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# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and PROTECTION

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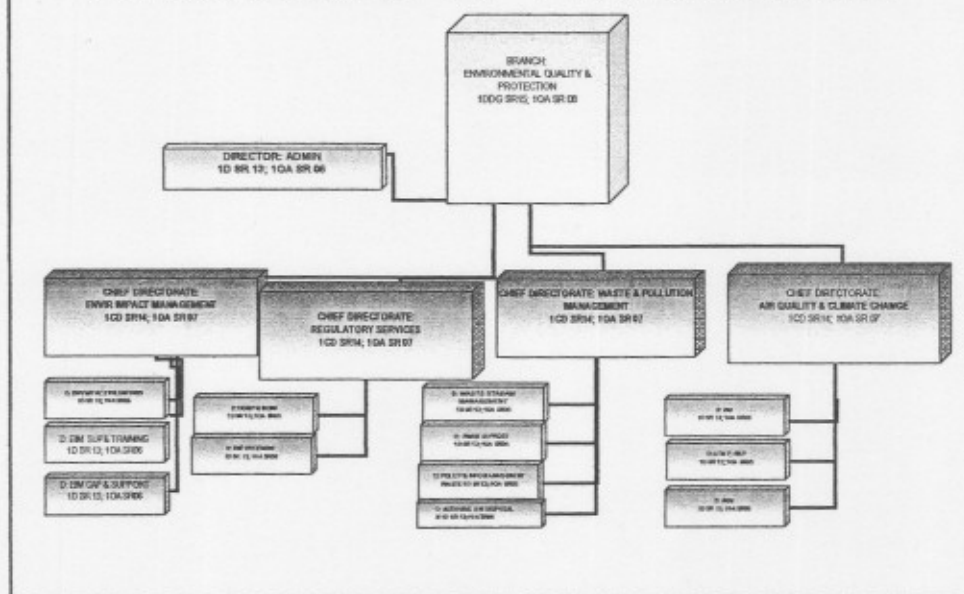
## PURPOSE OF PROGRAMME

- To protect and improve the quality and safety of the environment

## AIM

- Environmental Quality and Protection (EQP) aims to protect the constitutional right of all South Africans to an environment that is not harmful to health and well-being, through legislative and other measures.

## STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME



## PROGRAMMES

- The programme has the following seven sub-programmes:
  - *Management*
  - *Environmental Impact Management* ensures that the possible negative impacts of new developments are minimised, mitigated or managed
  - *Air Quality Management and Climate Change* ensures that reasonable legislative and other measures are developed, implemented and maintained in such a way as to protect and defend the right of all to air and atmospheric quality that is not harmful to health and well-being
  - *Regulatory Services* ensures that: environmental quality and protection-related authorisations are legally defensible and enforceable; compliance with all environmental quality and protection related legislation, and regulations is efficiently and effectively monitored; and effective enforcement measures are taken for cases of serious, significant or continuous non-compliance with environmental quality and protection-related legislation

## PROGRAMMES

- *Pollution and Waste Management* seeks to reduce the impact of chemicals and hazardous waste on safety, health and the environment; promote the efficient use of energy and raw materials; reduce the impact of non-hazardous waste on safety, health and the environment; and encourage cleaner production, waste minimization and recycling through various policy instruments, including the use of economic instruments.
- *Financial Contributions* are made to the South African Weather Services yearly.
- *Financial Assistance* is provided to the section 21 company Buyisa-e-Bag as part of the implementation of the plastic bag regulations.

## LEGISLATIVE MANDATE 2007/8

- Waste Bill.
- Further Rationalisation of EIA Regulations and NEMA Amendment
- Technical Amendments to NEMA Amendment that provide regulatory framework for enforcement
- Implementation of AQA – standards, priority areas
- Asbestos Regulations
- Tyre Regulations

## AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory. MoU with Business Unity SA.
- Ozone Depleting Strategy Phase out plan
- Declaration of 2<sup>ND</sup> Air Quality priority area.
- SA Air Quality Information System developed.
- Climate Change Long Term Mitigation Scenario work.
- Climate National Communications.

