




MPCA Overview

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Mission

A wide-angle photograph of a large lake with many people swimming and playing. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The water is a mix of blue and green. In the foreground, a person in a green shirt is splashing water. In the middle ground, a person in a blue shirt is standing in the water, holding a purple bucket. In the background, a dense line of green trees borders the lake.

Protect and improve the environment and human health by ensuring every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

Agency leadership



Commissioner Katrina Kessler



Deputy Commissioner Peter Tester



Asst. Commissioner for Air & Climate
Frank Kohlasch



Asst. Commissioner for Water &
Agriculture
Dana Vanderbosch



Asst. Commissioner for Land &
Strategic Initiatives
Kirk Koudelka

Core services

- Monitor air, land, and water for contaminants
- Issue permits and enforce regulations
- Educate to prevent pollution
- Find and clean up contamination
- Respond to emergencies and spills
- Set environmental rules and policies

How we address pollution

1



Prevent

Pollution wherever possible

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Manage

Pollution when prevention is not feasible or pollution has already occurred

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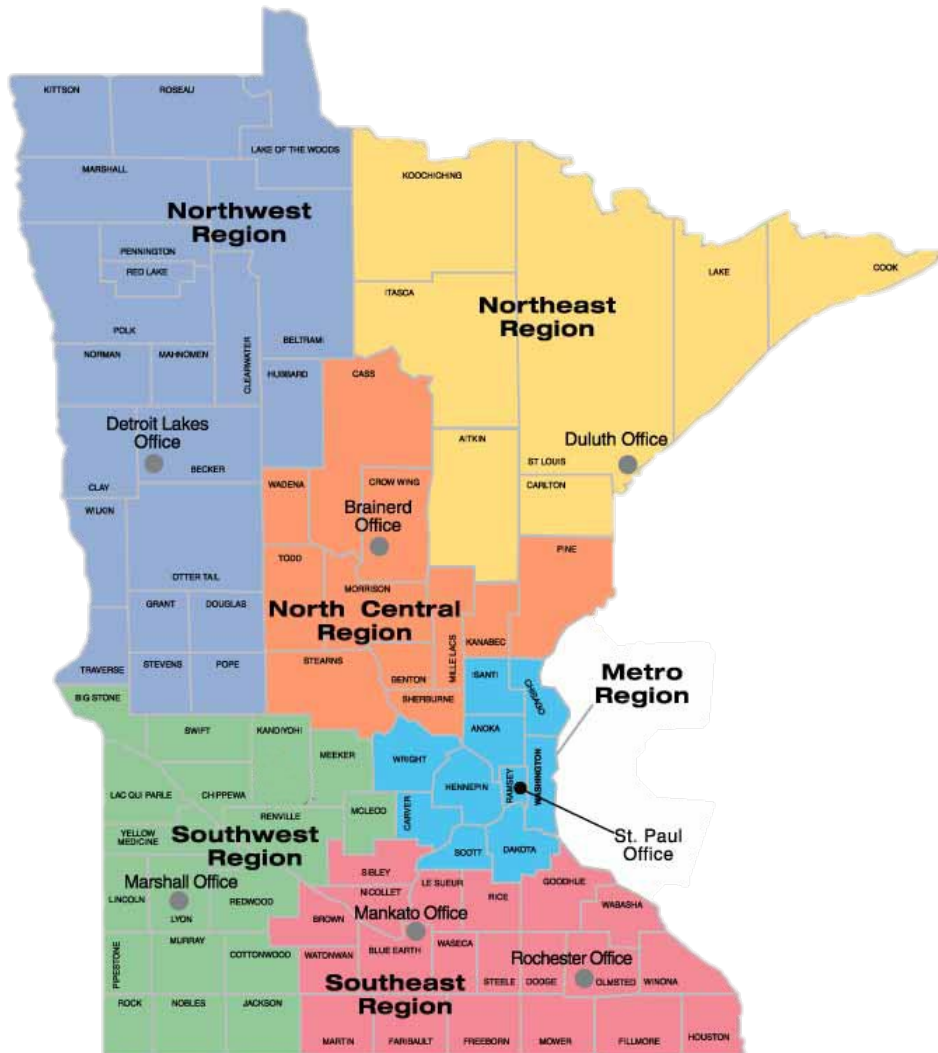
Clean up

Pollution at contaminated sites

Statutory authority

State Laws	229 state laws (not including appropriations) apply to the MPCA and direct program operations.
Federal delegations (EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Air programs: Outdoor air monitoring, permitting, air toxics, compliance & enforcement, regional haze, rules, etc.▪ Water programs: Monitoring, permitting, Total Maximum Daily Loads, Compliance & enforcement, stormwater, feedlot, septics, etc.▪ Land programs: Solid waste, hazardous waste monitoring & enforcement, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), etc.

