.74%
5BC0	715617	Clean Ohio	\$ 605,682	\$ 611,432	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5BC0	715622	Local Air Pollution Control	\$ 2,297,980	\$ 1,999,172	\$ 1,999,172	0.00%	\$ 1,999,172	0.00%

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EPA Environmental Protection Agency								
5BC0	715624	Surface Water	\$ 9,610,976	\$ 8,662,612	\$ 8,665,974	0.04%	\$ 8,665,974	0.00%
5BC0	715672	Air Pollution Control	\$ 5,553,199	\$ 5,045,367	\$ 4,945,566	-1.98%	\$ 4,945,566	0.00%
5BC0	715673	Drinking and Ground Water	\$ 4,790,441	\$ 4,320,125	\$ 3,324,521	-23.05%	\$ 3,324,520	0.00%
5BC0	715675	Hazardous Waste	\$ 382	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
5BC0	715676	Assistance and Prevention	\$ 551,520	\$ 616,394	\$ 1,583,098	156.83%	\$ 1,591,682	0.54%
5BC0	715677	Laboratory	\$ 1,359,446	\$ 1,223,119	\$ 1,253,586	2.49%	\$ 1,253,586	0.00%
5BC0	715678	Corrective Actions	\$ 661,917	\$ 747,375	\$ 1,316,878	76.20%	\$ 1,316,878	0.00%
5BC0	715687	Areawide Planning Agencies	\$ 376,724	\$ 574,438	\$ 450,000	-21.66%	\$ 450,000	0.00%
5BC0	715692	Administration	\$ 10,577,238	\$ 8,531,915	\$ 12,885,000	51.02%	\$ 13,505,000	4.81%
5BC0	715694	Environmental Resource Coordination	\$ 54,063	\$ 44,485	\$ 100,000	124.80%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
5BT0	715679	C&DD Groundwater Monitoring	\$ 30,072	\$ 28,748	\$ 645,000	2,143.62%	\$ 919,000	42.48%
5BY0	715681	Auto Emissions Test	\$ 802,218	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
5CD0	715682	Clean Diesel School Buses	\$ 283,280	\$ 299,134	\$ 150,000	-49.86%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
5H40	715664	Groundwater Support	\$ 15,259	\$ 78,899	\$ 350,499	344.24%	\$ 356,727	1.78%
5PZ0	715696	Drinking Water Loan Fee	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 220,200	N/A	\$ 126,200	-42.69%
5Y30	715685	Surface Water Improvement	\$ 1,279,943	\$ 1,720,649	\$ 1,800,000	4.61%	\$ 1,800,000	0.00%
6440	715631	Emergency Response Radiological Safety	\$ 270,598	\$ 283,212	\$ 298,304	5.33%	\$ 303,174	1.63%
6600	715629	Infectious Waste Management	\$ 92,412	\$ 27,510	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
6760	715642	Water Pollution Control Loan Administration	\$ 3,289,787	\$ 3,176,920	\$ 1,933,621	-39.14%	\$ 1,990,262	2.93%
6780	715635	Air Toxic Release	\$ 117,720	\$ 120,737	\$ 133,636	10.68%	\$ 133,636	0.00%
6790	715636	Emergency Planning	\$ 2,583,945	\$ 2,620,152	\$ 2,623,252	0.12%	\$ 2,623,252	0.00%
6960	715643	Air Pollution Control Administration	\$ 803,896	\$ 903,587	\$ 1,125,000	24.50%	\$ 1,125,000	0.00%
6990	715644	Water Pollution Control Administration	\$ 333,895	\$ 273,580	\$ 800,000	192.42%	\$ 800,000	0.00%
6A10	715645	Environmental Education	\$ 1,150,979	\$ 1,002,193	\$ 1,500,000	49.67%	\$ 1,500,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 117,014,022	\$ 117,056,968	\$ 127,513,512	8.93%	\$ 128,901,743	1.09%
1990	715602	Laboratory Services	\$ 89,635	\$ 96,589	\$ 427,234	342.32%	\$ 594,566	39.17%

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EPA Environmental Protection Agency								
2190	715604	Central Support Indirect	\$ 9,887,225	\$ 9,953,390	\$ 6,900,000	-30.68%	\$ 6,600,000	-4.35%
4A10	715640	Operating Expenses	\$ 1,754,982	\$ 1,518,243	\$ 2,050,000	35.02%	\$ 2,050,000	0.00%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Total			\$ 11,731,843	\$ 11,568,222	\$ 9,377,234	-18.94%	\$ 9,244,566	-1.41%
5S10	715607	Clean Ohio Revitalization Operating	\$ 307,575	\$ 318,397	\$ 284,124	-10.76%	\$ 284,124	0.00%
Capital Projects Fund Group Total			\$ 307,575	\$ 318,397	\$ 284,124	-10.76%	\$ 284,124	0.00%
3530	715612	Public Water Supply	\$ 2,557,517	\$ 2,473,559	\$ 2,058,127	-16.79%	\$ 2,113,020	2.67%
3540	715614	Hazardous Waste Management - Federal	\$ 4,088,383	\$ 4,087,999	\$ 3,038,383	-25.68%	\$ 3,038,383	0.00%
3570	715619	Air Pollution Control - Federal	\$ 7,068,316	\$ 6,291,837	\$ 6,310,203	0.29%	\$ 6,310,203	0.00%
3620	715605	Underground Injection Control - Federal	\$ 108,632	\$ 111,854	\$ 98,628	-11.82%	\$ 102,859	4.29%
3BU0	715684	Water Quality Protection	\$ 9,050,619	\$ 10,878,031	\$ 13,211,815	21.45%	\$ 14,537,389	10.03%
3CS0	715688	Federal NRD Settlements	\$ 3,174,755	\$ 1,112,033	\$ 200,000	-82.01%	\$ 200,000	0.00%
3F20	715630	Revolving Loan Fund - Operating	\$ 832,543	\$ 833,205	\$ 2,800,000	236.05%	\$ 2,900,000	3.57%
3F30	715632	Federally Supported Cleanup and Response	\$ 2,717,686	\$ 2,406,451	\$ 4,168,991	73.24%	\$ 4,291,191	2.93%
3F50	715641	Nonpoint Source Pollution Management	\$ 4,799,903	\$ 2,510,801	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
3T30	715669	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$ 2,320,990	\$ 2,768,327	\$ 2,824,076	2.01%	\$ 2,824,076	0.00%
3V70	715606	Agencywide Grants	\$ 510,137	\$ 385,225	\$ 600,000	55.75%	\$ 600,000	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Total			\$ 37,229,479	\$ 33,859,322	\$ 35,310,223	4.29%	\$ 36,917,121	4.55%
Environmental Protection Agency Total			\$ 176,096,311	\$ 173,559,471	\$ 187,408,186	7.98%	\$ 190,270,647	1.53%