Oregon 2021 State of the Environment

Item I July 23, 2021 Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting









IGPM NB WATER CLALITY CONDITIONS - Percent of monitored stream sites with significantly increasing trends in weier quality. Data Collection Period: Jan 01 - Jan 01



Brownfield Cleanups Since 2007
As a result of Oregon's efforts, 13,515
acres of contaminated land have been
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Environmental Data Collection and Management at DEQ

Lori Pillsbury



Collecting Data for Environmental Outcomes Our Core Work – Monitoring the environment over time

Water Quality

- Status & Trends Monitoring
 - Ambient Rivers & Streams
 - Oregon Water Quality Index
 - WQ Toxics monitoring
 - Biomonitoring
 - TMDL development / implementation
- Human Health / Vulnerable Communities
 - Statewide Groundwater Monitoring
 - BEACH monitoring

Air Quality

- Status & Trends Monitoring
 - National Air Toxics Trends Sites (NATTS)
 AQ KPM
 - PM2.5 / Criteria pollutant sites

- AQI
- Human Health / Vulnerable Communities
 - Air Toxics Assessments
 - SensOR



Collecting Data for Environmental Outcomes

Responding to Changing Conditions



Lake Billy Chinook, July 2020 **Source: Oregon Health Authority**



Sample from Brownlee Reservoir, OR 6/29/2020, DEQ



ELISA Instrument, DEQ

Water Quality

- **Increased HABS monitoring**
- Wildfire Response Monitoring
- **Developing PFAS capabilities**



Site: Eugene Hwy 99 Source: DEQ



Air Quality

- Expansion of SensOR network
- Community science focus
- Forecast & prediction



September 12, 2020

Data Generation and Management

Water Quality

- Real-time continuous data collection & evaluation
- Collaboration with sister agencies
- Inclusion of regulated community data (ambient)



Air Quality

- Expansion of SensOR PM2.5
- Replacement of monitors with automated continuous samplers
- Cloud-based AQI
- Inclusion of PAMS monitoring

September 12, 2020 Source: DEQ



Safe and Productive Lands, and Sustainable Use of Materials

Lydia Emer





Brownfields Cleanups Completed

Cleanups Active 308

HW Facility Inspections

~533 HW Facilities in 2020

Most Common Violations

- Failure to make HW determination
- HW Management
- HW Piping leak detection

1 Inspection / 3 years

2020 INSPECTIONS

56

In recent years, generation has tracked economic activity

Recovery rate has been affected by marketplace changes

New view: Recycling will only be a small part of the solution

Clean Air Ali Mirzakhalili

Statewide Totals, Unhealthy Air Quality Days

Unhealthy Days for Sensitive

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Unhealthy days for All

Diesel Fine Particulate Emissions in Oregon

Diesel Exhaust and Environmental Justice

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Climate and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Colin McConnaha

Sector-based Greenhouse Gas Emissions 1990-2019

Emissions by sector 1990 vs. 2019

Agriculture

Residential and Commercial 30 20 10 ▲24.8%

2019

0

1990

Industrial

Sector-based Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Projections and Goals

Oregonians are also responsible for some emissions outside our borders

Increasingly, Oregon is "exporting" emissions to other places

Consumption-based

Higher-income households are responsible for more emissions

Clean Water Justin Green

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Assessment Unit Summary

Table 8: Summary of assessment unit status across the state.

Pollutant	Attaining	Not Attaining	Unassessed
Dissolved Oxygen	133	337	903
Enterococcus	0	0	1
Escherichia Coli	157	166	491
pH	334	122	896
Temperature	119	498	848
Total Phosphorus	1	3	1058
Total Suspended Solids	0	2	1077

Water Quality Trends 1999-2018

Table 11: Statewide summary of trends at stations across the state.

Pollutant	Improving	Degrading	Steady	No Significant Trend	Insufficient Data
Dissolved Oxygen	120	60	7	117	3205
Enterococcus	0	0	0	0	1
Escherichia Coli	68	49	5	141	2072
pН	0	153	65	133	3347
Temperature	40	203	4	19	3104
Total Phosphorus	33	15	60	82	1964
Total Suspended Solids	33	31	22	124	2138

Number of AUs Assessed for Human Health Toxics

Number of Assessed AUs Impaired for Human Health Toxics

Impaired Not impaired

Number of AUs Assessed for Aquatic Life Toxics

Number of Assessed AUs Impaired for Aquatic Life Toxics

Impaired Not impaired

Number of Weeks Drinking Water Facitities Had Cyanotoxins Exceeding Action Level in Source Water

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