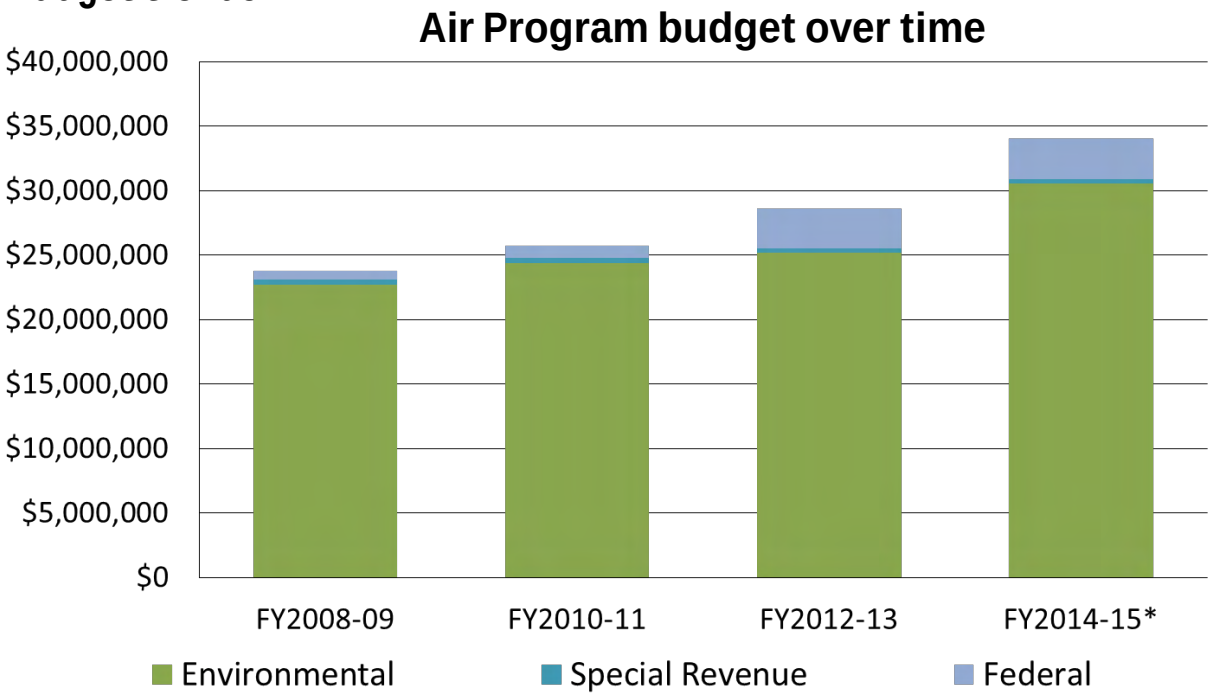
Air Program budget

Performance through FY 2013 and proposal for FY 2014 and FY 2015

The MPCA's Air Program serves all citizens and industrial operations of the state to facilitate protection of public health, public welfare, and the environment. The air program includes assistance and regulatory programs that set standards for the operation of industries, utilities, and transportation systems that contribute to the social and economic health of the state.

Along with air emissions from industrial and utility sources, citizens are responsible for large amounts of air pollution resulting from their daily activities. About half of most air pollutants in Minnesota are emitted from mobile sources, which include automobiles, trucks, buses, recreational and lawn equipment. More information about air quality in Minnesota is available on the MPCA Website at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/index.html.

