

Department of Environmental Quality

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FY'15 Budgeted FTE						
	Supervisors	Classified	Unclassified	\$0 - \$35 K*	\$35 K - \$70 K*	\$70 K - \$\$\$
Administrative Services	18.00	52.00	12.00	0.00	38.00	26.00
State Environmental Lab Svcs	12.00	57.00	1.00	0.00	38.00	20.00
Env Complaints/Local Svcs	13.50	92.50	4.00	0.00	65.50	31.00
Air Quality	19.50	119.00	5.50	0.00	59.00	65.50
Water Quality	16.50	117.50	4.00	0.00	57.50	64.00
Land Protection	18.50	81.00	6.00	0.00	36.00	51.00
Total	98	519	32.5	0	294	257.5

*Dollar figures represent total compensation, not just salary.

FTE History					
	2014 Budgeted	2013	2010	2009	2004
Administrative Services	64.00	63.85	76.90	67.30	54.00
State Environmental Lab Svcs	58.00	58.00	66.10	61.30	68.70
Env Complaints/Local Svcs	96.50	96.50	95.00	99.60	92.50
Air Quality	124.50	124.00	113.20	114.10	118.90
Water Quality	121.50	118.00	130.20	124.50	123.30
Land Protection	87.00	87.15	89.20	81.90	77.80
Total	552	548	571	549	535

FY'14 Projected Division/Program Funding By Source						
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local	Other*	Total
Administrative Services	\$0	\$1,692,936	\$7,036,047	\$0	\$0	\$8,728,983
State Environmental Lab Svcs	\$2,740,704	\$0	\$4,670,172	\$0	\$0	\$7,410,876
Env Complaints/Local Svcs	\$3,726,682	\$653,769	\$4,380,196	\$0	\$0	\$8,760,647
Air Quality	\$0	\$2,344,056	\$9,993,542	\$0	\$0	\$12,337,598
Water Quality	\$2,590,587	\$5,668,607	\$4,264,739	\$0	\$0	\$12,523,933
Land Protection	\$0	\$6,234,456	\$14,593,034	\$0	\$0	\$20,827,490
Information Technology	\$0	\$365,124	\$3,264,651	\$0	\$0	\$3,629,775
Total	\$9,057,973	\$16,958,948	\$48,202,381	\$0	\$0	\$74,219,302

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

FY'13 Carryover by Funding Source						
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local	Other*	Total
FY'13 Carryover	\$0	\$0	\$11,785,295	\$0	\$0	\$11,785,295

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

Revolving balance of \$11,785,295 is due to fluctuations in our billing cycle and is needed to be able to continue operations in FY2014.

What Changes did the Agency make between FY'13 and FY'14

- 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?
No programs or major services were eliminated from FY 13 to FY 14. DEQ received an increase in state general revenue appropriations and a fee increase in FY14, which allowed DEQ to retain implementation of the Public Water Supply (PWS) program in Oklahoma in lieu of USEPA.
- 2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?
The user cost for DEQ services increased by approximately \$500k for FY 14 to supplement the appropriations increase for the PWS core agency program, as described in #1.
- 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?
N/A

FY'15 Requested Division/Program Funding By Source						
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other	Total	% Change
Administrative Services	\$0	\$1,692,936	\$7,036,047	\$0	\$8,728,983	0.00%
State Environmental Lab Svcs	\$2,740,704	\$0	\$4,670,172	\$0	\$7,410,876	0.00%
Env Complaints/Local Svcs	\$3,726,682	\$653,769	\$4,380,196	\$0	\$8,760,647	0.00%
Air Quality	\$0	\$2,344,056	\$9,993,542	\$0	\$12,337,598	0.00%
Water Quality	\$2,590,587	\$5,668,607	\$4,264,739	\$0	\$12,523,933	0.00%
Land Protection	\$0	\$5,184,775	\$14,593,034	\$0	\$19,777,809	-5.04%
Information Technology	\$0	\$365,124	\$3,264,651	\$0	\$3,629,775	0.00%
Total	\$9,057,973	\$15,909,267	\$48,202,381	\$0	\$73,169,621	-1.41%

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

Reduction due to ARRA funds expiring for DEQ on 09/30/2013.

