Pollution Prevention & Compliance

Major Program Objectives

- Analysis, development, and implementation of Agency and Division policy and protocol, designed
 to ensure that resource management and conservation issues are incorporated as an integral
 part of the Agency's operations.
- Initiate and coordinate inter-departmental and inter-agency policy, programmatic, legal and business process management arising from the need to comply with new or changing federal and state environmental regulatory policy, rule, regulation, and legislative actions.
- Monitor and prepare for emerging environmental policy and initiatives related to environmental
 and regulatory issues, advocate for the Division in rule making and permitting processes and
 review and comment on proposed rules issued by federal and state regulatory programs
 ensuring coordination with Agency objectives and Division operations.
- Research and establish means and methods to streamline processes identifying efficiencies and deficiencies, and ensuring processes in place are compliant with stormwater and environmental regulations and permitting requirements.
- Review and evaluate Division permit and project development programs identifying areas of overlap or conflict with sound environmental management practices and recommending system improvements.
- Develop technical standards and employ Best Management Practices of performance for individual environmental management processes, to eliminate negative environmental impacts, and to support Agency and Division policies.
- Train and provide technical assistance to Agency and Division staff for activities relate to environmental regulatory requirements and compliance program management systems and processes. Provide public education tools, programs and resources, and conduct research.
- Uphold the VTrans Environmental Stewardship Ethics Policy Statement.
- Participate in the Agency's project scoping and project development processes and in the review
 of projects seeking approval under the VTrans Highway Access Permitting Program ensuring
 environmental issues are sufficiently addressed and that Division interests are protected.