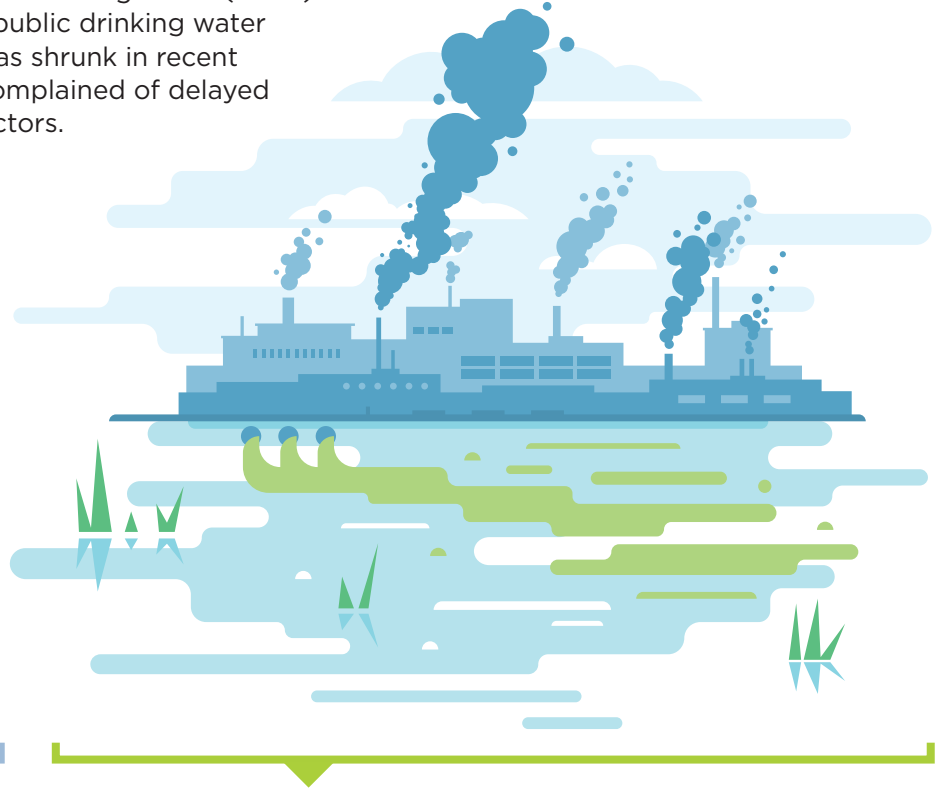


PROTECTING DRINKING WATER SOURCES: OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIC IDEM INVESTMENT

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) oversees the safety of Indiana's 4,043 public drinking water systems. However, as IDEM's budget has shrunk in recent years, drinking water operators have complained of delayed permits and inexperienced IDEM inspectors.



IDEM is also the chief protector of Indiana's drinking water sources — rivers, reservoirs, and groundwater. **80%** of drinking water utilities have experienced poor quality source water and **60%** said it was getting worse.

For example

- 2013** — a well supplying Indianapolis drinking water was shut down due to contaminated groundwater
- 2016** — US Steel's chromium spill forced Ogden Dunes to temporarily close its drinking water intake
- 2018** — persistent groundwater contamination in Franklin upsets community with high rates of childhood cancer

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION: Safe drinking water is essential. We recommend at least 12 additional staff to support IDEM's protection of drinking water.