FY'15 Top Five Appropriation Funding Requests	
	\$ Amount
Request 1	\$0
Request 2	\$0
Request 3	\$0
Request 4	\$0
Request 5	\$0
DEQ requests only that it continue to be funded at its FY14 level.	

How would the agency handle a 3% appropriation reduction in FY'15?

A reduction of 3% to the FY-2014 appropriation would equal \$271,739. In addition to any cut, the agency must deal with increased costs of insurance, travel, and other expenses. The decreased funding and increased cost will be covered through even greater focusing on core agency responsibilities. This necessarily means limiting services to regulated water systems and the citizens using these services. Additional consequences might include slower response time to environmental complaints. Small communities struggling to meet federal mandates would receive reduced levels of assistance from the agency.

How would the agency handle a 5% appropriation reduction in FY'15?

A reduction of 5% to the FY-2014 appropriation would equal \$452,899. A reduction of this amount, in addition to the above, would likely result in a hiring freeze of all but absolutely essential positions and could result in eventually seeking an increase in user fees, with the greatest per capita increase being borne by populations in small communities. Reduced services and assistance provided to regulated water systems would have to continue and further paring might be necessary.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY'15?	
	\$ Amount
Increase 1	\$0
Increase 2	\$0
Increase 3	\$0

Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?
 Approximately \$15,000,000 of our federal money is tied to federally delegated programs. While federal law does not mandate that DEQ administer them, the regulated community prefers that DEQ run those programs in lieu of the federal government. The DEQ must use General Revenue to support its citizen complaint response effort. The state appropriated dollars are also used to support water and wastewater activities for municipalities and rural water systems.

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?
 See above.

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?
 EPA would become the environmental regulator for the State of Oklahoma resulting in higher costs to citizens and businesses.

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?
 As of this writing, Congress has passed a two-year budget framework that presumably would allow federal funding to DEQ programs to continue at comparable levels, so we currently do not expect any major impacts. Should EPA's budget be substantially cut in upcoming spending bills, that could change, however. In that case, we currently have no way of predicting the magnitude of the cut or the impact on DEQ.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?
 No.

Division and Program Descriptions

Administrative Services
 The Administrative Services Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which includes the Office of the Executive Director and Legal Services, operates the fiscal, human resources, training, building management, and central records programs of the Department.

The Office of the Executive Director includes the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and the General Counsel. The Office is responsible for management decisions affecting the Department as a whole, final Departmental policy, final authority for the issuance of permits and orders, rules development and litigation that affect the Department. Additionally, the Office serves as the initial point of contact for the Governor, state and federal legislators, and state and federal agency administrators. Media relations and direct media contacts are also managed through the Office of the Executive Director, as are planning and oversight of the operational needs of the DEQ Board and Councils.

Legal staff advise and counsel DEQ employees on legal matters related to operation of the agency. Legal staff members are assigned to particular programs of divisions. They advise program staff on laws, regulations, court opinions, and other legal matters that affect their programs. Legal staff develop enforcement actions.

Air Quality

The Air Quality Division implements the requirements of the state and federal Clean Air Acts. This includes compliance, enforcement, emission inventory, quality assurance, monitoring, analysis, permitting and local programs.

State Environmental Laboratory Services

The State Environmental Laboratory Services Division is responsible for providing services both inside and outside the agency. The organic and inorganic chemistry laboratories provide analytical support to the various programs within DEQ, to other state agencies, and to the public water supply systems of the state.

The Quality Assurance Unit serves both the laboratory and agency as a whole; and the Laboratory Accreditation Unit operates an accreditation program for in-state and out-of-state environmental laboratories.

