


State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** Jan. 8, 2018  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Richard Whitman, Director   
**Subject:** Item M, Informational item: Information technology at DEQ  
Jan. 18-19, 2018, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** DEQ will discuss recent changes at the Office of the Oregon State Chief Information Officer, the progress to date regarding the DEQ Information Resource Management Project and updates to the Environmental Data Management System.

**Background** Effective Jan. 1, 2018, structural changes at the Office of the Oregon State Chief Information Officer will provide all agencies more integrated services to assist with all aspects of information technology. Under the new structure, policy teams will be dedicated to specific agencies to assist with governance, procurement, systems analysis and security. This team will include a Senior IT Portfolio Manager, IT Investment/Oversight Analyst, Strategic Sourcing Specialist, Enterprise Technology Services Account Manager, and Enterprise Security Office Policy and Security Expert.

The DEQ Information Resource Management Project was developed in consultation with the Oregon State Chief Information Officer to adopt a more purposeful, unified and deliberate approach to IT within the agency. The deliverables of this project will be an Information Resource Management Strategic Plan, Tactical Plan and Operational Plan as well as a governance framework to carry out those plans.

The Environmental Data Management System is an example of an integrated approach to IT investment that will provide improved and transparent services to the agency's stakeholders. This system is intended to replace many of the separated business systems by providing a common platform and updated business processes.

**EQC involvement** This item is in response to previous commissioner requests. DEQ staff will provide updates on the IT infrastructure improvements at each regular commission meeting.

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