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Recommendation No. **RECOMMENDATION 111**

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Subject: DEQ Drinking Water Programs	

This recommendation proposes to develop a plan and explore efficiency opportunities for consolidating/leveraging the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) drinking water programs for testing and monitoring and for transferring the Lead-Base Paint Program from DEQ to DHH.

EXPENDITURES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$133,043)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$133,043)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$1,822,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,822,428
Federal Funds	(\$1,723,676)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,723,676)
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	(\$34,291)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$34,291)
REVENUES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This recommendation requires the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Environmental Quality to research and provide a consolidation plan for drinking water testing programs and lead based paint programs.

Drinking water program

The FY 11 Executive Budget transfers the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) from the Department of Health and Hospitals to the Department of Environmental Quality. The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund program provides technical and financial assistance to eligible public and private water systems to maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, specifically to provide low interest loans for needed drinking water infrastructure improvements. It is anticipated the transfer of administrative functions from DHH will result in management efficiencies, as the DEQ currently manages a Clean Water Municipal Revolving Loan Fund (which provides financial assistance for eligible sewer treatment plants). The FY 11 DEQ Executive Budget reflects a reduction of \$34,291 and 2 positions from the amount and positions transferred from DHH. DHH, Office of Public Health transfers \$1,856,719 and 11 positions (1 financial position and 10 engineers/analyst positions) from DHH to DEQ. The DEQ's budget receives a net of \$1,822,428 and 9 positions to operate this program.

Lead Programs

The Department of Health and Hospitals currently runs the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program through the Office of Public Health. According to DHH, the department identifies and monitors blood levels in children up to six years of age through screening, and provides a care plan and education if identified. In addition, environmental assessments/home inspections are provided in certain dwellings to test for and limit exposure for lead poisoning. The Department of Environmental Quality currently operates several lead contractors training programs, which include the Lead Training Program and the Lead Accreditation Program. In addition to these training programs, the DEQ receives notifications from contractors before lead abatement projects to provide the department a chance to inspect abatement jobs. Due to the differences in the programs, it is not anticipated that a consolidation of these functions will result in a significant net savings. The FY 11 Executive Budget does not reflect a consolidation of these programs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Senate Dual Referral Rules

13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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