# **Department of Environmental Quality**

Lead Administrator: Scott Thompson, Executive Director

Appropriations Other\* Federal Revolving Total Administrative Services \$1,967,221 \$7,833,431 \$9,800,652 \$2,022,785 State Environmental Lab Services \$712,250 \$4,891,653 \$7,626,688 Environmental Complaints and Local Services \$3,105,291 \$1,191,229 \$4,131,375 \$8,427,895 Air Quality \$2,235,891 \$10,154,893 \$12,390,784 \$0 \$12,095,221 Water Quality \$1,648,820 \$5,448,687 \$4,997,714 Land Protection \$0 \$9,363,122 \$13,399,824 \$22,762,946 Information Technology \$0 \$81,600 \$3,978,110 \$4,059,710 Sec of Energy and Environment \*\* \$8,431,267 \$0 \$8,431,267 \$0 \$0 \$0 Total \$6,776,896 \$29,431,267 \$49,387,000 \$85,595,163

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

\*\*OSE&E's Federal Water Quality Management Fund was moved from OWRB's budget to DEQ's budget for FY2015 and remains with DEQ.

FY'15 Carryover by Funding Source								
	Appropriations Federal Revolving Local Other* Total							
FY'15 Carryover						\$0		
*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.								

#### What Changes did the Agency Make between FY'15 and FY'16?

### 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?

No programs or major services were entirely eliminated from FY 15 to FY 16. DEQ took a \$10 million cut in revolving funds and a \$357 thousand cut in general appropriations.

2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?

N/A

## 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?

Remediation work has been pushed back and local services may be slowed.

4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required? If so, please provide a detailed description in a separate document.

In October 2015, DEQ employees received varied raise amounts based upon a market study. The legally mandated costs to the employee, primarily from insurance, continue to increase, while salaries do not. HB3053 was signed into law in 2012, which froze the Benefit Allowance at the Plan Year 2012 rate for state agencies.

FY'17 Requested Division/Program Funding By Source								
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other	Total	% Change		
Administrative Services	\$0	\$2,467,221	\$7,083,431		\$9,550,652	-2.55%		
State Environmental Lab Services	\$2,022,785	\$712,250	\$4,391,653		\$7,126,688	-6.56%		
Environmental Complaints and Local Services	\$3,105,291	\$1,191,229	\$4,131,375		\$8,427,895	0.00%		
Air Quality	\$0	\$2,235,891	\$9,904,893		\$12,140,784	-2.02%		
Water Quality	\$1,648,820	\$5,448,687	\$4,497,714		\$11,595,221	-4.13%		
Land Protection	\$0	\$7,949,274	\$11,679,332		\$19,628,606	-13.77%		
Information Technology	\$0	\$81,600	\$3,478,110		\$3,559,710	-12.32%		
Sec of Energy and Environment	\$0	\$8,431,267	\$0		\$8,431,267	0.00%		
Total	\$6,776,896	\$28,517,419	\$45,166,508	\$0	\$80,460,823	-6.00%		
*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.								

FY'17 Top Five Appropriation Funding Requests						
	\$ Amount					
Request 1: Description						
Request 2: Description						
Request 3: Description						
Request 4: Description						
Request 5: Description						

Total Increase above FY-17 Request

# How would the agency handle a 5% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 5% to the FY-2016 General Appropriation (GR) would equal \$338,845. GR funding supports water and wastewater programs and environmental complaint programs. The decreased funding 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 further reduced levels of assistance from the agency.

## How would the agency handle a 7.5% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 7.5% to the FY-2016 General Appropriation (GR) would equal \$508,267. In addition to the above, this would likely result in vacated positions going unfilled, with an associated further reduction in service capacity, and could result in seeking an increase in user fees, with the greatest per capita increase being borne by populations in small communities

## How would the agency handle a 10% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 10% to the FY-2016 General Appropriation (GR) would equal \$677,690. In addition to the above, this would result in vacated positions going unfilled, with an associated further reduction in service capacity, and would likely result in seeking an increase in user fees, with the greatest per capita increase being borne by populations in small communities.

