



# Report Highlights

## Department of Natural Resources

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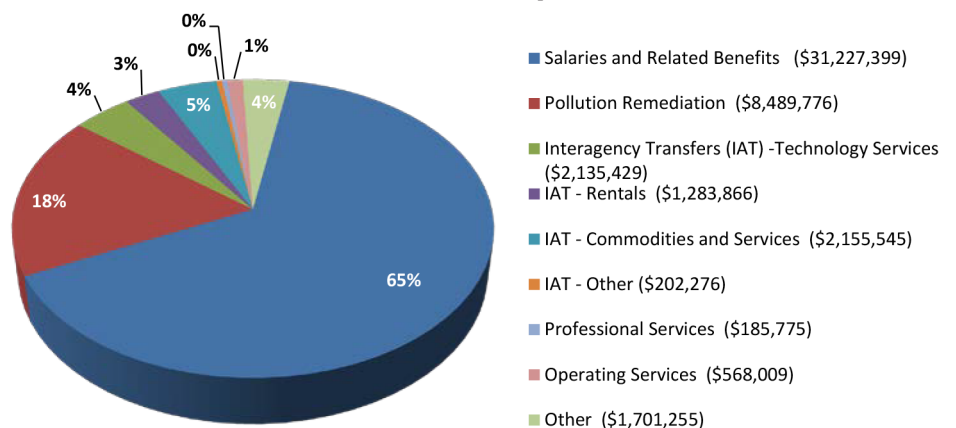
### Why We Conducted This Work

We performed certain procedures at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to evaluate its accountability over public funds and compliance with state laws and regulations for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020.

### What We Found

- DNR did not effectively coordinate with the Office of Technology Services (OTS) to ensure that adequate controls were in place over DNR’s Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System (SONRIS). DNR uses SONRIS for the collection, retention, and processing of data, such as state mineral lease information and related royalty payments, used in carrying out the mission of the department. OTS is responsible for establishing and coordinating all information technology systems affecting the management and operations of DNR. Weaknesses noted included an inadequate continuity of operations plan, inappropriate user access, inadequate backup procedures and testing, and lack of change management procedures.
- We reviewed the status of the prior-report findings in DNR’s procedural report dated August 22, 2018. We determined that management has resolved the prior-report findings related to Insufficient Criteria for Waiving Penalty Assessments and Inadequate Controls over Fuel Cards.
- We scheduled fiscal year 2020 expenditures by category for informational purposes. DNR’s expenditures for fiscal year 2020 totaled approximately \$47.9 million, with 65% of those expenditures related to salaries and related benefits.

**Fiscal Year 2020 Expenditures**



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