

**FY 2027 Budget Performance Review**  
**292 Department of Environmental Quality**

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**Agency Mission**

Our Mission and Our True North: to protect and improve public health and the environment in a manner that supports and advances a prosperous Oklahoma for current and future generations.

**Division and Program Descriptions**

*Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.*

**Administrative Services Division (ASD)**

Overall agency policy and administration. DEQ Administrative Staff, Executive Director's Office, Office of Communications, Education, Continuous Improvement, and Permit Assistance & Public Outreach interact with multiple federal agencies to make Oklahoma DEQ a voice and a leader within the US.

**State Environmental Laboratory Services Division (SELSD)**

The State Environmental Laboratory Services Division (SELSD) is responsible for providing customer assistance, analytical services, and laboratory accreditation, and is designated by EPA as the Principal State Laboratory (PSL) for Oklahoma. Providing Analytical Expertise, Technical Assistance and Outreach to assist in protecting, preservation, and restoration of Oklahoma's Air, Land and Water. SELSD's organic and inorganic chemistry laboratories provide analytical support to the various programs within DEQ, to other state agencies, and to public water supply systems of the state. The Laboratory Accreditation Unit operates an accreditation program for in-state and out-of-state environmental laboratories.

**Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division (ECLSD)**

The Environmental Complaints and Local Services (ECLSD) Division is responsible for resolving environmental complaints from the citizens of Oklahoma. Complaints are received in the 21 field offices by the environmental complaints hotline that is answered 24 hours per day seven days per week. Local Services that assist in responding to Natural Disasters, Environmental Emergencies and Citizen Complaints.

**Air Quality Division (AQD)**

The Air Quality Division (AQD) implements the state and federal Clean Air Acts. This includes compliance, enforcement, emissions inventory, quality assurance, air monitoring, data analysis, permitting and toxics programs.

**Water Quality Division (WQD)**

WQD operates programs for public water supplies, source water protection, sludge disposal, and municipal and industrial water pollution control. These programs include review of plans and specs, permitting, tracking, compliance, enforcement, water quality planning, training and certification, and complaint resolution activities. WQD provides licensing and regulation of municipal water and wastewater operators.

**Land Protection Division (LPD)**

The Land Protection Division (LPD) provides solid and hazardous waste planning and permitting, investigation, technical assistance, cleanup, enforcement, facility design, and groundwater protection services, including underground injection control (UIC). LPD also regulates the use of certain types of atomic energy and other sources of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

**PREP Funds for Arkansas River**

Funds provided to Tulsa County for upgrades to the levees along the Arkansas River and feeder waterways in Northeast Oklahoma.

**Rural Infrastructure Grants (RIG)**

Rural Water Infrastructure Grant funding appropriated under SB 1040 is to support rural water infrastructure initiatives. The Oklahoma Rural Infrastructure Grant (RIG) program helps rural and small municipal water and wastewater systems become sustainable and improve infrastructure, with up to \$100,000 in funding per project. The program will fund 80 percent of the project cost. The other 20 percent must be matched by the system, either through dollars or in-kind contributions.

**PREP Funds for Guymon**

Funds provided to the City of Guymon for upgrades to Guymon Water District.

**Sec of Energy and Environment \***

The Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environment (OSEE) coordinates and makes application on behalf of various state environmental agencies for U.S. EPA Clean Water Act funds, and disburses such funds to state environmental agencies based upon statutory duties and responsibilities.

**Information Technology (IT) - 88**

In FY2013, due to implementing HB 1304, agencies had to set their budget structures with separate divisions for Information Technology (IT) functions. IT consists of the agency's postal meters, telephone charges, IT agreements with OMES and anything else that reasonably falls within the guidelines set forth in HB 1304.

**FY'26 Budgeted Department Funding By Source**

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total
11	Administrative Services		\$473,130		\$16,356,411		\$16,829,541
21	State Environmental Lab Services	\$3,143,043	\$1,905,104		\$2,168,527		\$7,216,674
30	Environmental Complaints and Local Services	\$3,669,177	\$1,231,185		\$5,004,525		\$9,904,887
50	Air Quality		\$18,322,392		\$8,805,747		\$27,128,139
55	Water Quality	\$4,635,456	\$6,079,745		\$7,358,340		\$18,073,541
61	Land Protection		\$12,347,314		\$9,941,586		\$22,288,900
62	PREP Funds for Tulsa Levee						
65	Rural Infrastructure	\$10,000,000					\$10,000,000
68	PREP Funds for Guymon						
88	Information Technology		\$803,783		\$9,077,100		\$9,880,883
70	Sec of Energy and Environment *		\$7,446,717				\$7,446,717
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$21,447,676</b>	<b>\$48,609,370</b>	<b>\$58,712,236</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$128,769,282</b>

