



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Environment & Natural Resources Division (ENRD)

FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2014 Enacted:	\$107.6 million (537 positions; 370 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$11.3 million
Program Changes:	-\$6.5 million
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$112.5 million (537 positions; 370 attorneys)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$4.8 million (+4.5%)

Mission:

The Environment and Natural Resources Division's (ENRD) mission is to enforce civil and criminal environmental laws and programs protecting the public and environment of the United States and to defend suits challenging environmental programs and activities. ENRD oversees all federal environmental and natural resources litigation arising under more than 150 federal statutes. These statutes include the Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund law); Endangered Species Act; National Environmental Policy Act; and many others. The Division's work entails bringing civil and criminal enforcement actions to stop polluters and recover clean-up costs, defending federal agencies in their administration of federal programs including management of federal lands and other natural resources, defending federal regulatory agencies that issue environmental regulations, resolving disputes related to Indian tribes and their lands, and acquiring real property by eminent domain for congressionally authorized purposes.

Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for ENRD totals \$112.5 million, which is a 4.5% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

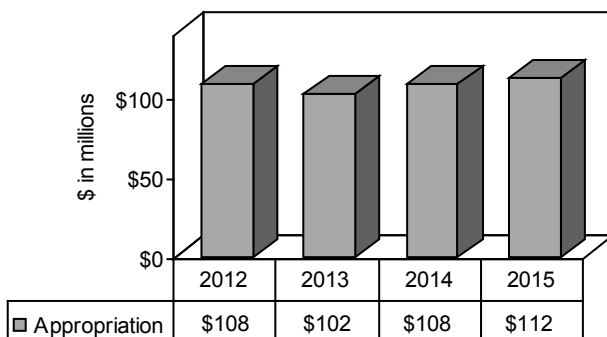
Organization:

ENRD is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is assisted by five Deputy Assistant Attorneys General. The AAG oversees a Division that is organized into nine practice areas dedicated to the enforcement of the nation's civil and criminal environmental laws and programs as well as the defense of the United States in matters concerning stewardship of the nation's natural resources and public lands. With several small field locations across the United States, the Division is the nation's environmental lawyer, and the largest environmental law firm in the country.

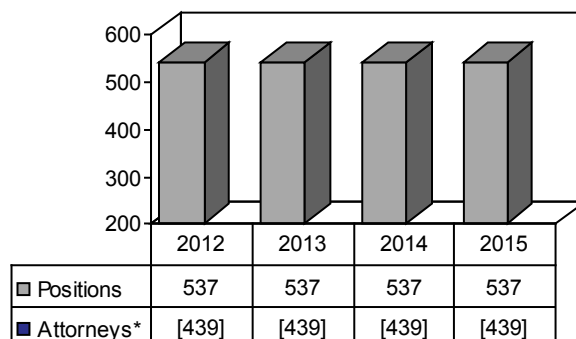
Personnel:

ENRD's direct positions for FY 2015 total 537 positions and is the same as FY 2014 Enacted. However, between January 2011 and December 2013, the number of ENRD's onboard staff declined by 65.

Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)



Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)



* Includes Reimbursable Attorneys.

FY 2015 Strategy:

ENRD handles both civil and criminal litigation concerning the defense and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. The Division serves as the nation's environmental litigator and represents many federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Homeland Security.

As the nation's chief environmental litigator, ENRD strives to obtain full compliance with environmental and conservation statutes. To this end, ENRD seeks to redress past violations that have harmed the environment, establish credible deterrence against future violations, recoup federal funds spent to abate environmental contamination, and obtain funds to restore or replace natural resources damaged through oil spills or the release of other hazardous substances. ENRD ensures illegal emissions are eliminated, hazardous wastes are cleaned up, and drinking water is safe. ENRD's actions, in conjunction with the work of its client agencies, enhance the quality of the environment in the United States and the health and safety of its citizens.

After three years of litigation against BP and other companies responsible for the Deepwater Horizon/Macondo Well disaster, that among other things, spilled millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, ENRD continues to work closely with an array of federal agencies and with Gulf States to secure civil penalties under the Clean Water Act and natural resource damages under the Oil Pollution Act. Billions of dollars are at stake for the U.S. to address natural resource damages, and to provide environmental improvements and economic redevelopment in the Gulf States region under the RESTORE Act provision of the Clean Water Act. After having tried the first phase of the case (liability and cause of disaster) in Spring 2013 and the second phase (quantification of oil discharged into the Gulf) in October 2013, the outcome of the two initial phases are with the district court for decision. Meanwhile other parts of the multi-district litigation continue, including litigation over prior, private party settlements with BP. Discovery and case development pose unprecedented litigation requirements upon ENRD with deposition-taking measured by the hundreds and document production in the neighborhood of 100 million pages (all in Phases 1 & 2). DOJ has so far secured over \$1 billion in civil penalties through settlements with MOEX and Transocean, as well as far-reaching injunctive relief that should make Transocean's deepwater drilling safer in the Gulf of Mexico. While DOJ expects this expensive litigation to continue for some years, there are good prospects for recovering civil penalties and damages amounting to additional billions of dollars.

FY 2015 Program Changes:

Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions: -\$6.5 million and 0 positions
Reductions to existing operations and services necessary to pay for increases in existing costs, including pay raises, FERS contributions, and GSA rent, among others. Program and administrative reductions to be identified once funds are appropriated.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Environment & Natural Resources Division		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
2013 Appropriation	537	526	109,504
2013 Rescissions (1.877 % & 0.2%)	0	0	-2,270
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-5,398
2013 Enacted with Rescissions and Sequester	537	526	101,836
2014 Enacted	537	526	107,643
2015 Request	537	526	112,487
Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted	0	0	4,844
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	1,853
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	9,469
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	11,322
2015 Current Services	537	526	118,965
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions	0	0	-6,478
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-6,478
Total Program Changes	0	0	-6,478
2015 Request	537	526	112,487

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Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Environment and Natural Resources	537	526	107,643	537	526	118,965
Total	537	526	107,643	537	526	118,965
Reimbursable FTE	0	115	0	0	115	0
Grand Total	537	641	107,643	537	641	118,965

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Total Program Changes			2015 Request		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Environment and Natural Resources	0	0	-6,478	537	526	112,487
Total	0	0	-6,478	537	526	112,487
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	115	0
Grand Total	0	0	-6,478	537	641	112,487