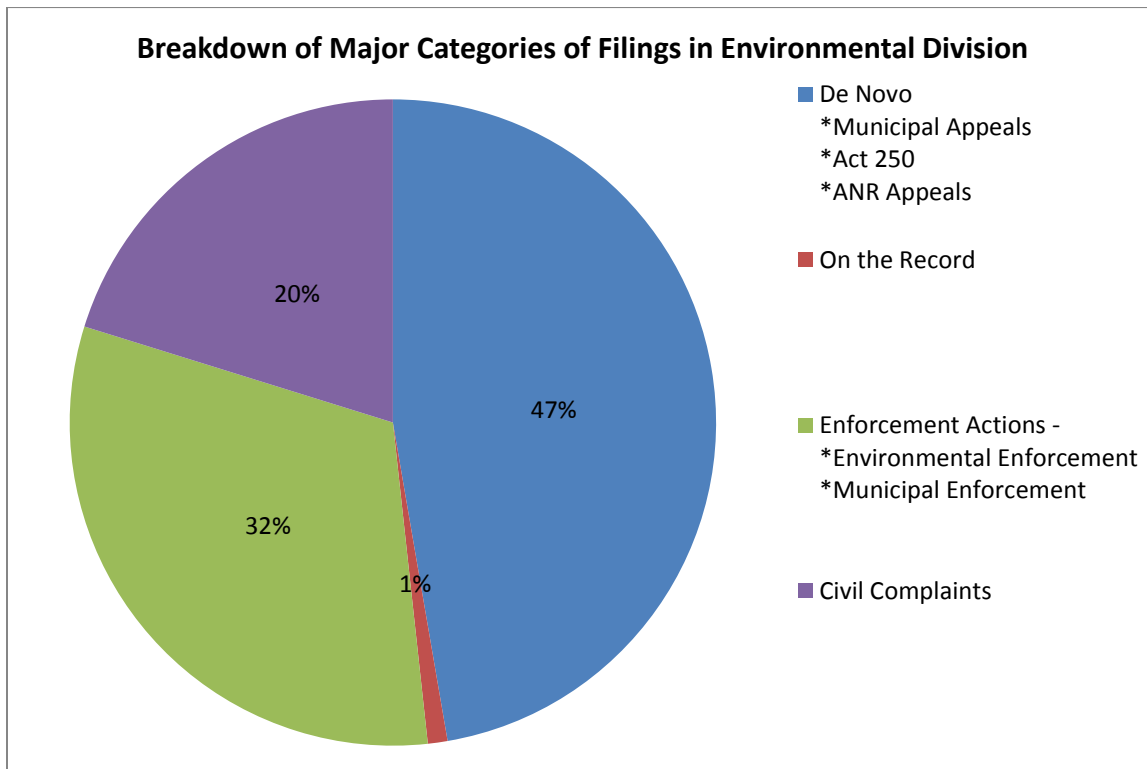
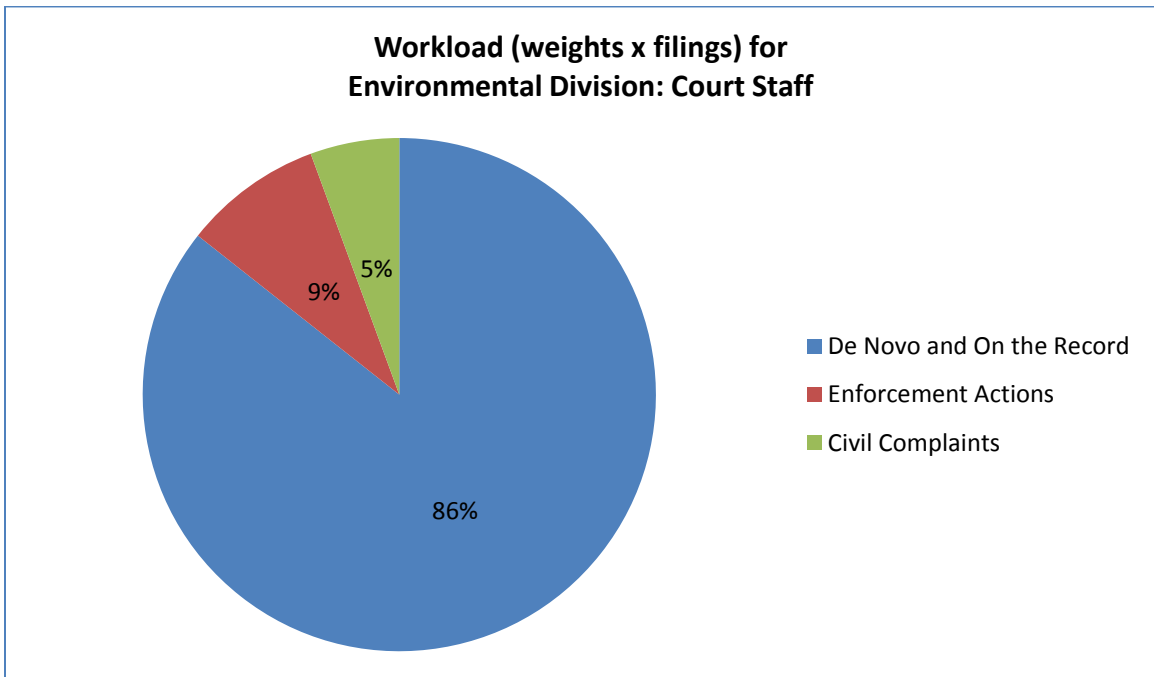
