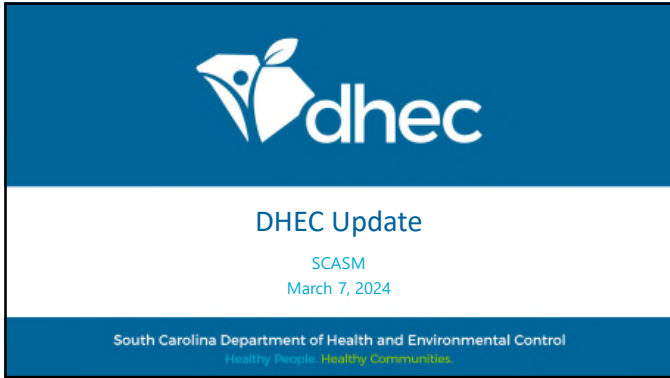


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DHEC Restructuring

- May 19, 2023 Governor McMaster signed SB 399
- Effective July 1, 2024
- Dissolves DHEC & Board
- Creates 2 cabinet agencies: DPH & DES
- Interim Directors – DHEC Agency Director (DPH) & DHEC Environmental Affairs Director (DES)





Highlights

- Department of Administration – lead for ensuring fair & equitable separation
- Food & Dairy programs move to Department of Agriculture
- DNR Water Resource Planning & Aquatic Nuisance Species programs move to DES
- Continued focus on health services consolidation

Opportunities

- “Right size” SC’s environmental programs
- Modernize the business of environmental protection
- Deliver better and more efficient services
- “Sustainable” funding – maintain delegation of EPA programs



SC Department of Environmental Services

“What looks the same...what looks different”

- **Same environmental programs plus 2**
 - DNR Water Resource Planning & Aquatic Nuisance Species Programs (13 staff)
- **New: 152 operations staff will support DES (HR, IT, Finance, OGC)**
 - Total size of workforce ~1200
- **New Name: From “control” to “services”; new brand; new logo**
- **New office location: 2600 Bull Street to ?? (Bull Street Proviso)**



Agency Restructuring Impacts in Bureau of Water

- | DNR Hydrology Section | DNR Aquatic Nuisance |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Water Planning – Oversees long-term state and regional water planning ❖ Groundwater – Collects hydrogeologic data and conducts studies to understand groundwater resources ❖ Surface Water Program – Monitors and studies surface waters of the state | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Controls invasive, non-native aquatic species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hydrilla, water hyacinths, alligator weed ❖ Perform field work and oversee contractors using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Integrated management approaches including biological, chemical and manual control methods |



Counting Down



Regs & Permitting

With more than 200 regulations, plan to continue with Chapter 61 for DES

Authority of permits will continue on July 1

- New branding of permit upon renewal





Permitting processes & timeframes – TOP PRIORITY

Enhancing Our Partnership with SCWQA

Increase Communications


Stakeholder Workgroups - Biosolids

Your Ideas?

FY25 Budget Request			
15 Requests for Recurring State Funds of \$35,975,073			
3 Requests for Non-Recurring State Funds of \$9,235,448			
	Workforce Retention	\$10.2M	(1 Recurring)
	Restructuring	\$5.8M \$6.4M	(2 Recurring) (2 Non-Recurring)
	Sustainable Funding	\$18.9M \$2.8M	(11 Recurring) (1 Non-Recurring)
	Service Enhancement	\$1M	(1 Recurring)


*Additional request for \$5M in federal authorization to support infrastructure grants

FY24
Stormwater
Program Staffing



Program Staffing

FY 2024 Legislative
Increased Stormwater



Backlog and

Engineering Associate

Public Health Manager II

Coordinator

Engineering Associate

Public Health Manager II

Stormwater Compliance Staffing



- ❖ Respond to the permitting and compliance assistance needs of business and industry with the goal of reducing stormwater complaints
- ❖ Respond to citizen complaints to investigate potential water quality impacts
- ❖ Provide dedicated stormwater program staff in regional offices throughout the state to work with regulated community and local governments

Inspector	Headquarters
Jonathan Jones	Columbia
Cody Smith	Lancaster
Georgia Spann	Greenville/Spartanburg
Sommer Gillespie	Anderson
Michelle Hartung	Myrtle Beach
Tyler Davis	Charleston
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