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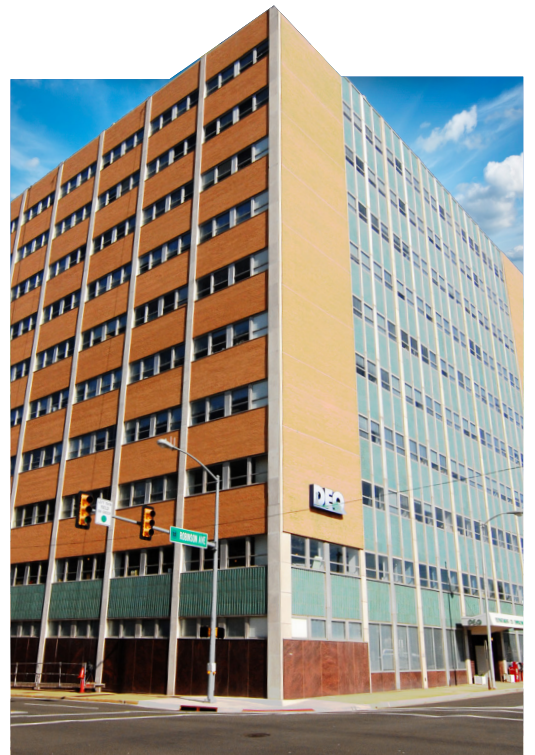
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Department of Environmental Quality

1993



DEQ was founded in 1993. Previously, state level environmental regulations occurred under the Environmental Health Branch of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. On July 1, 1993, DEQ opened its doors for the first time as its own agency. DEQ administers environmental regulations for the state, responds to natural and environmental disasters, assists citizens and businesses, and oversees numerous other programs.





ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY





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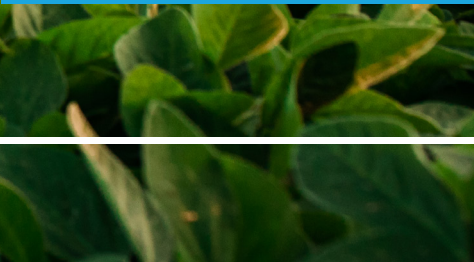
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BOARD



The Oklahoma Legislature established the Environmental Quality Board (EQB). It's comprised of Oklahoma citizens to provide guidance to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Board members have a variety of backgrounds in manufacturing, hazardous waste management, solid waste management, petroleum industry, agriculture, water usage, conservation, rural water systems, pollution control, municipal government, and statewide environmental groups. These members are appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate and serve a five-year term. Upon completion of their five-year term, board members can be reappointed. The Environmental Quality Board is subject to the Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act. The board's responsibilities include:

- SERVING AS THE RULEMAKING BODY FOR DEQ
- ASSISTING WITH POLICY
- APPROVING BUDGET REQUESTS
- PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE
- PROVIDING PUBLIC FORUM OPPORTUNITIES



ADVISORY COUNCILS

DEQ has five advisory councils that are responsible for rule-making. Members are appointed due to their knowledge and background. As a member, each individual represents their industry as a whole. Council membership is broken down as follows:

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Advisory Council	
Professional Realm	Appointing Official
Electric Utilities	Governor
General Public	Governor
Agriculture	Governor
Local Government	Governor
Petroleum	Governor
Transportation	Governor
Engineering	Governor
Higher Education	Governor
Manufacturing	Governor

Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council	
Professional Realm	Appointing Official
Political Subdivision	Governor
Industry	Governor
Statewide Non-Profit Environmental Association	Governor
Industry Generating Hazardous Waste	Pro Tempore
General Public	Pro Tempore
Political Subdivision	Pro Tempore
Geology	Speaker of the House
Engineering	Speaker of the House
Hazardous Waste Industry	Speaker of the House

RADIATION MANAGEMENT

Radiation Management Advisory Council

Professional Realm	Appointing Official
Environmental Organization	Governor
Engineering Profession	Governor
Industry Located in this State Which Uses Sources of Radiation in its Manufacturing or Processing Business	Governor
General Public	Pro Tempore
Industrial Radiography	Pro Tempore
Faculty of Institute of Higher Learning or University Status	Pro Tempore
Transportation Industry	Speaker of the House
Medical Industry	Speaker of the House
Petroleum Industry	Speaker of the House