Budget trends



Strategic overview

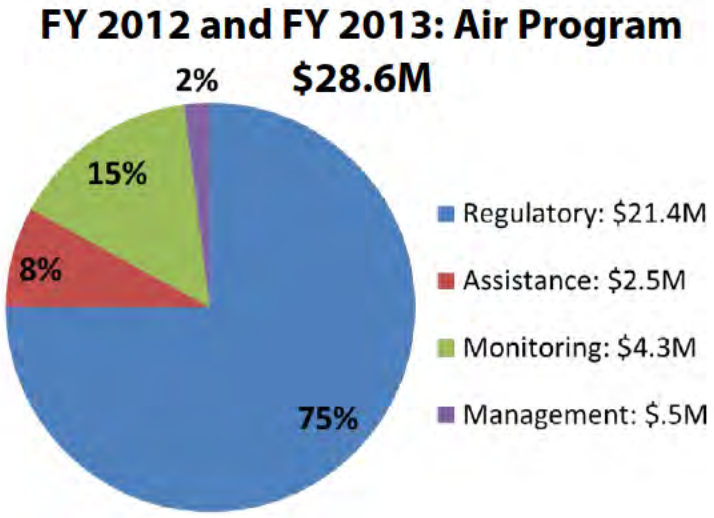
The MPCA's strategic vision is that Minnesota's clean and clear air supports healthy communities and a strong economy. The agency strategic plan lays out goals and objectives that help meet that vision. The air program goals include:

Goal A1: Minnesota's outdoor air is healthy for all to breathe.

Goal A2: Minnesota reduces its contribution to regional, national and global air pollution.

These goals are supported by measurable objectives and associated metrics that help gauge how well we are doing at delivering services and achieving desired results. Measuring performance allows us to manage programs effectively.

Agency progress in the air program is measured in four categories including regulatory, assistance, monitoring and management. The chart at right shows air program allocations by activity in the FY 2012 and FY 2013 biennium. The next sections provide more detail about how these and previously allocated dollars have been used to achieve environmental and operational results.

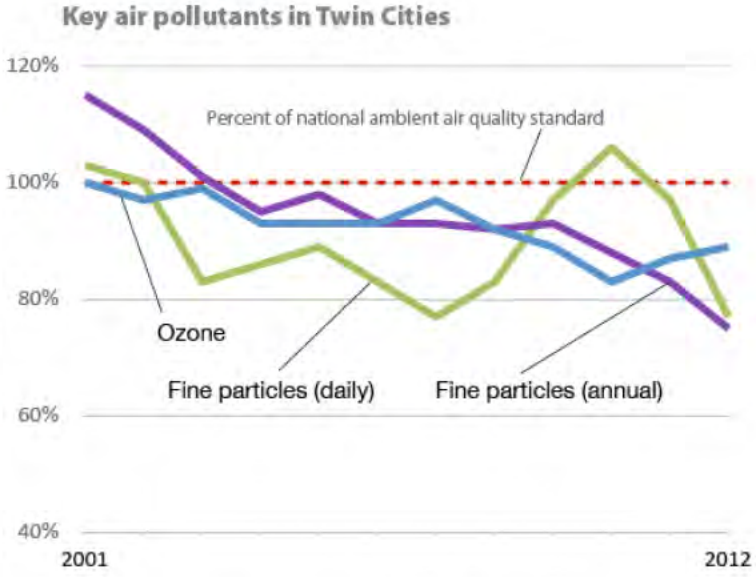


What to track and why

The health of all Minnesotans is dependent on the air we breathe. Incidences of asthma and heart related diseases are directly linked to air quality. Meeting standards and health benchmarks helps us determine how healthy our air is.

Because many air pollution issues are global or regional in scope, we also work to ensure that Minnesota does its fair share by reducing our contribution to larger air issues.

Additionally, the sustainability of Minnesota's economic viability and natural resources is dependent on good air quality.



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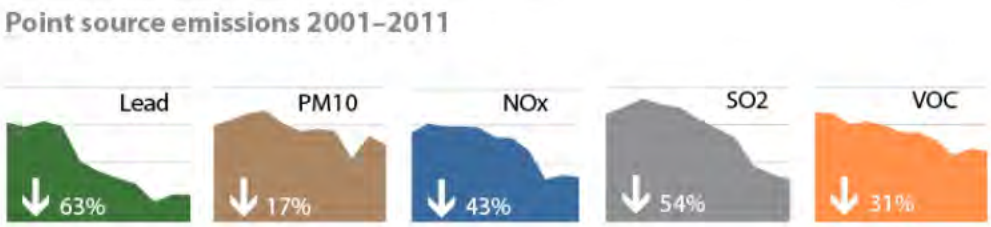
Environmental results

Air pollutants in Minnesota have shown significant reductions in the past decade from point sources. Progress is needed in the non-point or mobile sources to ensure we continue to meet standards.