

Budget Brief – Department of Environmental Quality

SUMMARY

The mission of the Department is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and improving environmental quality while considering the benefits to public health, the impacts on economic development, property, wildlife, tourism, business, agriculture, forests, and other interests, and the costs to the public and to industry; strengthen local health departments' environmental programs; build consensus among the public, industry, and local governments in developing environmental protection goals; and appropriately balance the need for environmental protection with the need for economic and industrial development.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The base operating budget for the Department of Environmental Quality line item for FY 2007 is \$45,059,500. This recommendation includes funding for seven programs within the line item, including Executive Director's Office, Air Quality, Environmental Response and Remediation, Radiation Control, Water Quality, Drinking Water, and Solid and Hazardous Waste. Additionally the base budget amounts of \$17,655,300 for the Water Quality Loan Program and \$12,929,100 for the Drinking Water Loan Program are included in the base budget bill.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Executive Director's Office provides administrative direction to the entire department.

Base budget funding recommendation for this program is \$5,134,200.

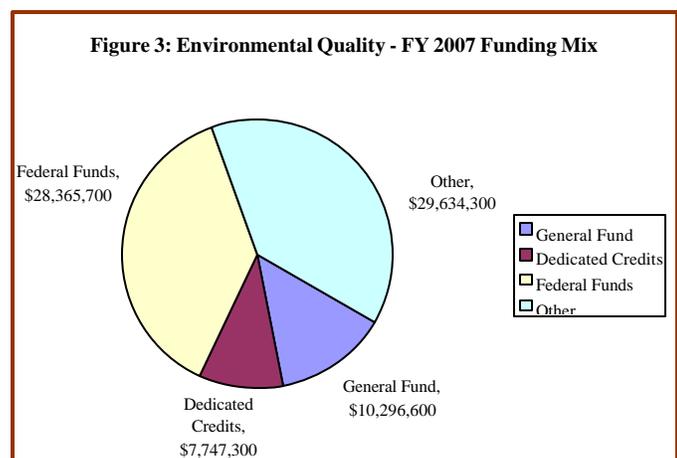
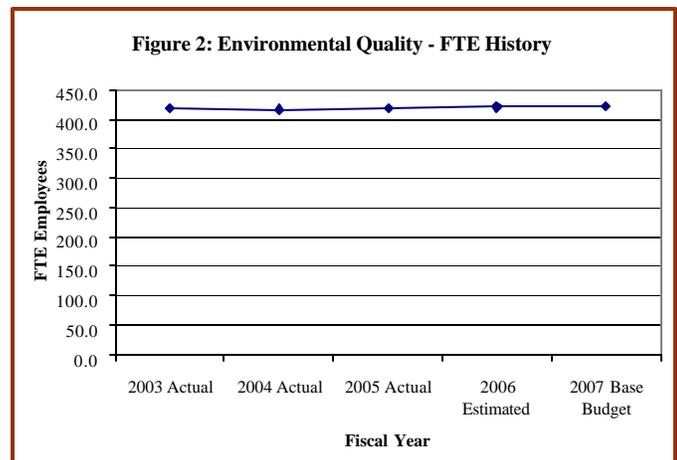
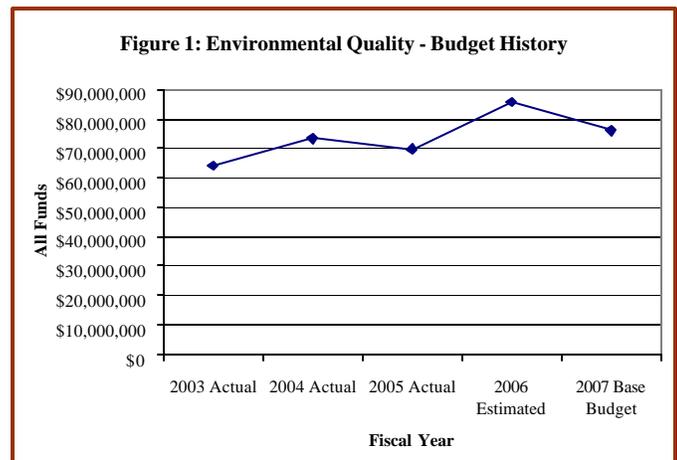
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AIR QUALITY

