

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** Nov. 20, 2013

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item B, Informational item: Budget and Legislative updates  
Dec. 11-12, 2013, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will inform the commission about the federal, state and agency budget information, including DEQ's operating budget for the 2013-15 biennium. DEQ will also provide updates on state legislative matters at the meeting.

**Background** DEQ creates an operating budget for each biennium-based budget cycle. The operating budget is based on the legislatively-approved budget, known personnel and operating costs, fee estimates based on program history and federal funding estimates. DEQ will present a summary of the operating budget and discuss potential effects of federal budget actions as they relate to the agency budget.

Staff will provide a general update on the outcomes of legislative organizing days in fall 2013 and any information about preparing for the February 2014 short session.

**Attachments** None

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provided by DEQ's legislative and budget staff*