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		Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY'16?	
			\$ Amount
Increase 1	N/A		\$0
Increase 2	N/A		\$0
Increase 3	N/A		\$0

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or techn	ology (one-time) requests, if applicable?
DEQ Parking Garage	\$4,000,000
SELS HVAC System	\$500,000

#### Federal Government Impact

### 1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

Approximately \$25,000,000 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?

At this point DEQ does not anticipate major changes in its federal funding in the coming Fiscal Year.

# 5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

No.

#### **Division and Program Descriptions**

#### Administrative Services

ASD manages the support functions of the agency, including the fiscal, human resources, training, building management, and central records programs. ASD also includes the Office of the Executive Director (OED)

OED encompasses not only the Office of the Executive Director per se, but also the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and the Office of External Affairs (OEA). OED proper is responsible for management decisions affecting the Department as a whole, final Departmental policy, final issuance of major permits and enforcement orders, and governmental relations. OGC counsels DEQ employees on legal matters related to operation of the agency, including laws, regulations, court opinions, and enforcement actions. OEA manages a customer assistance program, media relations, social media functions, and general educational outreach.

## State Environmental Lab Services

SELSD 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 public water supply systems of the state. The Laboratory Accreditation Unit operates an accreditation program for in-state and out-of-state environmental laboratories.

## **Environmental Complaints and Local Services**

ECLSD is responsible for receiving and resolving environmental complaints from citizens of Oklahoma. Complaints are received in the 24 field offices and by the 24/7 environmental complaints hotline. ECLSD also responds to environmental emergencies, such as spills of hazardous materials and natural disasters. Other responsibilities include response to citizen requests for private well inspections, percolation and soil profile tests, and inspections of individual sewage disposal systems; licensing and regulation of septic tank installers and septic tank cleaners; and multi-media inspections of facilities across the state, including water supplies, water pollution control facilities, solid waste landfills, industrial waste facilities, and facilities with air quality permits.

## Air Quality

AQD implements the requirements of the state and federal Clean Air Acts. This includes compliance, enforcement, emissions inventory, quality assurance, monitoring, analysis, and permitting.

# Water Quality

WQD operates programs for public water supplies, source water protection, sludge disposal, and municipal and industrial water pollution control. These programs include review of plans and specs, permitting, tracking, compliance, enforcement, water quality planning, training and certification, and complaint resolution activities. WQD provides licensing and regulation of municipal water and wastewater operators.

# Land Protection

LPD implements programs for solid waste and hazardous waste planning, management, permitting, and enforcement. It coordinates the federal chemical spill and reporting program and peer reviews risk assessment decisions for the agency. LPD is also responsible for regulatory activities for the use of atomic energy and other sources of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation and for state activities associated with the federal Superfund Program.

# Information Technology

In FY2013, due to implementing HB 1304, agencies had to set their budget structures with separate divisions for Information Technology (IT) functions. IT consists of the agency's postal meters, telephone charges, IT agreements with OMES and anything else that reasonably falls within the guidelines set forth in HB1304.

# Sec of Energy and Environment \*\*

The Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environment (OSEE) coordinates and makes application on behalf of various state environmental agencies for U.S. EPA Clean Water Act funds, and disburses such funds to state environmental agencies based upon statutory duties and responsibilities. In FY 15, at the request of OSEE, DEQ assumed responsibility for certain administrative support functions related to these OSEE responsibilities.