The mission of the Division of Air Quality is to protect public health, property and vegetation in Utah from the effects of air pollution. In order to accomplish its mission, this division is divided into the following three branches: (1) Air Standards Branch, (2) Permitting Branch, and (3) Planning Branch. The base budget to continue this program for FY 2007 is \$8,796,200.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE AND REMEDIATION

The mission of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation is to protect the health and the environment of the citizens of Utah from exposure to hazardous substances. A FY 2007 base budget to



continue operations of the Environmental Response and Remediation Program is \$8,092,100.

An area of concern in this program item includes the financing to contract with the Attorney General for cost recovery of underground storage tank cleanups. This item will be further explained in an issue brief at a later date. The financing of hazardous materials cleanup through the Hazardous Substance Mitigation Funds as funded by the Legislature for FY 2006 is continued at \$400,000 in the base budget for FY 2007 from the General Fund Restricted – Environmental Quality Account.

RADIATION CONTROL

The mission of the Division of Radiation Control is to assure the citizens of Utah the lowest exposure to any form of radiation. The base budget of \$2,905,100 for FY 2007 for Radiation Control is included in the Base Budget Bill.

WATER QUALITY

The mission of the Division of Water Quality is to protect public health and all beneficial uses of water by maintaining and enhancing the chemical, physical and biological integrity of Utah's waters. A FY 2007 base budget for the Water Quality Program is \$9,340,600.

DRINKING WATER

The mission of the Division of Drinking Water is to protect the public from waterborne disease through education, assistance, and oversight. The base budget for FY 2007 for the Drinking Water Program is \$3,801,400.

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

The mission of the Division of Solid and Hazardous is to protect public health and the environment by ensuring proper management of solid and hazardous wastes within the State of Utah. A FY 2007 base budget for Solid and Hazardous Waste is \$6,989,900.

Federal Funds

Pursuant to 63-38e-201 (2)(a), the Analyst is submitting a federal funds request for the Department of Environmental Quality. The requested Federal Funds will be provided as a separate Issue Brief during the subcommittee hearings for Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard.

Intent Language

The following listing is of the recommended intent language for the Department of Environmental Quality and will be included in a subsequent appropriations bill:

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended funds in the Air Operating Permits Program are nonlapsing and authorized for use in the Air Operating Permits Program to reduce the fee in the second fiscal year following that in which the unexpended funds occurred.

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended Groundwater Permit Administration fees are nonlapsing and authorized for use in the Groundwater Permit Administration Program in the following fiscal year to reduce the fees charged.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for the purpose of addressing high level nuclear waste be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional vehicle is authorized for the Department of Environmental Quality's new district engineer supporting the Tri-County region.

Adoption of Fees

The listing of fees will be provided as a separate issue brief during the General Session of the Legislature.

BUDGET DETAIL

A base budget funding of \$76,043,900 is included in the Base Budget Bill for the operating budget and loan programs for the Department of Environmental Quality line items. Of this amount \$10,296,600 is from the General Fund, \$7,175,000 from Designated Sales Tax, \$28,365,700 is from Federal Funds, \$7,747,300 is from Dedicated Credits, \$8,291,000 from General Fund Restricted Accounts, \$1,242,700 from Trust Accounts, \$191,600 from Petroleum Storage Accounts, \$95,500 from the Clean Fuel Vehicle Loan Account, \$751,100 from Beginning Balances, \$11,816,900 from Repayments, and \$70,500 is from transfers. The recommendation covers the budgets of the Executive Director's Office, Air Quality, Environmental Response and Remediation, Radiation Control, Water Quality, Drinking Water, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Water Quality Loan Program, and Drinking Water Loan Program.

