

**Date:** Jan. 10, 2020

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director

**Subject:** Item C: DEQ Laboratory tour debrief (Informational)  
Jan. 23-24, 2020, EQC meeting

**Why this is important** The commissioners will tour the DEQ laboratory and receive information about the laboratory's operations on Thursday morning as part of an off-site field visit. This item is an opportunity for commissioners and staff to discuss the tour and ask any follow-up questions.

**Discussion questions for consideration** During the tour, commissioners will have an opportunity to discuss the laboratory's operations, successes and opportunities with DEQ staff. DEQ asks that the commissioners consider the following, to prepare for the tour and debrief discussion:

1. What types of environmental data and information do commissioners find useful to help with policy decisions?
2. What do the commissioners want to know about the laboratory's processes, procedures and capabilities?
3. How can the technical work of the laboratory better support the policy objectives of the commission?

**EQC involvement** There is no commission action associated with this informational item.

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