Solid Waste Management

Professional Realm
Statewide Environmental Organization
General Public
County Commissioner
Industry Generating Solid Waste
Political Subdivision
Geology
Transportation
Solid Waste Disposal Industry
Engineering
Waste-To-Energy Industry

SOLID MANAG



WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Water Quality Management Advisory Council

Professional Realm	Appointing Official
General Public	Governor
Engineering	Governor
Private Laboratory	Governor
Statewide Environmental Organization	Governor
Industry	Pro Tempore
Oil Field Related	Pro Tempore
Geology	Pro Tempore
Operator for Municipal Waterworks or Wastewater Works Facility	Pro Tempore
Agriculture	Speaker of the House
Rural Water District	Speaker of the House
Operator in Rural Water or Sewer District	Speaker of the House
Local Government	Speaker of the House

Advisory Council

Appointing Official

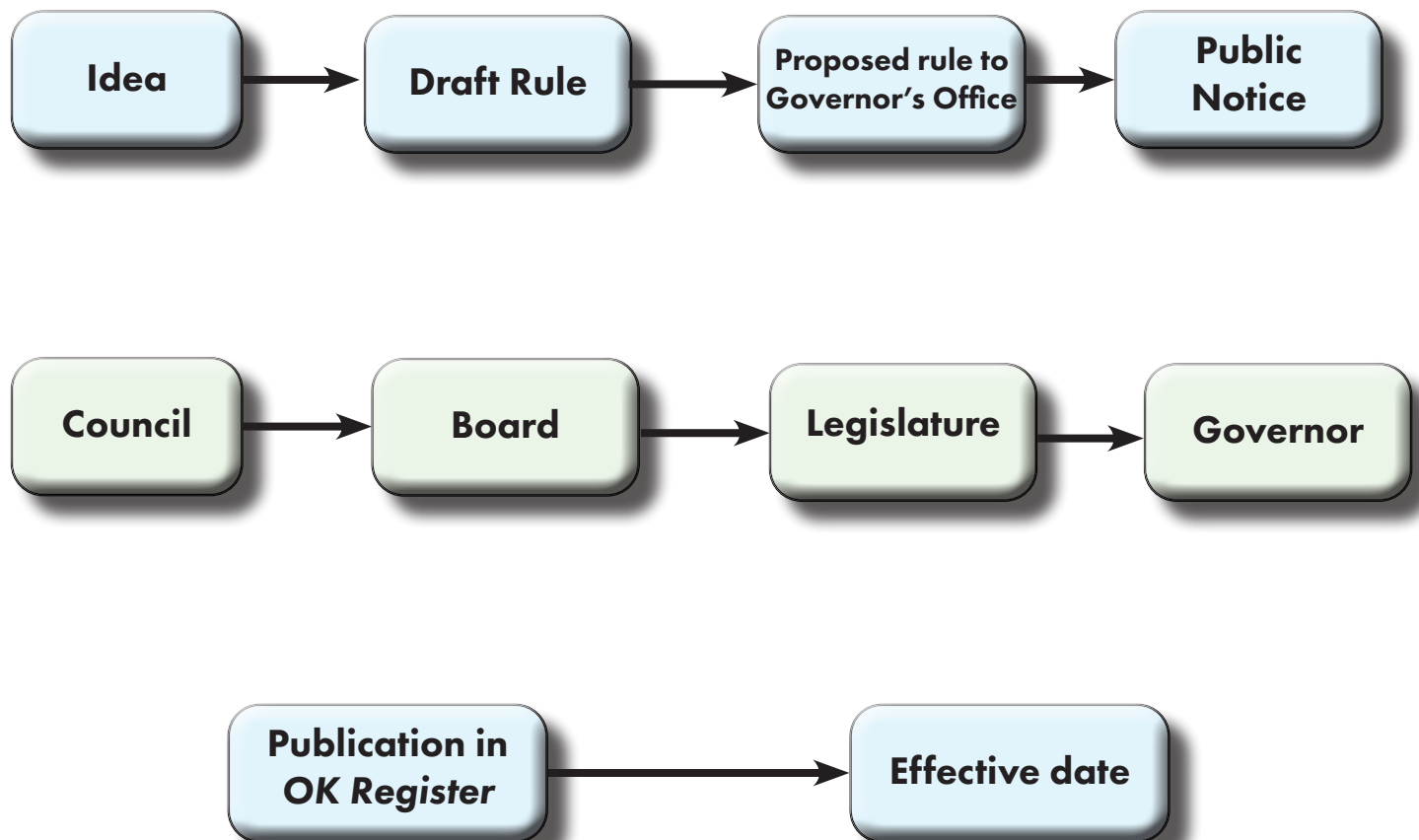
Governor
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Pro Tempore
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Speaker of the House
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RULEMAKING