Environmental Quality						
Sources of Finance	FY 2005	FY 2006	Changes	FY 2006	Changes	FY 2007*
	Actual	Appropriated		Revised		Base Budget
General Fund	9,571,500	10,296,600	0	10,296,600	0	10,296,600
General Fund, One-time	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	0
Federal Funds	26,270,800	28,086,400	6,855,800	34,942,200	(6,576,500)	28,365,700
Dedicated Credits Revenue	7,292,400	7,441,400	465,300	7,906,700	(159,400)	7,747,300
GFR - Environmental Quality	5,151,500	6,072,800	(400,000)	5,672,800	310,800	5,983,600
GFR - Underground Wastewater System	76,000	76,000	0	76,000	0	76,000
GFR - Used Oil Administration	702,100	716,300	0	716,300	0	716,300
GFR - Voluntary Cleanup	614,200	611,800	0	611,800	(300)	611,500
GFR - WDS - Drinking Water	54,800	53,900	0	53,900	400	54,300
GFR - WDS - Water Quality	805,400	849,100	0	849,100	200	849,300
ET - Petroleum Storage Tank	1,151,900	1,216,200	0	1,216,200	(85,100)	1,131,100
ET - Waste Tire Recycling	105,300	111,600	0	111,600	0	111,600
Clean Fuel Vehicle Loan	0	400,000	0	400,000	(304,500)	95,500
Designated Sales Tax	7,175,000	7,175,000	0	7,175,000	0	7,175,000
Petroleum Storage Tank Account	50,600	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
Petroleum Storage Tank Loan	145,200	143,500	0	143,500	(1,900)	141,600
Transfers - Within Agency	268,900	175,200	(89,500)	85,700	(15,200)	70,500
Repayments	11,107,200	11,816,900	1,779,500	13,596,400	(1,779,500)	11,816,900
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,477,800	759,900	7,000	766,900	(15,800)	751,100
Closing Nonlapsing	(783,400)	(11,800)	(722,800)	(734,600)	734,600	0
Lapsing Balance	(1,455,300)	0	(304,500)	(304,500)	304,500	0
Total	\$69,781,900	\$78,040,800	\$7,590,800	\$85,631,600	(\$9,587,700)	\$76,043,900
Line Items						
Environmental Quality	39,139,900	47,056,400	5,503,800	52,560,200	(7,500,700)	45,059,500
Water Security Dev Acct - Water Pollution	17,992,200	17,655,300	2,512,000	20,167,300	(2,512,000)	17,655,300
Water Security Dev Acct - Drinking Water	12,649,800	12,929,100	(25,000)	12,904,100	25,000	12,929,100
Hazardous Substance Mitigation Fund	0	400,000	(400,000)	0	400,000	400,000
Total	\$69,781,900	\$78,040,800	\$7,590,800	\$85,631,600	(\$9,587,700)	\$76,043,900
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	28,217,100	31,371,800	285,400	31,657,200	(556,400)	31,100,800
In-State Travel	203,300	202,400	12,500	214,900	(2,000)	212,900
Out of State Travel	204,000	177,000	69,100	246,100	0	246,100
Current Expense	6,634,800	9,884,300	4,845,200	14,729,500	(5,721,800)	9,007,700
DP Current Expense	999,800	930,400	1,150,000	2,080,400	(783,300)	1,297,100
DP Capital Outlay	170,100	913,200	(684,300)	228,900	53,500	282,400
Capital Outlay	385,100	500,000	(311,800)	188,200	318,800	507,000
Other Charges/Pass Thru	32,967,700	33,661,700	2,624,700	36,286,400	(3,296,500)	32,989,900
Trust & Agency Disbursements	0	400,000	(400,000)	0	400,000	400,000
Total	\$69,781,900	\$78,040,800	\$7,590,800	\$85,631,600	(\$9,587,700)	\$76,043,900
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	418.0	420.0	1.0	421.0	1.0	422.0
Vehicles	41	42	(1)	41	0	41

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Base Budget Bill includes a base budget for FY 2007 for the Department of Environmental Quality line items in the amount of \$76,043,900.