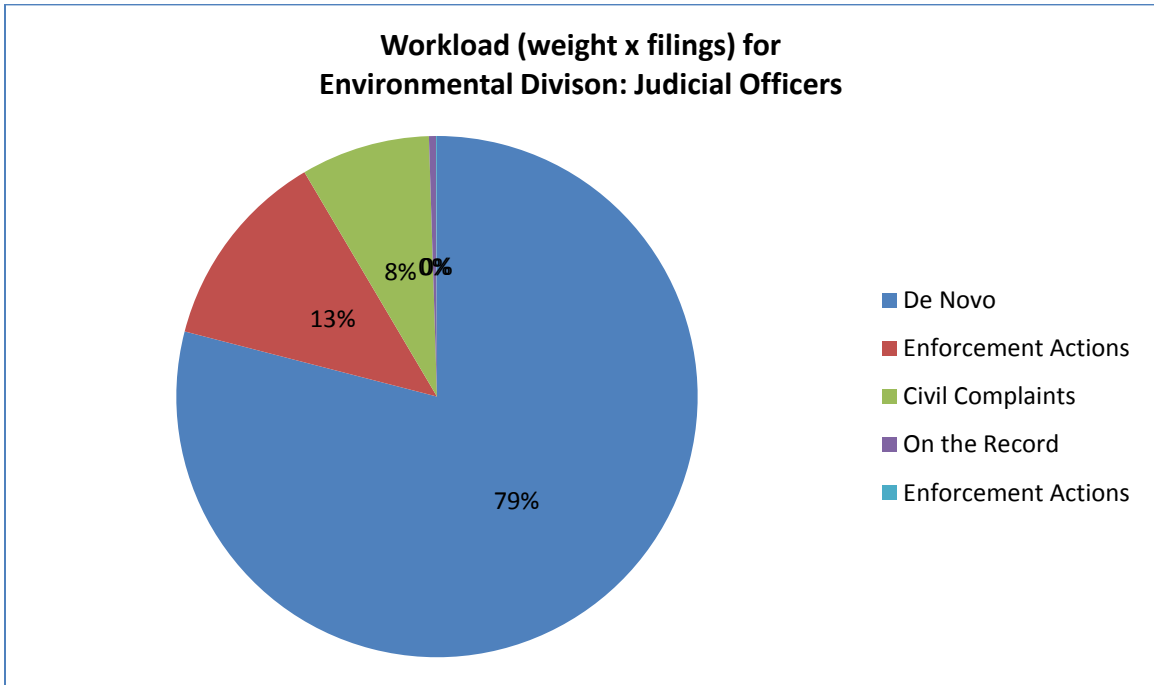


