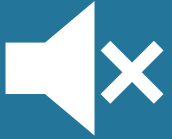


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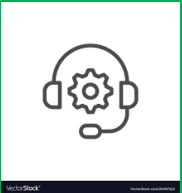
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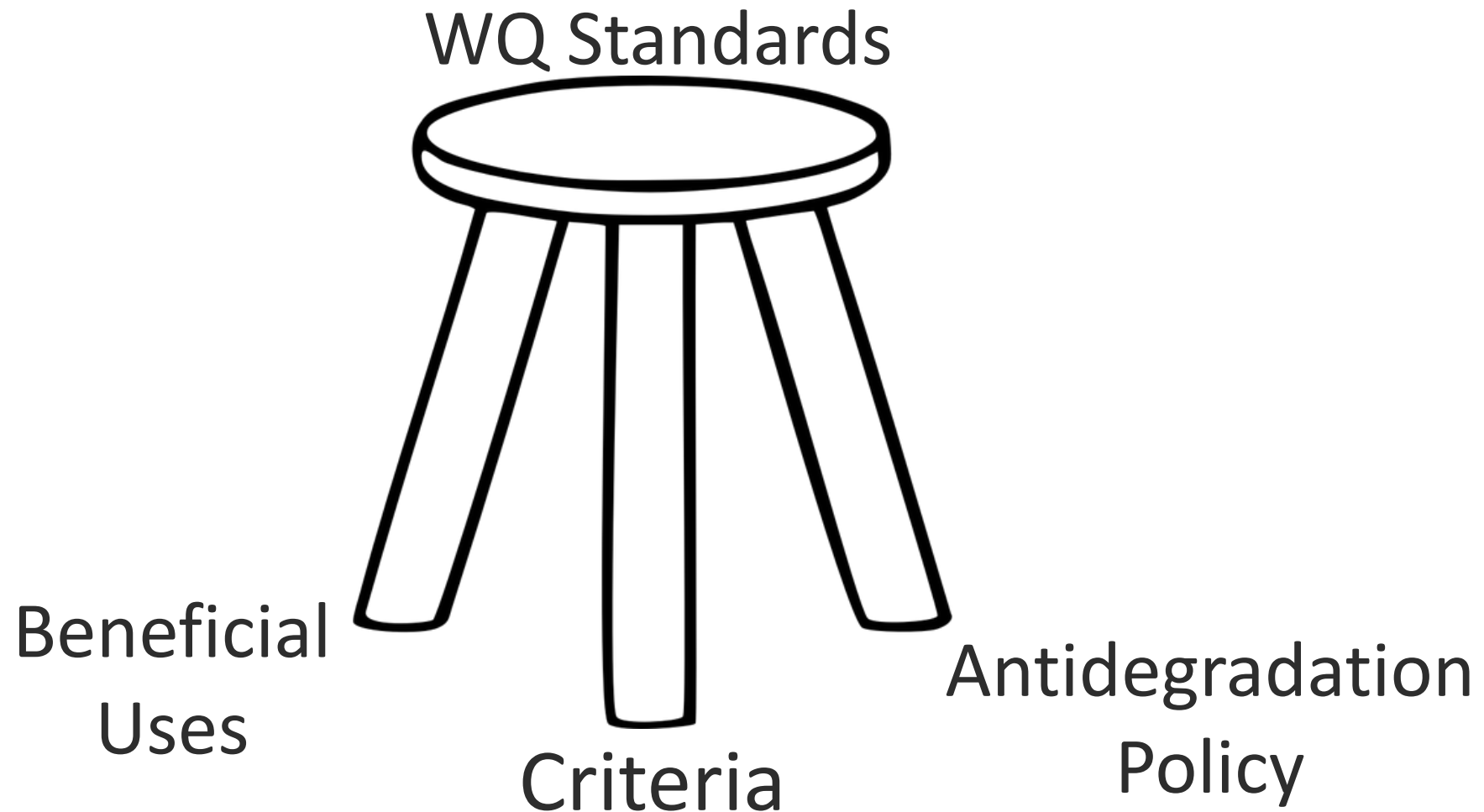
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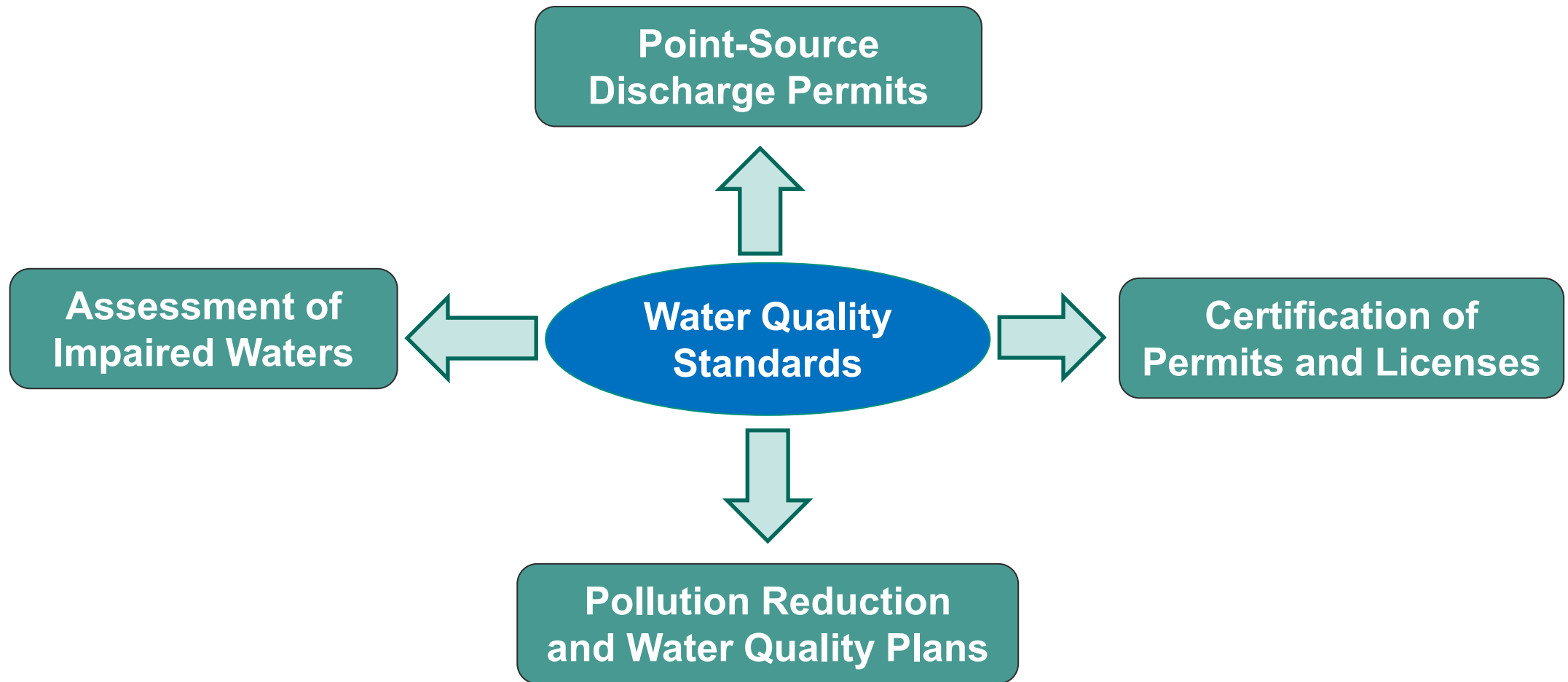
Overview

