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The Department of Environmental Conservation manages water and air quality and regulates solid and hazardous wastes. The Department's responsibilities range from research and data collection to issuing regulations and permits. Most environmental permits in Vermont are issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation. In general, the Commissioner is responsible for all activities of the Department. The Business Office handles fiscal matters and personnel administration.

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