

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** Sept. 27, 2013  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director   
**Subject:** Agenda item O, Informational item: Budget and Legislative updates  
Oct. 16-17, 2013, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will inform the commission about the federal, state and agency budget information, including DEQ's trial 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 at the October 2013 EQC meeting and discuss potential effects of federal budget actions as they relate to the agency budget.

The Oregon Legislature meets for a special session Sept. 30, 2013, but the topics of the session do not have a direct bearing on DEQ as an agency. Staff will provide a general update on the outcomes of that session and any information about preparing for the February 2014 short session.

**Attachments** None

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