

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division

Services:

The Air Quality Division ensures Arizona's air safety and quality by monitoring and analyzing air quality data, regulating sources of air pollution, and working with other state, local, and federal agencies to plan and implement strategies to protect Arizona's future air quality. The Division is divided into the following five areas of responsibility:

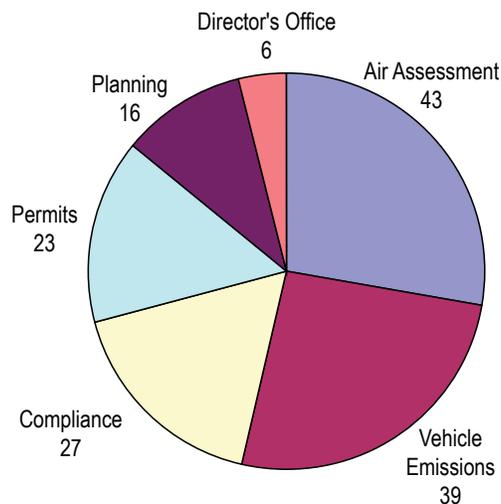
- **Air Assessment Section**—Collects, analyzes, and reports air quality data so that decisions can be made to improve air quality in Arizona.
- **Compliance Section**—Conducts compliance evaluations on facilities permitted by the Division and other air pollution sources covered under division rules, responds to air pollution complaints from the public, and pursues enforcement, if warranted, on those facilities.
- **Permits Section**—Regulates sources of air pollution using a system of permits to ensure that the air pollutants do not cause harm to the public health.
- **Planning Section**—Coordinates regulatory aspects of air quality control, including state-wide plans and Arizona Administrative Code regulations.
- **Vehicle Emissions Section**—Manages the State's vehicle emissions inspection program and provides oversight of the contractor.

Facilities:

The Division's staff are primarily located in the agency's headquarters at 1100 West Washington Street in Phoenix. This is a private lease-to-own facility, costing the Department approximately \$3.5 million annually for 184,200 square feet. The Air Quality Division uses approximately 26,600 square feet of the facility, which includes an air quality analysis laboratory in the first floor of the adjacent parking garage. Additionally, department staff located in the Northern Regional Office in Flagstaff and the Southern Regional office in Tucson perform some division duties. The Northern Regional office is located in a privately owned facility where

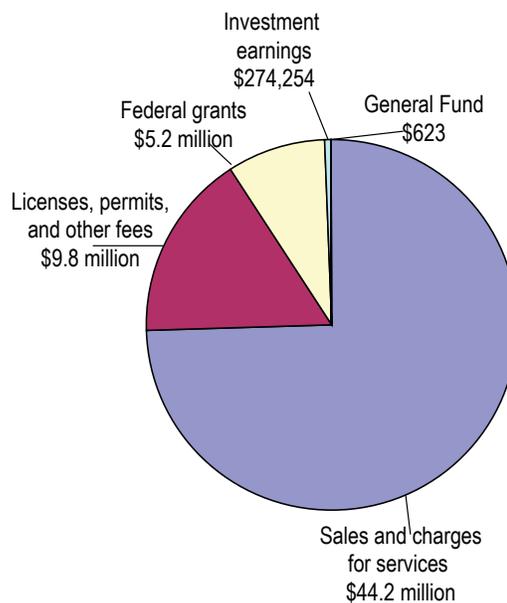
Program staffing:

154 FTE positions, including 28 vacancies (as of May 2004)



Program revenue:

\$59.4 million (fiscal year 2004, actual)



the Department leases 4,600 square feet for \$83,900 annually. The Southern Regional Office is located in 5,700 square feet of a state-owned building that the Department leases from the Department of Administration for \$116,000 annually. The Division also administers the vehicle emissions inspection program from state-owned buildings in Phoenix and Tucson; the Phoenix office has 14,720 square feet with \$74,400 in annual operations and maintenance costs, while the Tucson location costs \$45,300 annually in operations and maintenance for 4,504 square feet.

Equipment:

The Division has specialized equipment, such as air quality monitoring equipment that measures the concentration of various pollutants in air samples or the range of visibility. The Division also pays the Department of Administration a monthly lease fee of approximately \$10,000 for 28 vehicles.

Mission:

To control present and future sources of air pollution to protect the environment and ensure the health and general welfare of the citizens of Arizona.

Program goals:

The Air Quality Division has adopted the Department's four goals:

1. Improve the quality of Arizona's air, land, and water.
2. Enhance relationships with the public, regulated community, and agency partners.
3. Provide leadership on children's environmental health.
4. Provide value to all of Arizona.

Adequacy of performance measures:

The Division's 18 performance measures are adequate for two of these four goals and include measures for outcome, output, efficiency, and quality. However, the remaining two goals addressing external relationships and children's environmental health could benefit from additional performance measures to adequately assess progress in these areas. For example, the Division could add an output measure that reports the number of stakeholder meetings convened by the Division involving representatives from the regulated community and the public.

Source: Auditor General staff compilation of unaudited information from the Department's Web site, Arizona Financial Information System (AFIS) Account Event Transaction File for the year ended June 30, 2004, the Department's Strategic Plan, and other information provided by the Department.