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FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$371,344,400
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Changes from FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date:

Items Included by the Senate and House

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| 1. Fund Shift to General Fund. To offset a shortfall in permit fee revenue to restricted funds, the budget increased the General Fund appropriation by \$2.5 million to replace an equal reduction in restricted fund appropriations. This is a continuation of the \$11.0 million fund shift enacted in a supplemental appropriations act in FY 2007-08. | 0 |
| 2. Federal Fund Adjustments. The budget included changes to Federal funds to reflect both increases and decreases in various Federal grants funds for coastal zone management, Revitalization Revolving Loan program, and the indoor biowatch program. | (1,227,600) |
| 3. FTE Adjustments. The appropriation of full-time equated positions was adjusted to match the number that can be supported by the dollar appropriations and to more accurately reflect program effort. This was a reduction of 35.0 FTEs for the Department. | 0 |
| 4. Human Resources Consolidation. The budget completed consolidation of human resources functions by transferring the funding and 13.0 FTEs to the Department of Management and Budget. | (1,476,000) |
| 5. Economic Adjustments. The budget included economic adjustments for salaries and wages, retirement, worker's compensation, rent, and utilities. | 639,800 |
| 6. Other Changes. The budget included changes to reduce appropriations to align with anticipated revenue and made adjustments to reflect one-time items in FY 2007-08. | (851,800) |

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| 7. Water Withdrawal Assessment Program. The Conference included General Funds and restricted funds and 7.0 FTEs to support implementation of this program. | 895,000 |
| 8. MI Transportation Fund. The Conference did not concur with the Governor and maintained the current funding levels from the MI Transportation Fund. | 0 |
| 9. Macomb County Water Quality Monitoring. The Conference included funding from Settlement Funds for this project. | 250,000 |
| 10. Environmental Ombudsman. The Conference added \$250,000 from restricted funds for this position as an interdepartmental grant to the Legislative Council. | 0 |

Vetoed by the Governor.

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| 11. General Fund Reductions. In order to meet the target agreement, the Conference reduced General Funds from the State match for the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. | (1,106,900) |
| 12. Line Item Unrolling. The Conference did not unroll the lines for unclassified salaries or air quality programs. | 0 |
| 13. CMI Funding. The Conference removed cleanup project funding from the Clean Michigan Initiative bond that will not be available for expenditure in FY 2008-09. | (5,663,200) |
| 14. Village of Chesaning. The Conference included restricted funding for repairs to a dam in the Village of Chesaning. | 900,000 |

Total Changes	(\$7,640,700)
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FY 2008-09 Enacted Gross Appropriation	\$363,703,700
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Changes from FY 2007-08 Year to Date:Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **Sections Retained.** The Senate and House retained sections regarding a prohibition on disciplinary action, repayment to the Refined Petroleum Fund, and scrap tire suppression. (Sections 220, 704, and 1102)
2. **Reports Retained.** The budget retained reporting requirements on restricted fund balances, grant and loan programs, fine and penalty collections, air quality programs, the Great Lakes Water Quality Bond, and the NPDES Fund. (Sections 208, 209, 221, 301, 402, and 901)
3. **Restricted Funds Appropriation.** The Senate and House retained current year language on a report detailing the appropriation from various restricted funds supporting central administrative costs. (Sec. 219)
4. **Contaminated Lake and River Sediments.** The Senate and House added a new section that reappropriates the unexpended portion of the Clean Michigan Initiative funding that was first appropriated in 2004 PA 309. (Sec. 902)

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5. **Sections Retained.** The Conference retained sections regarding retention of reports, MI Youth Conservation Council, settlement funds carryforward, policy change reporting, contingency funds, posting of expenditures, reporting on the Great Lakes Water Quality bond, core samples research, cleanup site criteria, prohibition on the use of draft memoranda, hazardous waste site review board, and a list of funded Refined Petroleum Fund sites. (Sections 207, 212, 218, 223, 225, 228, 402, 501, 702, 706, 801, and 703)
6. **Sections Removed.** The Conference did not include sections regarding benchmarking, a prohibition on fee increases, a prohibition on administration of MAEAP, a staff savings initiative, changes to unclassified salaries, a report on air quality expenditures, and waiver of certain permit fees.
7. **Attendance at Training Seminars.** The Conference retained language prohibiting more than one employee from attending the same professional development or training seminar, unless non-State funding is used. (Sec. 226)
8. **Computer System Replacement.** The Conference included a report on the replacement of failing or obsolete computer or database systems. (Sec. 227)
9. **FOIA Requests.** The Conference required a semiannual report on FOIA requests. (Sec. 229)
10. **Muskrat Lake.** The Conference stated the intent of the Legislature that permits be issued to raise the water level of Muskrat Lake. Required a status report by Feb. 1, 2009. (Sec. 230)
11. **Environmental Ombudsman.** The Conference added language making funding for this position contingent on enactment of legislation and stating intent that investigation of wetlands complaints be the first issue addressed by the position. (Sec. 231)

Vetoed by the Governor.

12. **Reverse Vending Machines.** The Conference appropriated \$2.0 million from the Cleanup and Redevelopment Trust Fund to reimburse retailers for retrofitting RVMS to recognize Michigan-only returnable beverage containers. (Sec. 403)

Vetoed by the Governor.

13. **Wetland Regulation.** The Conference did not include language regarding wetland regulation.
14. **LUST Workgroup.** The Conference included language creating a workgroup to review the use of operational memoranda in the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program. (Sec. 705)
15. **Reduction in Federal 319 Grants.** The Conference stated intent that reductions to Federal 319 grant programs be applied proportionally to all programs receiving those funds. (Sec. 903)
16. **Real-time Water Quality Monitoring.** The Conference required a status report and long-term funding plan from the grantees for this grant funding to be distributed. (Sec. 1103)
17. **Chesaning Water Control.** The Conference specified that the grant provided in Part 1 was only for pollution control activities and required a plan for work activities. (Sec. 1104)