1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:

2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:

**Balances of Appropriated Funds from Prior Fiscal Years**

3-digit Class Fund #	Class Fund Name	GA Bill # and Section #	Fiscal Year of Original Appropriation	Original Appropriation Amount (\$)	Total Expended Amount as of 8/31/2025 (\$)	Balance as of 8/31/2025 (\$)
193	19302 Appropriated Funds(allocated for Garage)		2023	\$16,000,000	\$1,775,082	\$14,224,918
194	Appropriated Funds(with \$10,000,000 for RIG)		2024	\$20,427,427	\$19,174,470	\$1,252,957
195	Appropriated Funds(with \$10,000,000 for RIG)		2025	\$21,204,715	\$10,750,392	\$10,454,323
386	PREP Funds		2025	\$70,000,000	\$527,727	\$69,472,273
<i>Total remaining prior year appropriation balance:</i>						<b>\$95,404,471</b>

*Report appropriations that have existing balances from all prior fiscal years at the 3-digit class fund number (i.e. 194, 195). Do not report carryover class funds separately. Include appropriations located in disbursing funds. Report PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.*

**What changes did the agency make between FY'25 and FY'26?**

**1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?**

No programs or major services were eliminated.

**2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?**

No services were provided at a higher cost to customers.

**3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?**

No services were provided with a slower response rate.

**4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?**

DEQ has sought approval for a 3% pay for performance raise to potentially be effective in December 2025 - January 2026.

**Appropriation Increase Review**

Appropriation Increase Purpose	Appropriation Increases			Expenditures	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total Amount Received FY 2024-2025	Total Expenditure of Increase as of 6/30/2025	If funds have not been spent, please explain why.
Construction of a new Parking Garage PREP Funds for Tulsa Levee PREP Funds for Guymon	\$531,000	\$17,351,072 \$50,000,000 \$20,000,000	\$17,882,072 \$50,000,000 \$20,000,000	\$1,775,082 \$970,958	Parking Garage In Progress PO in place PO in place and is progressing forward
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$531,000</b>	<b>\$87,351,072</b>	<b>\$87,882,072</b>	<b>\$2,746,039</b>	

*List appropriation increases that the agency has received in the prior two years. List amounts received in each year. Include PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.*

**FY'27 Requested Funding By Department and Source**

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total	% Change
11	Administrative Services	\$473,130	\$16,356,411			\$16,829,541	0.00%
21	State Environmental Lab Services	\$3,143,043	\$1,905,104	\$2,168,527		\$7,216,674	0.00%
30	Environmental Complaints and Local Services	\$3,669,177	\$1,231,185	\$5,004,525		\$9,904,887	0.00%
50	Air Quality		\$18,322,392	\$8,805,747		\$27,128,139	0.00%
55	Water Quality	\$4,635,456	\$6,079,745	\$7,358,340		\$18,073,541	0.00%
61	Land Protection		\$12,347,314	\$9,941,586		\$22,288,900	0.00%
62							
65	Rural Infrastructure	\$10,000,000				\$10,000,000	0.00%
68							
88	Information Technology		\$803,783	\$9,077,100		\$9,880,883	0.00%
70	Sec of Energy and Environment *		\$7,446,717			\$7,446,717	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,447,676</b>	<b>\$48,609,370</b>	<b>\$58,712,236</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$128,769,282</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

1. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding for each department:

NONE

**FY'27 Top Five Incremental Appropriated Funding Increase Requests**

Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1: NONE				\$0
			Top Five Request Subtotal:	\$0
Total Increase above FY-26 Budget (including all requests)				\$0
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:				\$0

\* Capital requests in the table above should be listed in the next table.

**What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?**

Description of requested increase in order of priority	Total Project Cost (\$)	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1 Fire Suppression System Update		\$400,000	Yes
Priority 2 New Heat Exchanger		\$250,000	Yes
Priority 3 State Environmental Lab HVAC and Infrastructure Replacement and Repair		\$520,000	Yes

**Does the agency have any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees? If so, please describe the impact.**

Yes, but it does not only affect federally funded employees; Pathfinder has the ability to jeopardize DEQ's funding sources. DEQ receives Federal grants and has an Indirect Cost Proposal that states that DEQ will, according to federal guidelines, account for similar types of costs in a consistent manner which means that the costs are unallowable for all billable sources for DEQ and not just unallowable for

\* Include the total number of federally funded FTE in the Pathfinder system.