General (Non-Emergency) Rulemaking Process



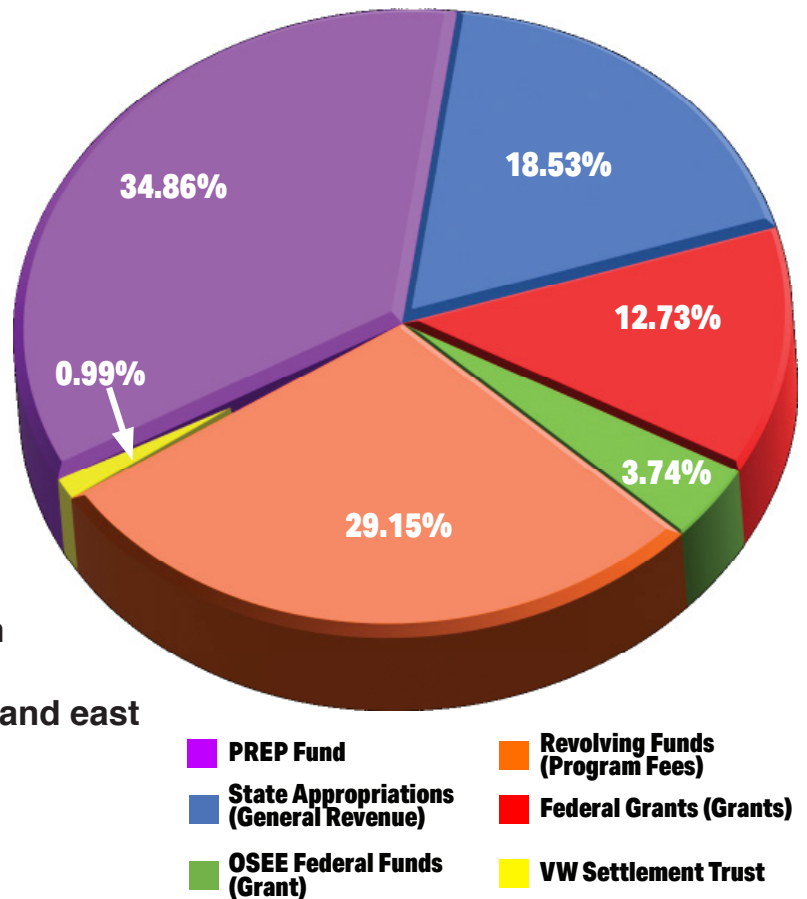
DEQ FUNDING

DEQ's funding comes from three main sources. These are:

- Revolving Fund (licenses, permits, and other fees charged by DEQ)
- Federal Grants
- State Appropriations

One-time funding of \$70 million was provided from Progressing Rural Economic Prosperity (PREP) funds:

- HB 2890 provided \$50 million to construct needed modifications and upgrades to the levees along the Arkansas River and several feeder waterways located in Northeast Oklahoma.
- HB 2889 provided \$20 million for the Guymon Mesa Water Project to construct needed water system improvements for a water system located west of State Highway 94 and east of State Highway 95.



Four DEQ programs are partially funded by state appropriations. They are:

- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
- WASTEWATER
- STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
- ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS



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