

DEQ Business Response Teams

Job Retention and Creation

Job retention and creation is a top priority for communities throughout Oregon. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has created regional Business Response Teams to respond to this need.

Business Response Teams Streamline Regulatory Processes

Regional Business Response Teams consist of managers representing DEQ's Water Quality, Air Quality, Hazardous Waste, Cleanup, Solid Waste, and Fuel Tanks programs. The goal of each team is to facilitate economic development – while continuing to protect Oregon's land, air, and water – by proactively resolving permitting and other environmental regulatory issues that can sometimes delay business development and expansion.

To facilitate economic development, Business Response Teams:

- Proactively engage business leaders and economic development specialists to ensure rapid response to business development needs
- Streamline the regulatory or permitting processes by working with businesses early in the expansion/siting process to understand permit needs
- Coordinate DEQ staff to make sure necessary permits are issued as quickly as possible
- Provide technical assistance to reduce the need for regulatory oversight
- Collaborate with state and local economic development specialists and business and community leaders to encourage early DEQ involvement in business expansion and siting



DEQ's Business Response Teams help resolve permitting and regulatory issues.

How to Engage the Business Response Team

DEQ is committed to assisting with job retention and creation throughout Oregon. If you are interested in siting a new business or expanding an existing business in Oregon, please contact:

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