175 employees are currently in Pathfinder

**How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '27 as was received in FY '26? (Flat / 0% change)**

If there are no changes to the FY2027 General Appropriation (GR), the agency would still have to make programmatic changes to fund the increases that occur in doing business from year to year, which

**How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '27?**

A reduction of 2% to the FY2027 General Appropriation (GR) would equal \$428,953. DEQ's state-appropriated money principally funds personnel, specifically in these areas: drinking water program, Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '27?

Description of requested increase in order of priority	Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1 Annual CPI increase are built in to many of our rates.	no	no

Federal Funds							
CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 26 budget (\$)	FY 25 actuals (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 25 budgeted FTE (#)
12113	Reimb of Tech Svcs-St Memo	292	46,217	74,967	68,170	3,891.08	0.5
15616	Clean Vessel Act	292	554,159	438,005	785,217	537,138.27	2.0
66034	Clean Air Act Surveys, etc.	292	505,865	672,704	711,973	221,356.59	3.0
66040	State Clean Diesel	292	10,551,775	268,384	644,134	609,461.02	1.5
66046	CPRG Climate Pollution Reduction	292	357,603	512,362	656,582	5,088.22	2.5
66204	Multipurpose Grant	292	90,865	60,017	73,286	74,181.00	0.5
66419	Water Poll Control-St/Int Fed\$ - DEQ	292	6,363,792	7,699,839	7,126,475	773,324.63	58.0
66419	OSEE - Water Poll Control-St/Int Fed\$	292	1,111,605	1,047,501	3,000,435	3,068,504.00	1.0
66432	Emerging Contaminant	292	2,639	7,801	944		0.5
66442	Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities	292	104,323	131,864	41,660	130,410.36	0.8
66444	Lead Testing in Schools & Child Care Facilities	292	204,465	560,899	80,936	18,696.75	3.0
66454	Water Quality Management Plan	292	180,356	104,625	174,753	84,582.57	0.5
66460	OSEE - Nonpoint Source Implem- Fed \$	292	3,297,637	2,452,444	2,619,974	1,582,254.54	11.0
66461	Wetlands Grants	292	393,980	302,760	278,104	214,192.09	1.5
66468	Cap. Grts, Drinking Water BIL\$	292	3,500,909	4,310,116	5,384,919	1,385,452.70	19.0
66605	Perform Partnership Grts-Fed \$	292	13,146,423	16,988,574	17,782,742	2,995,580.42	74.5
66608	Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant	292	91,768	224,085	15,487	58,451.00	1.0
66708	Pollution Prevention	292	15,099	2,409	35,609	3,772.73	0.5
66802	Superfund St Site Spec - Fed \$	292	7,316,693	8,397,625	4,747,219	8,787,595.30	37.0
66817	Brownfields-State/Tribal Resp	292	564,167	684,680	1,021,092	50,512.16	3.0
66818	Brownfields Assess & Cleanup	292	310,045	321,375	169,108	312,337.40	1.5
66920	Solid Waste Infrastructure For Recycling	292	1,768	3,939	1,920		0.5
66961	Superfund Consolidated	292	359,208	469,234	583,418	72,040.23	2.5

#### Federal Government Impact

##### 1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

Majority of DEQ's federal funds are tied to federally delegated programs. While federal law does not mandate that DEQ administer them, the regulated community prefers that DEQ run those programs in lieu of the federal government.

##### 2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?

See above. Federal mandates primarily affect local governments and businesses that pay fees to make up the difference between federal funding and the cost to implement federal programs in lieu of the federal government. When the U.S. EPA implements programs directly there are typically problems created which unnecessarily increase costs, create confusion, and create inefficiencies.

##### 3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?

EPA would become the environmental regulator for the State of Oklahoma, resulting in higher costs to citizens and businesses.

##### 4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?

DEQ is not anticipating federal budget cuts but each federal year brings changes, especially during an election time. Federal awards for DEQ are not guaranteed but historically have continued at stabilized amounts.

##### 5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

SELS has requested additional funds to purchase instrumentation required to perform new tests but these funds may just be one-time. As opportunities come up DEQ does apply for federal funding that may be available for projects. For example, if the federal government offers infrastructure or redevelopment funding in programs that fall under DEQ jurisdiction we will apply for such funding. In some

FY 2026 Budgeted FTE							
Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
11	Administrative Services	34	37	6	28	20	17
21	State Environmental Lab Services	11	45	0	34	18	4
30	Environmental Complaints and Local Services	15	76	0	53	33	5
50	Air Quality	21	101	0	51	62	9
55	Water Quality	19	111	0	57	64	9
61	Land Protection	15	70	0	22	53	10
65	Rural Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Information Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Sec of Energy and Environment *	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>54</b>