- Background on water quality standards
- Outline of triennial review process
- Summary of proposed triennial review priority projects
- Opportunity for questions

Clean Water Act & Water Quality Standards



Standards are foundation for other programs

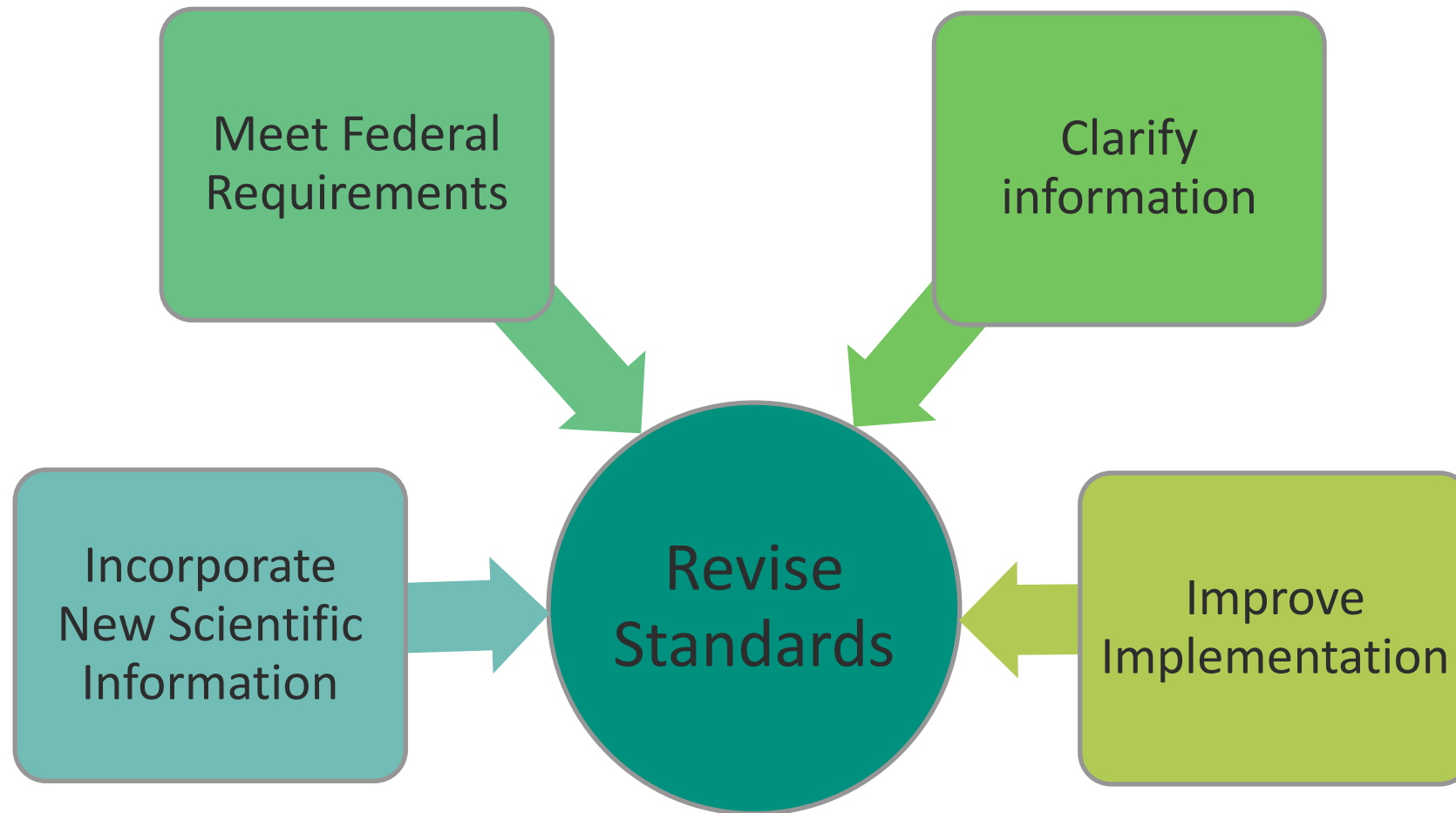


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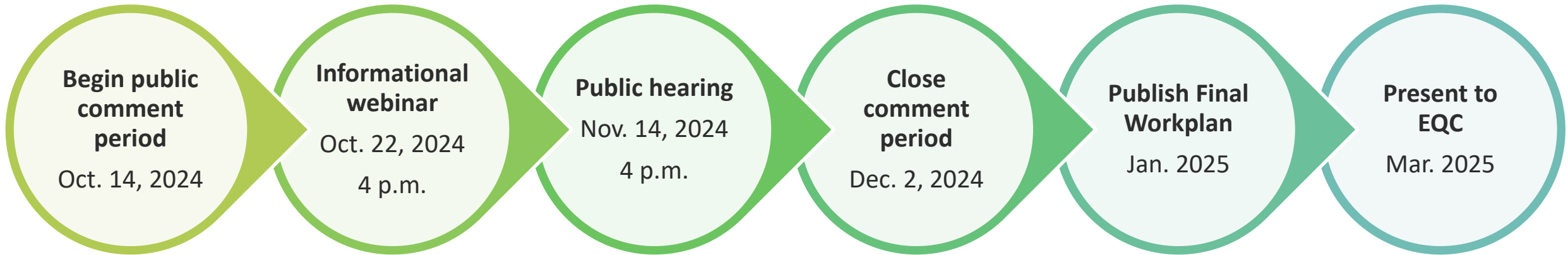
The Clean Water Act requires states/Tribes to hold a public hearing and review their water quality standards at least once every three years.

