

# Department of Environmental Conservation

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **February 4, 2025**):

- **A FY 2025-26 workforce of 3,371**, is an increase of **58** from the 2024-25 Budget.
- DEC anticipates the loss of 176 positions through attrition and expects 234 new fills.

The following chart identifies estimated FTEs level by program:

Program	FY 2025 Est. FTEs 3/31/25	FY 2026 Est. FTEs 3/31/26	FTE Change
Administration	116	136	20
Special Revenue Fund – Other	100	100	
Air and Water Quality Management	635	635	0
Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act	131	131	0
Environmental Enforcement	391	421	30
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	481	481	0
Forest and Land Resources	388	388	0
Operations	175	175	0
Rehabilitation and Improvement	390	390	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	506	514	8
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>58</b>

- A State Operations All Funds appropriation of **\$627,865,000**, an increase of **\$48,765,000 (8.4%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The total appropriation for Personal Services is **\$376,312,000**, an increase of **\$39,195,000 (11.6%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The agency employed an estimated 856 contract employees under consultant contracts in the previous FY at a cost of **\$128,298,096**. It is estimated that the cost and number of consultant FTE contract employees will **remain the same with an estimated cost of \$128,298,096** in SFY 2025-26.