



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## DEQ Invites the Public to Comment and Attend an Informational Meeting and Hearing on the Draft 2024 Water Quality Standards Triennial Review

### HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Virtual hearing details:

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024 at 4 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 869 5589 2615

Dial-in: 877 853 5257 US Toll-free

#### Submit written comments:

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**By email:** [triennialreview@deq.state.or.us](mailto:triennialreview@deq.state.or.us)

**Comments due by:** Dec. 2, 2024 at 5 p.m.

### INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR DETAILS

#### Virtual webinar details:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 825 3974 7290

Dial-in: 877 853 5257 US Toll-free

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to submit comments on the Draft 2024 Water Quality Standards Triennial Review, either verbally at the public hearing or in writing. DEQ will also host a virtual informational webinar for the public to learn about the triennial review. Details about the informational meeting are in the “For more information” section below.

### Summary

The triennial review is a process through which DEQ establishes a priority list of water quality standards projects for the agency to initiate or complete over the next three years. The triennial review does not result in changes to water quality standards but will outline the rulemakings and other projects DEQ plans to initiate or complete in those three years.

The Clean Water Act requires states to hold a public hearing and review water quality standards every three years. The purpose of reviewing water quality standards is to incorporate new scientific information, meet federal requirements, or improve clarity and program implementation.

DEQ has prepared the [draft 2024 Water Quality Standards Triennial Review Workplan](#) for public comment. This document identifies and prioritized water quality standards projects to be initiated or completed between 2025 and 2027. It can be found on DEQ's [Triennial Review web page](#).

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Proposed high priority projects in the workplan include:

- Developing methodologies and procedures for using narrative criteria for sedimentation.
- Mapping areas where DEQ applies dissolved oxygen spawning criteria for resident trout.
- Review designated uses for specific constructed canals for reuse of treated wastewater.
- Review situations where natural temperature conditions exceed criteria.
- Develop a protective temperature target for native cool-water species in the Malheur River basin.
- Designate several water bodies as Outstanding Resource Waters.

## **What happens after the public comment period ends?**

DEQ may revise the workplan in response to public comment. DEQ will publish a final workplan in early 2025 and present the final workplan to the Environmental Quality Commission once it is published.

## **Where can I get more information?**

Information about the triennial review may be found on the [Triennial Review web page](#).

You can also obtain more information about the 2024 Triennial Review by contacting DEQ staff Aron Borok at [Aron.Borok@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:Aron.Borok@deq.oregon.gov) and Tatyana Isupov at [Tatyana.Isupov@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:Tatyana.Isupov@deq.oregon.gov).

Attend the virtual informational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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