#### FTE History by Fiscal Year

Division #	Division Name	FY 2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 YTD	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2017
11	Administrative Services	71	71	73	70	68	68
21	State Environmental Lab Services	56	56	57	58	52	42
30	Environmental Complaints and Local Services	91	91	90	89	88	89
50	Air Quality	122	122	117	111	107	116
55	Water Quality	130	130	127	125	114	114
61	Land Protection	85	85	85	84	82	83
65	Rural Infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Information Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Sec of Energy and Environment *	0	0	1	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>555</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>512</b>

Performance Measure Review					
	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
<b>Administrative Services</b>					
Percent of Claims Paid Within 45 Working Days	100% 95%	100% 95%	100% 95%	100% 100%	100% 90%
Percent of Initial Response To Requests for Record Searches, Copying and Reviews Within One Day					
<b>Air Quality</b>					
Amount Saved by OK Major Sources (\$ in millions; based on OK Title V Reductions in Tons of Emissions From Enforcement Actions	\$1.5 749	\$1.6 2,912	\$0.9 2,201	\$1.4 925	\$2.0 46
<b>State Environmental Laboratory Services</b>					
Provide Analytical Collection Materials and Instruction for Customer	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Percent of laboratory samples processed within appropriate turnaround time targets	90%	90%	90%	90%	94%
<b>Environmental Complaints &amp; Local Services</b>					
Percent of Complainants Contacted Within Two Days	88% 4,214	85% 3,857	87% 4,062	87% 3,694	87% 3,838
Number of Complaints					
Percent of Complaints Resolved Within 90 Days or approved extension	100% 8.6	100% 12.2	100% 9.8	100% 9.6	100% 13.9
Gallons of Sewage eliminated from the Environment (Millions)					
<b>Water Quality</b>					
Amount of Low Interest Loans Provided to Public Water Supply Systems	\$206.51 75.0%	\$136.21 82%	\$82.39 79%	\$262.69 81%	\$170.87 86%
Percent of Public Water Supply Facilities In Compliance With Drinking					
<b>Land Protection</b>					
Number of Acres for Which Remediation Was Completed at Highly	126 189,898	184 78,563	167 23,504	237 50,260	231 51,067
Number of Abandoned Tires Remediated From Illegal Dumps					

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)			
	FY'23-25 Avg. Revenues	FY'23-25 Avg. Expenditures	June 2025 Balance
<b>200: DEQ Revolving Fund</b> Operating the following programs: Air Quality Title V, Air Quality Non-Title V, Lab Certification, Laboratory Analysis, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, Radiation, Private Water and Sewage, SARA Title III, Tire, Lead,	\$45,391,127	\$42,301,251	Beginning Balance \$24,588,484 Allocated to fund FY26 balance \$18,084,174
<b>210: Environmental Education Fund</b> Pass-through money to schools for environmental education – Funds come to DEQ from OTC via the specialized license tags. DEQ uses those funds to grant environmental projects to schools/day cares for environmental education.	\$12,400	\$10,131	Allocated to Fund FY2026 \$20,000 Balance \$14,677
<b>215: Environmental Trust Fund</b> This fund is no longer used. The balance is less than \$1.00.			0.53
<b>220: Hazardous Waste Penalty Fund</b> Match for Superfund programs and hazardous waste cleanups, and funding to assist with local hazardous waste emergency response training and equipment. DEQ may or may not have any hazardous waste penalty funds. Depends on what penalties are assessed.	\$388,284		\$1,234,504
<b>225: Certificate Fund</b> The Certificate Fund is expended for training programs, including itinerant training programs, meetings, personnel, expenses, and purchase of personal property, to carry out the purposes of the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Act.	\$817,763	\$761,709	Allocated to FY2026 Budget \$330,000 Balance \$258,655

FY 2026 Current Employee Telework Summary						
Updated Telework Summary for FY2026 to reflect 0 Employees Teleworking.			Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)			
Agency Location / Address	City	County	Reason	Dates of accommodation	Days of telework	Days not teleworking
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	9/18/25 - 2/18/26	Telework as needed	Onsite 5 days rarely remote
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	9/25/25 - 3/25/26	Teleworks 1.5 days every 8 weeks	Onsite all other days
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	9/12/25 - 3/12/26	Teleworks 5 days a week	
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	8/25/25 - 9/25/25	Teleworks 4 hours a day	4 hours of leave rest of day
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	9/7/25 - 3/7/26	Teleworks 2 days a week	3 days onsite
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	8/26/25 - 9/30/25	Teleworks 5 days a week	
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	5/2/25 - 11/1/25	Teleworks 3 days a week	2 days a week onsite
DEQ 707 N Robinson	OKC	OK	ADA Accommodation	9/4/25 - 9/19/25	Teleworks 5 days a week	
Total Agency Employees						8