The State of Missouri’s Natural Resources

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Our Mission

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources protects our air, land and water; preserves our unique natural and historic places; and provides recreational and learning opportunities for everyone – while promoting the environmentally sound operations of businesses, agriculture and industry.
Our Principles

• Partner with our regulated public.
• Compliance first!
• Look for common-sense, cost-effective remedial solutions.
• Decisions guided by risk assessment.
• Operate more efficiently and effectively.
• Focus on our core functions.
Our Goals

• Improve the quality of the air, land and water for all Missourians.
• Timely issue permits.
• Eliminate our permit backlog.
• Conduct regular inspections.
• Respond to submissions quickly.
• Communicate person to person.
Between 1970 and 2016 the combined emissions of the six common pollutants (PM2.5 and PM10, SO2, NOx, VOCs, CO and Pb) dropped by 73 percent.
NPDES Permits - Backlog
2017

NPDES = National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System