



# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## Budget Presentation

FY 2024 – 2025

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IDEM's mission is to implement federal and state regulations to protect human health and the environment while allowing the environmentally sound operations of industrial, agricultural, commercial, and government activities vital to a prosperous economy.

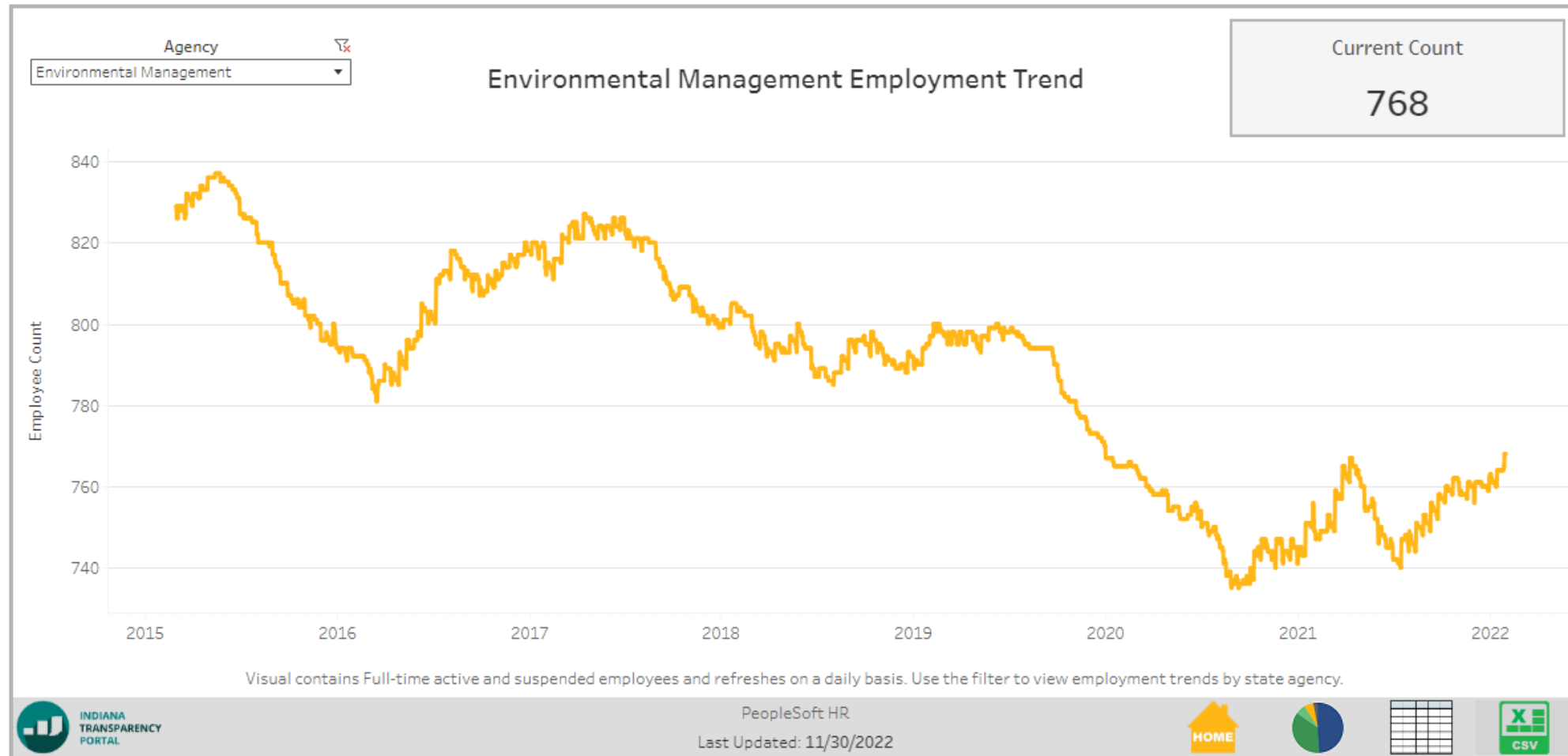


# Agency Structure

- Office of Air Quality
- Office of Land Quality
- Office of Water Quality
- Office of Program Support
  - Compliance and Technical Assistance, Pollution Prevention, Recycling Programs, and Educational and Outreach Initiatives
- Office of the Chief of Staff
  - Government Affairs, Communications, Finance, IT, Agricultural Liaison, and HR
- Office of Legal Counsel
  - Administrative Rulemaking, Records Management, and Criminal Investigations
- Regional offices in Valparaiso, South Bend, Petersburg, and Brownstown, and a lab in Indianapolis (Shadeland Ave.)

