DEQ Integrated Toxics Reduction Strategy

2018 Toxics Reduction Strategy Update

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Purpose of Strategy

- Creates a framework to organize DEQ work across all media
- Complements and supports ongoing toxics work in air, land and water programs
- Describes actions DEQ and partners will take to reduce toxics in Oregon's environment
- Provides a proactive vision for addressing toxics at all stages of the life cycle

Why do we need a strategy?

 Integrated approach to reduce impacts to human and ecological health from toxics

 Unify all programs and inform core programs, fill gaps and address emerging issues

Focus resources



Strategy Update Process





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Role of Team Toxics

Guide the strategy updates and implementation actions

Provide technical assistance to core programs

Forum for emerging issues

Home for DEQ toxics expertise

Toxics Reduction Strategy Background

2012 Strategy Actions



Complement Core Program Work



Integrated Strategic Approach



Partnerships



Source Reduction



Toxics Reduction Strategy Background

Toxics "Focus" List



Combustion & Petroleum By-Products



Consumer Product Constituents



Current Use Pesticides



Flame Retardant and Industrial Intermediates



Legacy Pesticides



Metals



Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)



2012 Strategy Accomplishments: Highlights

 Government purchasing of low toxicity products and materials



 Inter-state collaborations to advance safer chemistry and products





2012 Strategy Accomplishments: Highlights

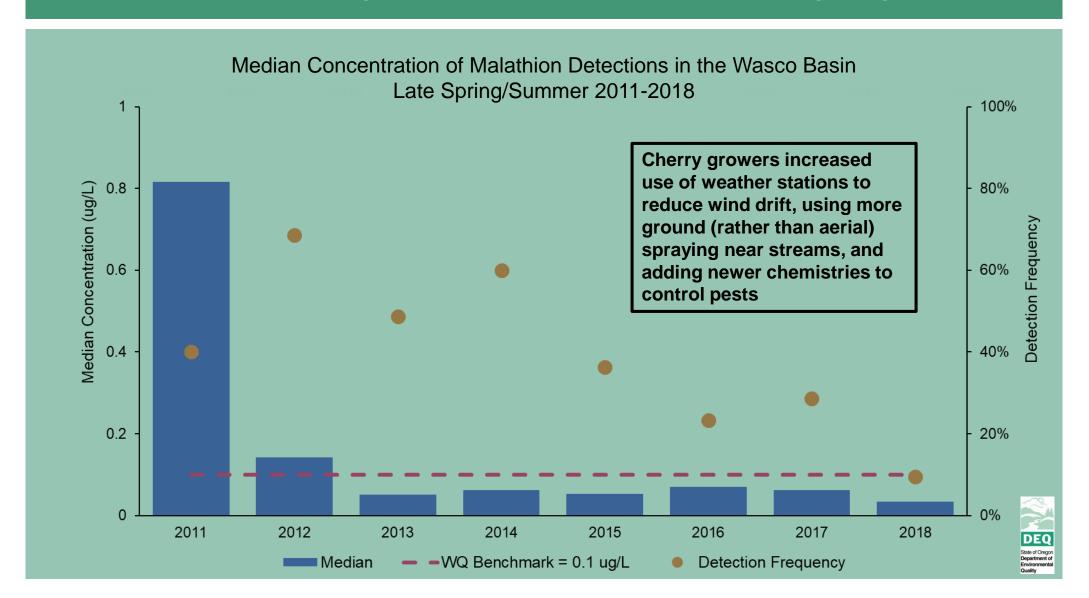
- Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program has been supported by Oregon Legislature since 2013 to:
 - Monitor water quality to inform collaborative pesticide best practices
 - Increase pesticide waste collection
 - Provide stewardship technical assistance grants to support to local partners



410,000 pounds collected from 635 growers and applicators since 2014



2012 Strategy Accomplishments: Highlights



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Outreach & Information Efforts

DEQ Leadership Team - Review and approval

Inform the EQC

Starting Spring 2019

Outreach to partners and stakeholders



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High-level Strategy Guiding Principles



Building on Success



Effective Communication



Implementation Partnerships



Engaging Communities



Integrated Approach

What are the major themes of the 2018 actions?

Enhance Information and Data

Expand
Partnerships
and
Incentives

Evaluate
Programs for
Effectiveness
and Gaps



Strategy Action Categories



Implementation-Ready Actions

- · Staff or other resources (e.g., grants) secured
- First implementation tasks to begin in 2019



Program Evaluation & Research Actions

- More information needed to determine most effective path forward
- Implementation likely to begin in Year 3 or beyond





Update Toxics Focus List



Monitor for Focus List Chemicals in All Appropriate Environmental Media



Assess Fate and Transport of Focus List Toxics from Consumer Products

(Action 9)



Assess and Characterize Impacts of Diesel Emissions
(Action 10)



Build Demand for Clean Diesel Vehicles



Pesticide Stewardship Program to Focus on Environmental Justice (Action 13)





Reduce Environmental and Human Exposure to Toxics from the Built Environment

(Action 3)



Partner with Product Manufacturers and others to More Fully Evaluate, Disclose, Label and Reduce Toxic Ingredients



Expand Government Procurement of Low Toxicity Products and Materials

(Action 6)





Evaluate DEQ's Toxics Use Reduction Regulation and Program
(Action 12)



Develop and Implement a Metals Manufacturing, Coating and Finishing Pollution Prevention Outreach Program (Action 8)



Accelerate Safer Chemical Alternative Assessments





Evaluate Effectiveness of Existing Mercury Reduction Programs in Oregon



Provide Toxics Reduction Technical Assistance to All DEQ Programs
(Action 14)



Thank You Team Toxics!

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