Environmental Complaints & Local Services

The Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division is responsible for receiving and resolving environmental complaints from citizens of Oklahoma. Complaints are received in the 24 field offices and by the twenty-four hour per day, seven days per week environmental complaints hotline.

Another responsibility of this Division is response to environmental emergencies. The Division responds to and evaluates spills of hazardous materials, the effects of natural disasters, and other environmental emergencies.

Other responsibilities of the Division include response to citizen requests for private well inspections, percolation and soil profile tests and inspections of individual sewage disposal systems. The division also provides licensing and regulation of septic tank installers and septic tank cleaners. Additionally, field staff routinely perform multi-media inspections of facilities across the state. These facilities include water supplies, water pollution control facilities, solid waste landfills, industrial waste facilities, and facilities with air quality permits.

Land Protection

The Land Protection Division (LPD) provides solid waste and hazardous waste planning, management, enforcement, facilities design, and groundwater protection services. The Division coordinates the SARA Title III program, provides community outreach in environmental problem areas and peer reviews risk assessment decisions for the agency. The Division is also responsible for regulatory activities for the use of atomic energy and other sources of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

The Division carries out activities as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, popularly known as the Superfund Program. This national program directs the cleanup of contaminated sites when public health or the environment is threatened by improperly handled or abandoned hazardous substances.

Oklahoma has been authorized to carry out a state hazardous waste program pursuant to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) since January, 1985. Under RCRA, the Division oversees regulation of the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal, and recycling of hazardous waste throughout the state.

The Division is also responsible for regulating non-hazardous and other industrial waste under the authority of the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act.

Water Quality

The Water Quality Division operates programs for public water supplies, source water protection, sludge disposal, and municipal and industrial water pollution control. These programs include rulemaking, tracking, compliance, enforcement, water quality planning, training and certification, and complaint resolution activities. The Division provides licensing and regulation of municipal water and wastewater operators. It reviews and processes all plans and specifications and applications for permits for water and wastewater facilities and utilizes its enforcement program to achieve compliance with rules and statutes.

Performance Measure Review

	FY13	FY'12	FY'11	FY'10	FY'09
Administrative Services					
● Percent of Claims Paid Within 5 Working Days	95%	90%	95%	98%	100%
● Permit Assistance Info Provided to New and Expanding Businesses	100%	100%	100%	100%	
● Percent of Initial Response To Requests for Record Searches, Copying and Reviews Within One Day	100%	99%	99%	100%	98%
Air Quality					
● Amount Saved by OK Major Sources <small>(in millions of \$; based on OK Title V program as compared to a Fed Title V program and fees)</small>	\$1.9	\$2.7	\$1.9	\$2.0	\$2.4
● Reductions in Tons of Emissions From Enforcement Actions	4,000	246	171	6,743	617
State Environmental Laboratory Services					
● Provide Analytical Collection Materials and Instruction for Customer Requests	95%	95%	N/A	N/A	N/A
● Percent of laboratory samples processed within appropriate turnaround time targets	92%	96%	95%	99%	N/A
Environmental Complaints & Local Services					
● Percent of Complainants Contacted Within Two	76%	67%	86%	80%	85%

	Days					
●	Number of Complaints	3,044	3,371	3,609	4,083	5,000
●	Percent of Complaints Resolved Within 90 Days or approved extension	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
●	Gallons of Sewage eliminated from the Environment (Millions)	14	15	22	26	20
Land Protection						
●	Number of Acres for Which Remediation Was Completed at Highly Contaminated Sites	183	894	595	103	360
●	Number of Abandoned Tires Remediated From Illegal Dumps	86,476	104,121	5,625	63,133	44,002
Water Quality						
●	Amount of Low Interest Loans Provided to Public Water Supply Systems to Help Compliance With Safe Water Drinking Act (Millions) - Increases in FY10 due to ARRA Funding	\$45.5	\$59.5	\$70.6	\$174.9	\$83.1
●	Percent of Public Water Supply Facilities In Compliance With Drinking Water Requirements	85%	86%	85%	86%	85%