

2011–13 DEQ Budget

Protects environment and Oregonians

The Department of Environmental Quality protects the health and well-being of Oregon's environment and residents. DEQ is Oregon's guardian of clean air and water, ensures that waste is disposed of safely, responds to environmental emergencies and ensures compliance with environmental laws. Our activities reflect statewide priorities and community interests that support a diverse economy.

Committed to change

The 2011-13 biennium, and the foreseeable future, will be economically challenging for Oregon. DEQ is committed to providing the highest environmental protection level possible for Oregonians while also avoiding doing "business as usual." As it did during 2009-11, DEQ will focus its resources on core environmental services and continue to streamline our processes to make it easier to protect the environment and for business to thrive in Oregon. DEQ wants to make all the right investments and focus on all the right work.

2011-13 funding changes

DEQ's 2011-13 Governor's Balanced Budget provides \$6.2 million less in General Fund than for 2009-11, representing 29 fewer full-time equivalents. The reduction would result in the following changes to DEQ activities:

- **Reduced monitoring capabilities.** Reduces air and water quality monitoring and data analysis, limiting sources of scientific data DEQ uses to make informed decisions.
- **Reduced permitting and compliance resources.** Reduces air quality, water quality and hazardous waste inspections and compliance efforts as well as timely water quality permit renewal.
- **Reduced clean water plan development and implementation (TMDL).** Slows DEQ's progress in meeting water quality standards in the Willamette, South Coast, and Southeast Oregon Basins.
- **Delayed clean air plan development.** Delays the development of clean air plans for Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Oakridge to meet health standards and cuts education and outreach to reduce toxic air pollution.

Reduced revenues resulted in the further elimination of 21 FTE and some services that are no longer affordable. The funding reduction will decrease waste reduction grants available to communities and reduce DEQ's ability to lead the state in meeting its waste reduction goals. Additionally, it will delay DEQ's approval of onsite septic and underground injection control system installations.

The budget provides new Other and Federal funds to:

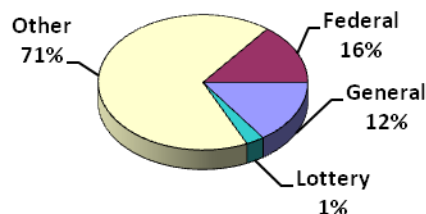
- Implement new federal air quality initiatives
- Help the shipping industry comply with regulations designed to prevent costly introduction of invasive species
- Clean up polluted orphan sites to return them to productive use
- Improve onsite septic services

Funding the Governor's Balanced Budget

DEQ's proposed operating budget authorizes 748 full-time equivalent positions, down from 790 in 2009-11. The \$333.5 million budget includes:

- An "operating budget" of \$202.1 million for day-to-day work.

2011-2013 Governor's Balanced
Operating Budget - \$202,058,113



The operating budget contains \$23.4 million in General Fund, \$3.1 million in Lottery Fund, \$143 million in Other Funds (fees and cost recovery) and \$32.6 million in federal funding.

- **Support for community projects** comes primarily from \$109.3 million in low-interest, federal loans for clean water projects. Debt service on bonds issued for environmental cleanup and low-interest loans for clean water projects would be repaid with \$5.6 million in General Fund and \$16.4 million Other Fund.



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