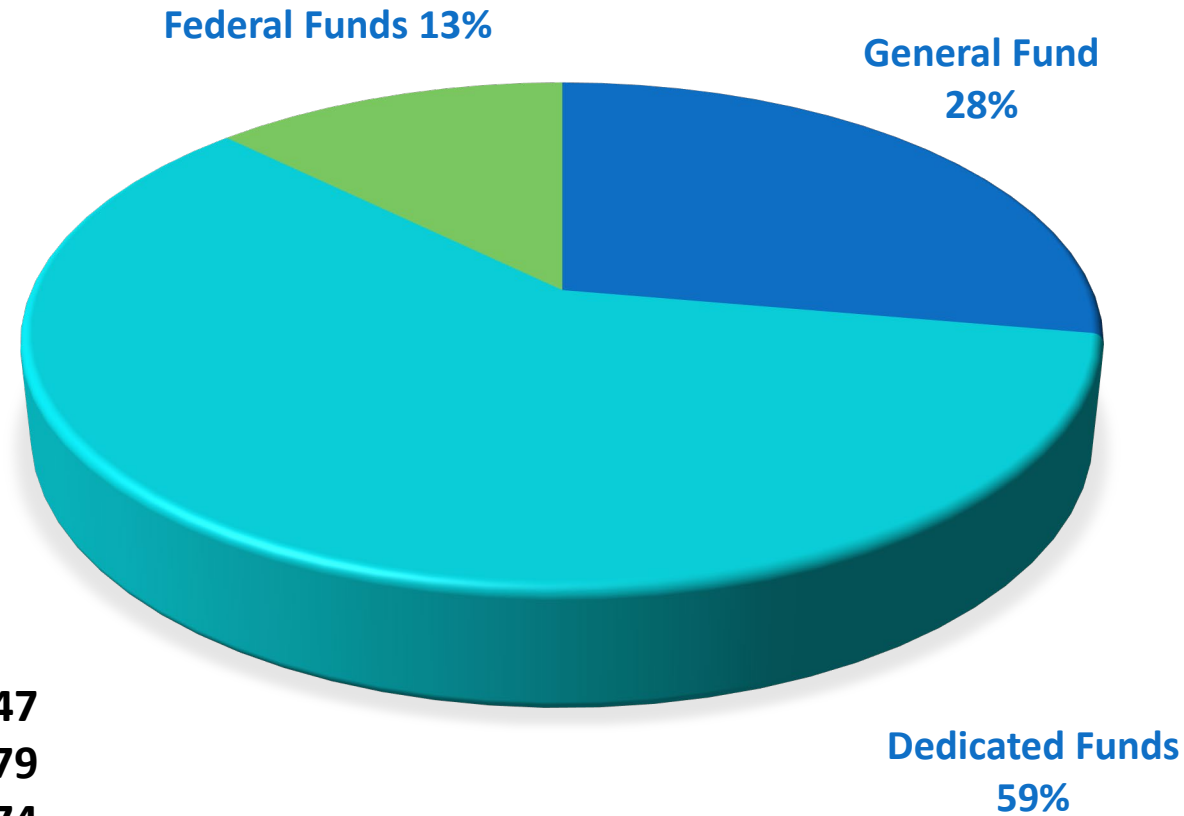


# Historical Staffing Levels





# FY24-25 Appropriations by Source



General Fund	\$39,912,247
Dedicated Funds	\$85,687,179
Federal Funds	\$18,171,274
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$143,770,700</b>



## FY24-25 Change Package Requests

Change Packages	FY24	FY25
Performance Partnership Support	5,155,667	5,880,502
Additional Drinking Water Staff	1,279,064	1,279,064
IOT Charges	1,412,049	1,412,049
GSA & SPD Study Impacts	11,961,849	11,961,849
<b>Grand Total Change Package Request</b>	<b>19,808,629</b>	<b>20,533,464</b>



# Agency Successes

## Environmental Justice

- Hired additional staff to support underserved communities on various environmental issues, increase community engagement, and strengthen relationships with stakeholders in disadvantaged communities

## Firefighting Foam Collection Project

- Collaborated with IDHS to launch a program to collect Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) firefighting foam from Indiana fire departments free of charge to protect firefighter safety and to prevent the release of PFAS foam into the environment
- As of December 2022, 30,000 gallons of foam have been collected for proper disposal

## Great Government Service

- Average number of days to issue inspection reports is down to 4 days (2022) vs. 45 days (2016)
- Permits are issued well ahead of the required statutory timeframes
- 99.5% of Hoosiers have excellent drinking water and 97.1% have clean air



# Agency Successes

## Reducing Sewage To Our Streams

- 107 communities have completed or are implementing projects to dramatically reduce raw sewage discharges, which have cut by 45% the amount of untreated sewage entering our waterways
- \$2.04 billion investment in water infrastructure in Indiana
- \$459 million in savings to communities through the State Revolving Fund

## Air Quality Designations

- 90 counties in Indiana meet all federal air quality standards
- The remaining 2 counties (Lake and Porter) meet all federal air quality standards except for one pollutant issue keeping them out of attainment

## Promoting Economic Development

- 2,410 contaminated sites have been cleaned up for productive use from 2017-2022





# Challenges

## Recruitment and Retention

- Working to develop a more robust recruitment pipeline to attract high quality candidates
- 25% of IDEM employees are eligible for retirement, often in hard-to-fill positions

## Declining Title V Fee Revenues

- Due to declining emissions, our current fee revenues are insufficient to fund our Title V air program, which could lead to U.S. EPA issuing Indiana a notice of deficiency and implementing a stringent performance plan with extensive EPA oversight
- IDEM is seeking a legislative change to allow us to raise fees via the Environmental Rules Board

## Aging Technology Infrastructure

- One-time funding is needed for critical technology upgrades, including updating our 23-year-old case management system, developing an online submission portal to better serve our regulated community, and updating our Virtual File Cabinet



# Priorities Moving Forward

## Cleanup of Contaminated Sites

- Exploring ways to clean up contaminated sites quicker to get them back to productive use

## Navigating Changing PFAS Regulations

- IDEM is sampling public water systems to determine the occurrence of PFAS compounds in drinking water across the state
- U.S. EPA is expected to develop stricter regulations in the coming months, including new drinking water standards and classifying PFAS as a hazardous waste

## Meeting Air Quality Standards

- Air quality standards are frequently tightened
- Utilizing IDEM resources to ensure areas are meeting NAAQS



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