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# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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### Surfacewater and Operations Branch

- Operations Section – Operational duties for OWQ
  - Grant Management
  - Contracts Management
  - Budget Developments
  - Requisition
  - Regional Sewer Districts
  - Fleet Management
  - Fee Billing
  - Administrative Tasks

Stormwater Section – Regulate pollutant runoff associated with stormwater.

- Construction Stormwater
- Industrial Stormwater
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Wetland Section – Regulate dredge and fill activities into Waters of the State

- Issue Water quality certifications (Sec. 401)
- Issue Isolated Wetland Permits (IC 13-18-22 and 327 IAC 17)

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### Surfacewater and Operations

- Modernize Stormwater Permit system
  - Update Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP)
  - Online portal for permit application and document submission
  - Outward facing portal for active permits for public review
- Update and educate MS4s
  - Update MS4 General Permit
  - Education and Outreach for MS4s
- Wetlands changes
  - Implement changes to national laws and policies
  - Implement changes to State Law
    - Develop predictable permitting decision tools for State regulated wetlands
  - Modernize Wetland permit application processes (September 2022-2023)
- Secured 15 federal grants last fiscal cycle for additional funds for state projects

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### Surfacewater and Operations

Current and future challenges for the Surfacewater and Operations Branch

- Staff retention -> Staff training
- EPA/Army Corps changes to wetland rules/policies (401 rule, WOTUS, enforcement procedures)
- Changes to State regulated wetland law (SEA 389, Wetland task force)
- General Permit/Rule updates needed (Wetlands, Industrial stormwater)
- Huge increase in wetland violations discovered
- Legislative inquires into permits/violations
- Insufficient funds/revenue