Triennial Review result: workplan of priority projects to start or complete between January 2025 and December 2027

Why revise standards?



Triennial Review Milestones



Prioritization Criteria

- Value
 - Administrative value
 - Ecological value
- Urgency
 - Legal directives
 - Funding
- Level of effort (staff resource required)
 - Scope
 - Data or information needs

High

Med

Low

Prioritization Criteria

Risk to project success

- Data gaps, resources, controversy or opposition

Environmental Justice

- Project would address an issue that is disproportionately impacting a particular group of people in Oregon due to their race, income level, age, or other factors.
 - Yes/No/Possibly/Unsure

Project Inventory Table

Topic	Over all Priority	State Rule Affected	Issue or Revision Needed	Problem Statement	Outcome/Result	Deliverable	Value	Urgency	Level of Effort	EJ Issue?	DEQ Reasoning for Priority
Toxics - narrative criterion	High - In Progress	OAR 340-041-0033	Review and update internal procedures to implement the narrative toxics criterion.	There may be an opportunity to better protect beneficial uses from toxic substances for which DEQ has no numeric criteria. Consider use of published Aquatic Life Benchmark values and other EPA guidance values or screening values. Consider chemicals on Oregon's Priority Persistent Pollutants list and pollutants of emerging concern. Additionally, evaluate how Whole Effluent Toxicity testing is working for NPDES permitting and other programs.	Ability to regulate toxic pollutants of concern that have no numeric criteria. Consider use of Toxics Units to evaluate whole effluent toxicity tests. Develop narrative translators for implementing narrative criteria in assessment and permits where needed.	Procedures document or internal management directive	High	Medium	Medium	Potentially	Project in process; identified as priority during 2020 triennial review.

Project Details

Prioritization Elements

Primary Comment



New considerations for 2024

- Outstanding Resource Water nomination process.
- Tribal Reserved Rights rule.

Status of 2021-2024 priority projects

Complete or Nearly Complete

Aquatic Life Use Updates:
Temperature & Dissolved
Oxygen

Variance Procedures/
Temperature Variance
Case Study

Toxics - aquatic life criteria

Projects Initiated

Toxics - narrative criterion

Excessive Aquatic Plant and
Algal Growth

Biocriteria Procedures

Not started

Sedimentation Procedures

Antidegradation Guidance
Revisions

Proposed New High Priority Projects

Project	Description
Designated uses - resident trout spawning inventory	Create a web map and/or GIS layer to inventory waters where DEQ applies dissolved oxygen spawning criteria for resident trout and for tracking of future determinations of resident trout spawning habitat.
Designated use - canals for water reuse (Bend, Clean Water Services, Klamath Falls, South Suburban Sanitary District)	Review and correct designated uses to specific constructed canals that receive treated wastewater to allow for municipal water reuse.
Temperature - Address site-specific instances where natural conditions exceed biologically based numeric criteria	Review instances where temperatures cannot attain biologically based numeric criteria and if necessary, revise the temperature standard to establish alternatives that fully protect the designated use.

Proposed New High Priority Projects

Project	Description
Outstanding Resource Water Designations	ORW designation for Illinois River.
	ORW designation for Rough and Ready Creek.
	ORW designation for Steamboat Creek.
Temperature: Site-specific interpretation of cool water species narrative for Malheur River basin.	Develop protective temperature target for sensitive native cool-water species present in the waters designated for "Cool Water Species" in the Malheur River basin.

Other potential project

- Revisions to Three Basin Rule (pending EQC decision).

Questions to consider:

- Do you agree with:
 - The proposed priority water quality standards projects and their respective rankings?
 - How DEQ has defined the prioritization criteria?
 - How DEQ has assessed each project's prioritization criteria element?
- Are there potential standards projects that are not reflected in this list of projects?
 - If recommending a new project or raising a project's priority ranking, why is this issue important to you?
 - What project(s) should DEQ move to a lower priority in its place?

How to provide comment

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2. Email: triennialreview@deq.oregon.gov
3. Mail

Deadline: Dec. 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

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