

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item A, Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions stakeholder discussion  
October 21-22, 2010, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will provide the commission with information and open discussion with representatives from some of DEQ's stakeholder groups regarding its Strategic Directions. The information and discussion will prepare the commission for its November 2010 retreat, in which it will consider and recommend updates to DEQ's Strategic Directions.

**Why this is important** The representatives have been invited for their diverse perspectives, opinions and history working with DEQ. They represent municipal, industrial, environmental and business interests and sectors, and each person has been asked to address two central questions:

- What will be Oregon's big environmental issues in 20 years?
- What is DEQ's role, as the state regulatory environmental agency, in response to these issues?

**Next steps** EQC will meet in November 2010 for a special meeting and retreat focused on the 2012 update to DEQ's Strategic Directions. The information and discussions shared during this, and other, items will help inform the commissioners about Oregonian's concerns and priority work for DEQ over the next six, 10 or 20 years. After the commission meets in November, DEQ will begin a process to draft and share its proposed updates throughout 2011 for final EQC review and approval by late 2011.

**Attachments** None

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