

Department of Environmental Quality

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FY 2019 Strategic Plan

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Vision: To be the number one state in the nation in: Balanced, leading-edge environmental protection; Technical and operational excellence; and Radical simplicity for customers and staff.

Mission

To protect and enhance public health and the environment of Arizona.

Agency Description

The Arizona Legislature established the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as the state's environmental regulatory agency under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986 to serve as a separate, cabinet-level agency to administer all of Arizona's environmental protection programs. Since then, ADEQ's enduring and vital mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment of Arizona.

Executive Summary

ADEQ has identified six strategic issues for focus during this fiscal year to deliver tangible outcomes that benefit public health and the environment. To address these six strategic issues, we have identified five overarching goals with 12 specific objectives.

107 sites with Known, Ongoing, Unauthorized Impacts to the environment or public health are in backlog. Our strategy is to attack this inventory with a Backlog Blitz to Accelerate Cleanups.

Increasing ozone and PM₁₀ concentrations threaten future economic development for the state. Our strategy is to engage Arizonans in Air Quality improvement initiatives reducing ozone precursors to Enhance Arizona's Unique Environment.

Although many successes have been achieved, too many drinking water systems and surface waters are not meeting federal standards.

In order to increase State control of Federal environmental programs, ADEQ will work collaboratively with the EPA via Cooperative Federalism 2.0.

More than 26% of ADEQ staff will be full pension eligible over the next three years. To enable ADEQ to continue to deliver results to our customers and stakeholders, we will engage our leaders in 21st Century Workforce Planning to Recruit, Train and Retain Top Environmental Talent.

Environmental issues along the Mexico-United States border create challenges in shared resources of air and water. ADEQ will continue to work with our Mexico neighbors on implementation of the Binational Strategic Plan.

<i>All dollars in thousands</i>		General Fund	Other Appropriated	Non-appropriated	Total
FY 2019 Enacted		0.0	82,063.5	82,393.6	164,457.1
Accelerate Cleanups	WQARF Funding	0.0	(13,552.0)	11,000.0	(2,552.0)
Technical Adjustment	FY2020 Enacted Fund Balance Transfer	0.0	993.9	0.0	993.9
FY 2020 Request		\$ 0.0	\$ 69,505.4	\$ 93,393.6	\$ 162,899.0
	<i>\$ Change</i>	\$ 0.0	\$ (12,558.1)	\$ 11,000.0	\$ (1,558.1)
	<i>% Change</i>	0.0%	-15.3%	13.4%	-0.9%

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Goals	Goal Performance Indicator(s)	Objectives FY 2019
1: Accelerate Cleanups	No. of Net Known, Ongoing, Unauthorized Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Backlog reduction on the number of Known, Ongoing, Unauthorized Releases from 107 to 82 in FY19. b) Backlog reduction on the number of open Leaking Underground Storage Tank sites from 328 to 278 in FY19.
2: Enhance Arizona's Unique Environment	Population Breathing Air Meeting Federal Health Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue implementing SIP required ozone precursor reduction programs (e.g. Travel Reduction Program and Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program). b) Implement PM10 reduction phase II in FY19 (e.g. Dust mitigation for I-10 & other problem roads).
	Population Served Healthy Drinking Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce the number of Net Drinking Water Systems Serving Drinking Water Not Meeting Federal Standards from 35 to 27 in FY19.
	No. of Impaired Surface Waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce the number of impaired surface waters from 142 to 129 in FY19.
3: Support Environmentally Responsible Economic Growth	Permit Lead Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complete conceptual design of the Clean Water Act 404 program pursuant to program assumption in FY19. b) Complete conceptual design and draft rules for Underground Injection Control Program pursuant to obtaining program primacy in FY19. c) Complete Coal Combustion Residual rule and submit package to EPA pursuant to obtaining program equivalency determination in FY19.
4: Recruit, Train and Retain Top Environmental Talent	Number of Single Points of Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce Agency Single Points of Failure from 22 to 10 in FY19.
5: Implement Binational Strategic Plan	No. of Impaired Surface Waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Resolution of Nogales IOI responsibility through settlement or completion of court proceedings in FY19.
	Population Breathing Air Meeting Federal Health Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Expand border Air Quality Monitoring network in Douglas and Nogales to capture international transport ozone and ozone precursors in FY19.