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	FY'17 Budgeted FTE								
	Supervisors	Classified	Unclassified	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$\$\$			
Administrative Services	22	62	13	0	30	45			
State Environmental Lab Services	12	59	1	0	12	48			
Environmental Complaints and Local Services	14	86	3	0	14	75			
Air Quality	19	118	6	0	24	100			
Water Quality	21	112	7	0	24	95			
Land Protection	20	85	5	0	10	80			
Information Technology	IT is contracted throu	IT is contracted through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services; no IT staff employed directly by DEQ.							
Sec of Energy and Environment	0	1	0	0	0	1			
Total	108	523	35	0	114	444			

FTE History									
	2016 Budgeted	2015	2012	2009	2005				
Administrative Services	74	64	81	67	62				
State Environmental Lab Services	60	58	57	61	72				
Environmental Complaints and Local Services	89	89	95	100	95				
Air Quality	124	125	111	114	118				
Water Quality	119	113	106	125	122				
Land Protection	89	88	84	82	80				
Information Technology	0	0	0	0	0				
Sec of Energy and Environment	1	1	0	0	0				
Total	556	538	534	549	549				

Performance Measure Review							
		FY'15	FY'14	FY'13	FY'12	FY'11	
Administrative Services	3						
	Percent of Claims Paid Within 45 Working Days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	Permit Assistance Info Provided to New and	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	Expanding Businesses						
	Percent of Initial Response To Requests for Record	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	
	Searches, Copying and Reviews Within One Day						
Air Quality							
	Amount Saved by OK Major Sources (\$ in millions;	\$1.9	\$2.0	\$1.9	\$2.7	\$1.9	
	based on OK Title V program compared to a Fed						
	Title V program & fees)						
	Reductions in Tons of Emissions From	755	3,058	4,000	246	171	
	Enforcement Actions						
State Environmental La	aboratory Services						
	Provide Analytical Collection Materials and	95%	95%	95%	95%	N/A	
	Instruction for Customer Requests						
	Percent of laboratory samples processed within	90%	96%	92%	96%	95%	
	appropriate turnaround time targets						
<b>Environmental Compla</b>	ints & Local Services						
	Percent of Complainants Contacted Within Two	75%	79%	76%	67%	86%	
	Number of Complaints	2,663	3,046	3,044	3,371	3,609	
	Percent of Complaints Resolved Within 90 Days or	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	approved extension						
	Gallons of Sewage eliminated from the	10.5	11	14	15	22	
	Environment (Millions)						
Water Quality							
	Amount of Low Interest Loans Provided to Public	\$45.8	\$20.0	\$45.5	\$59.5	\$70.6	
	Water Supply Systems to Help Compliance With						
	Safe Water Drinking Act (Millions)						
	Percent of Public Water Supply Facilities In	76%	81%	85%	86%	85%	
	Compliance With Drinking Water Requirements						
Land Protection							
	Number of Acres for Which Remediation Was	259	162	183	894	595	
	Completed at Highly Contaminated Sites						
	Number of Abandoned Tires Remediated From	46,783	82,699	86,476	104,121	5,625	
	Illegal Dumps	·					

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Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)									
		FY'13-15 Avg. Revenues		FY'13-15 Avg. Expenditures	June	'15 Balance			
Revolving Fund 200  Operating the following programs: Air Quality Title V, Air Quality Non-Title V, Lab Certification, Laboratory Analysis, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Radiation, Private Water and Sewage, SARA Title III, Tire, Lead, Voluntary Clean-Up, Highway Remediation, Soil Profiler and Southeast Commerce Passive Treatment	\$	41,317,995	\$	Pay a	@6/30 after 6/30 after 6/30 temaining	\$ 59,855			
Environmental Education Fund 210									
- Pass-through money to schools for environmental education	\$	9,208	\$	Pay a	@6/30 after 6/30 after 6/30 demaining	\$ - \$ -			
Environmental Trust Fund 215									
- This fund is no longer used. The balance is less than \$1.00.	\$	•	\$	Pay a	@6/30 after 6/30 after 6/30 demaining	\$ - \$ -			
Hazardous Waste Penalty Fund 220									
- Match for Superfund program and hazardous waste cleanups.	\$	67,934	\$	Pay a	@6/30 after 6/30 after 6/30 temaining	\$ - \$ (17)			
Certificate Fund 225									
The Certificate Fund is expended for training programs, including itinerant training programs, meetings, personnel, expenses, and purchase of personal property, to carry out the purposes of the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Act	\$	710,490	\$	Pay a	@6/30 after 6/30 after 6/30 temaining	\$ (47,225) \$ (15,010)			

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