MPCA organizational structure



Six regional offices:
Duluth
Detroit Lakes
Brainerd
Marshall
Mankato
Rochester

Breakdown of agency staff

- Established in 1967
- Medium-sized agency (approx. 980 FTE)
- 70% of staff are scientists
 - Engineers
 - Hydrologists
 - Soil scientists
 - Chemists
 - Biologists
 - Environmental specialists



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Commissioner's Office

Remediation



Watershed



Operations



Environmental
Analysis &
Outcomes



Resource
Management
& Assistance



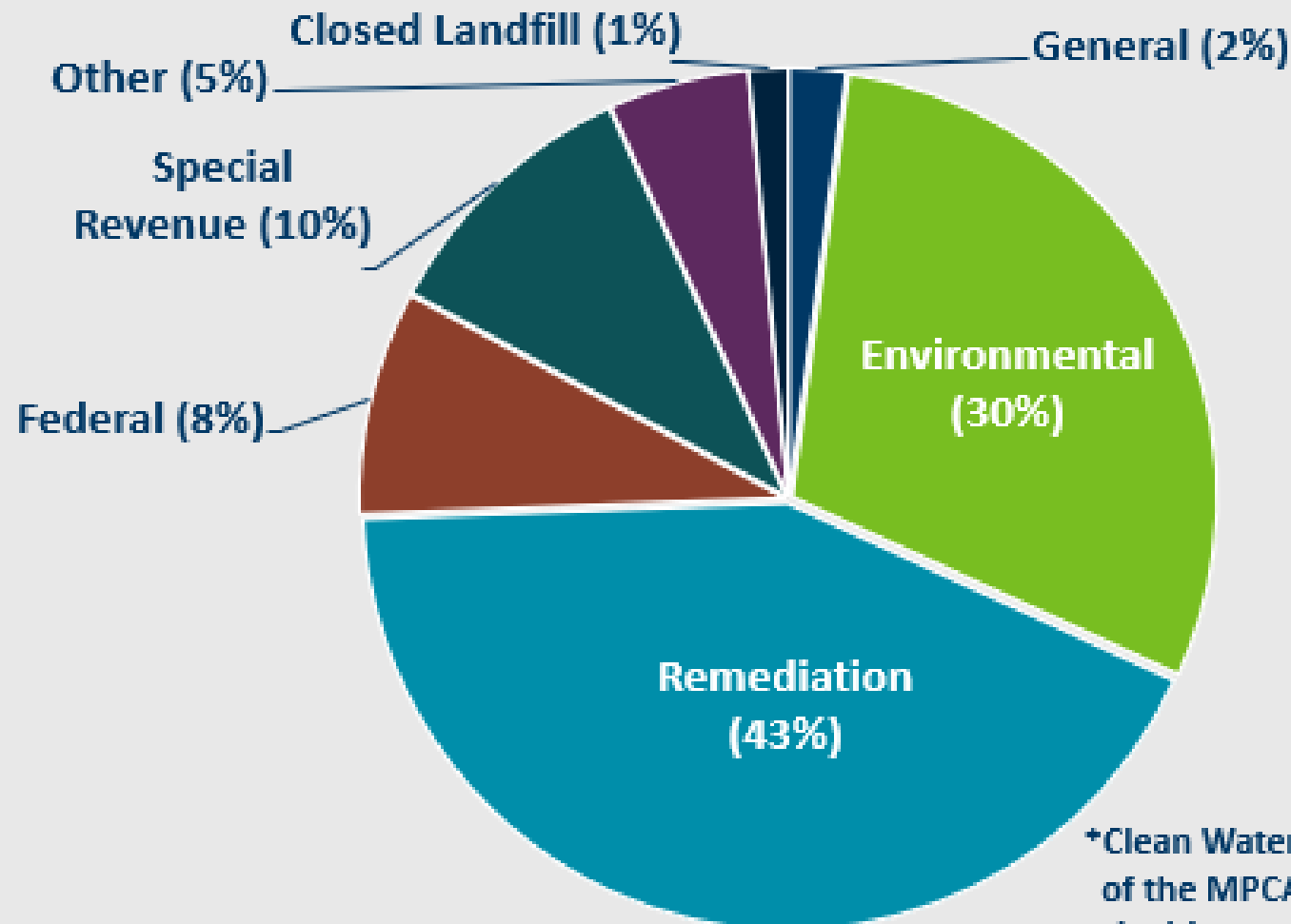
Industrial



Municipal

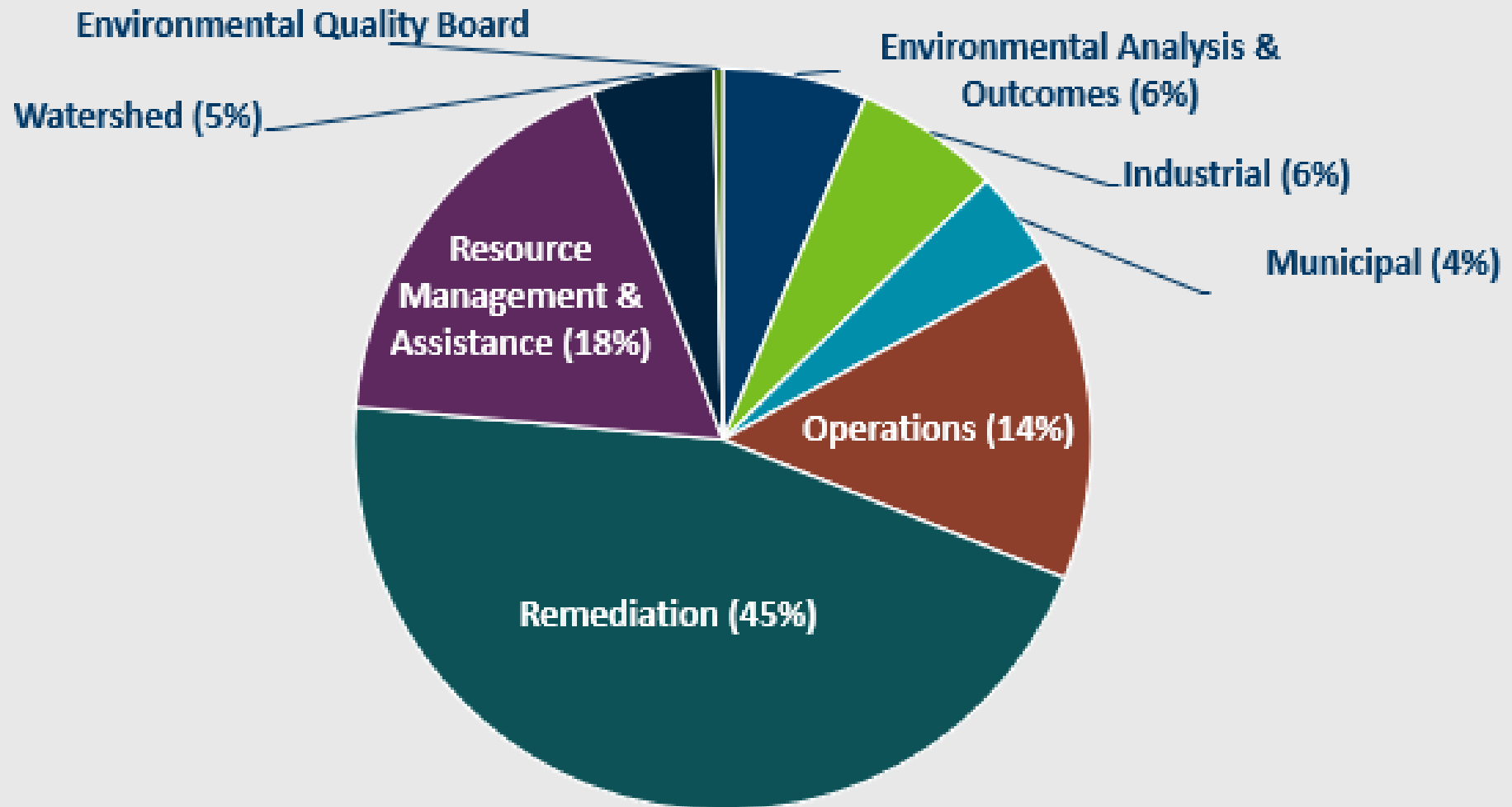


Where the money comes from



*Clean Water Fund is not a part of the MPCA's base budget, but a significant part of agency funding.

Where the money goes



MPCA priorities

**Address PFAS
in Minnesota's
environment**

**Prepare
Minnesota for our
changing climate**

**Deliver accessible,
transparent, and
accountable
service**

Questions?