Environmental Division

The environmental division of the superior court is a statewide court responsible for hearing and deciding cases that fall into five general categories: (1) Requests to enforce administrative orders issued by various state land use and environmental enforcement agencies; (2) Environmental enforcement proceedings from various municipalities; (3) Appeals from municipal zoning boards, development review boards and planning commissions; (4) Appeals from land use determinations made by the various Act 250 district commissions and jurisdictional determinations by the Act 250 district coordinators; (5) Tickets for environmental violations such as unlawful burning, dumping in a stream or lake, or failing to abide by a permit condition or AMP (acceptable management practice).

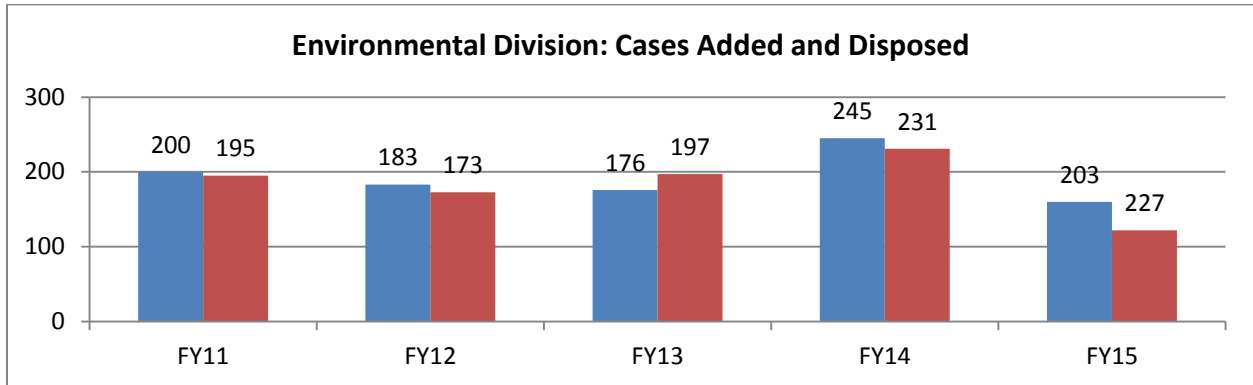


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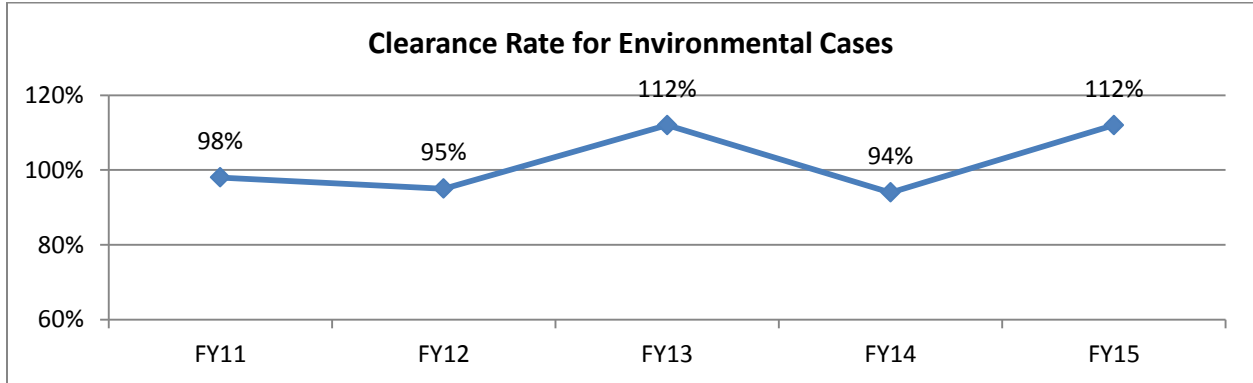
Trends

As indicated by the chart below, filings in the environmental division decreased 8% from the previous year, primarily in the areas of de novo appeals. The number of dispositions decreased only slightly (2%).



Clearance Rate

The chart below measures the clearance rate for all environmental division cases from 2011 through 2015. While the clearance rate in FY14 fell below 100%, this is attributable to a marked decrease in filings in FY14. The clearance rate in FY15 rebounded back to FY13 levels.



Method of Disposition

Approximately 34% of the cases disposed in the environmental division are resolved by agreement of the parties. Final decisions were issued by the court in 47% of the cases. 19% were dismissed or withdrawn by parties.