STAFF INCREASE **12** AVERAGE SALARY PLUS TAXES, & BENEFITS **65,000** = TOTAL **\$780,000**



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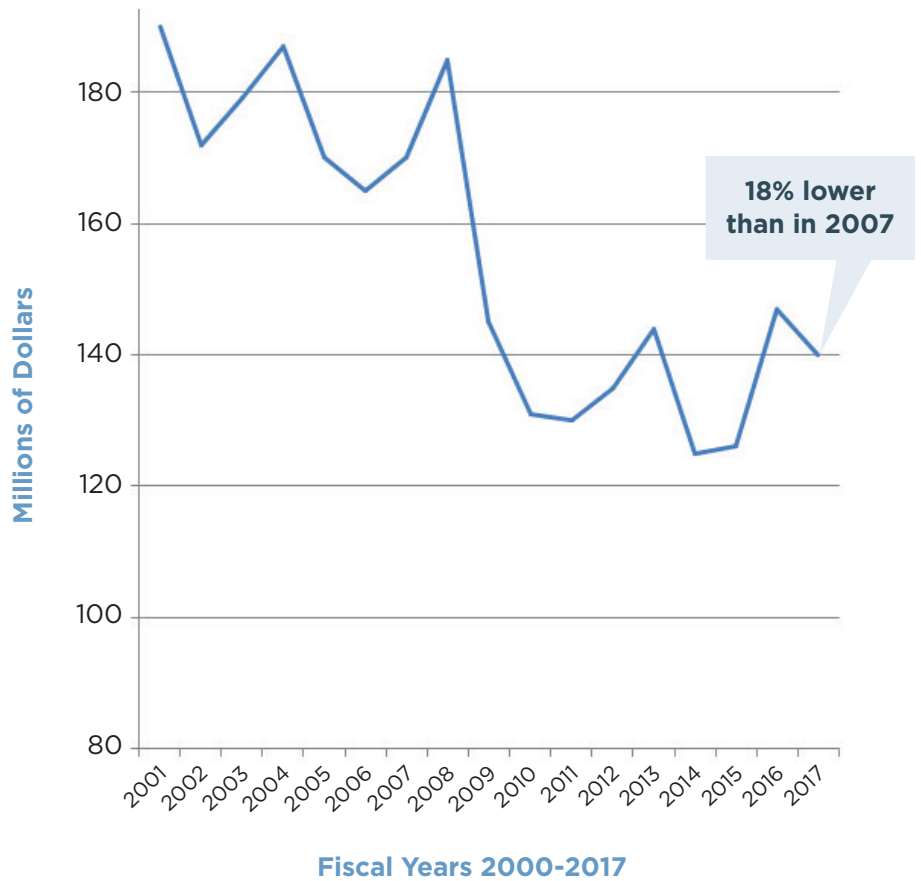
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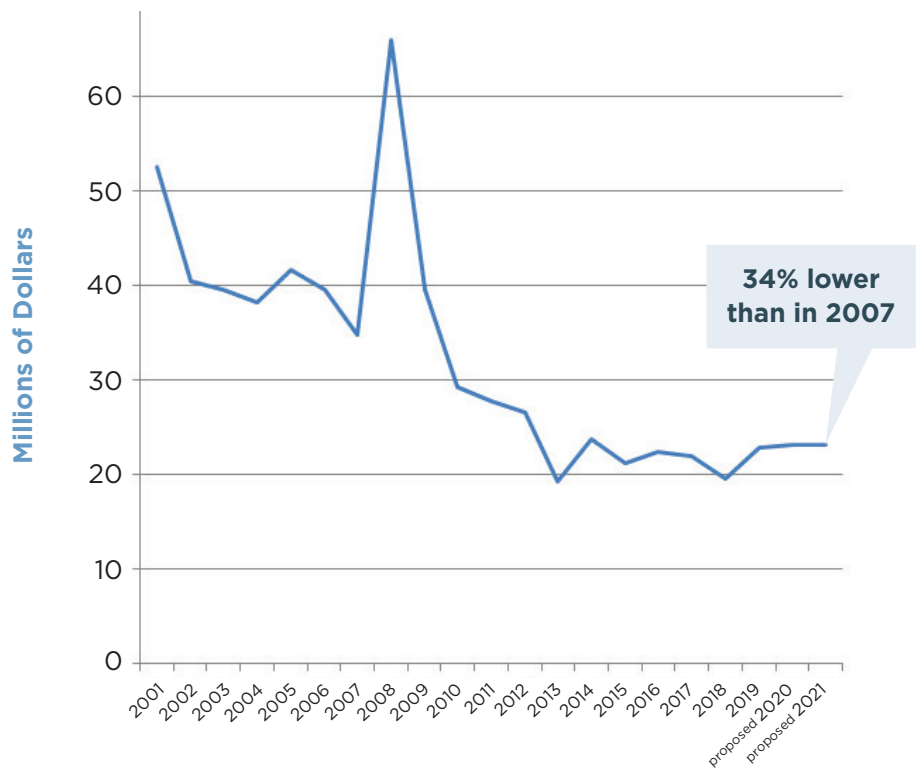
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Total annual expenditures adjusted to 2018 dollars



Annual General Fund allocation adjusted to 2018 dollars



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