

# DEQ

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**OUR STORY**

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
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**DIVISIONS**

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OKLAHOMA  
Department of Environmental Quality



1993

**D**EQ 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.

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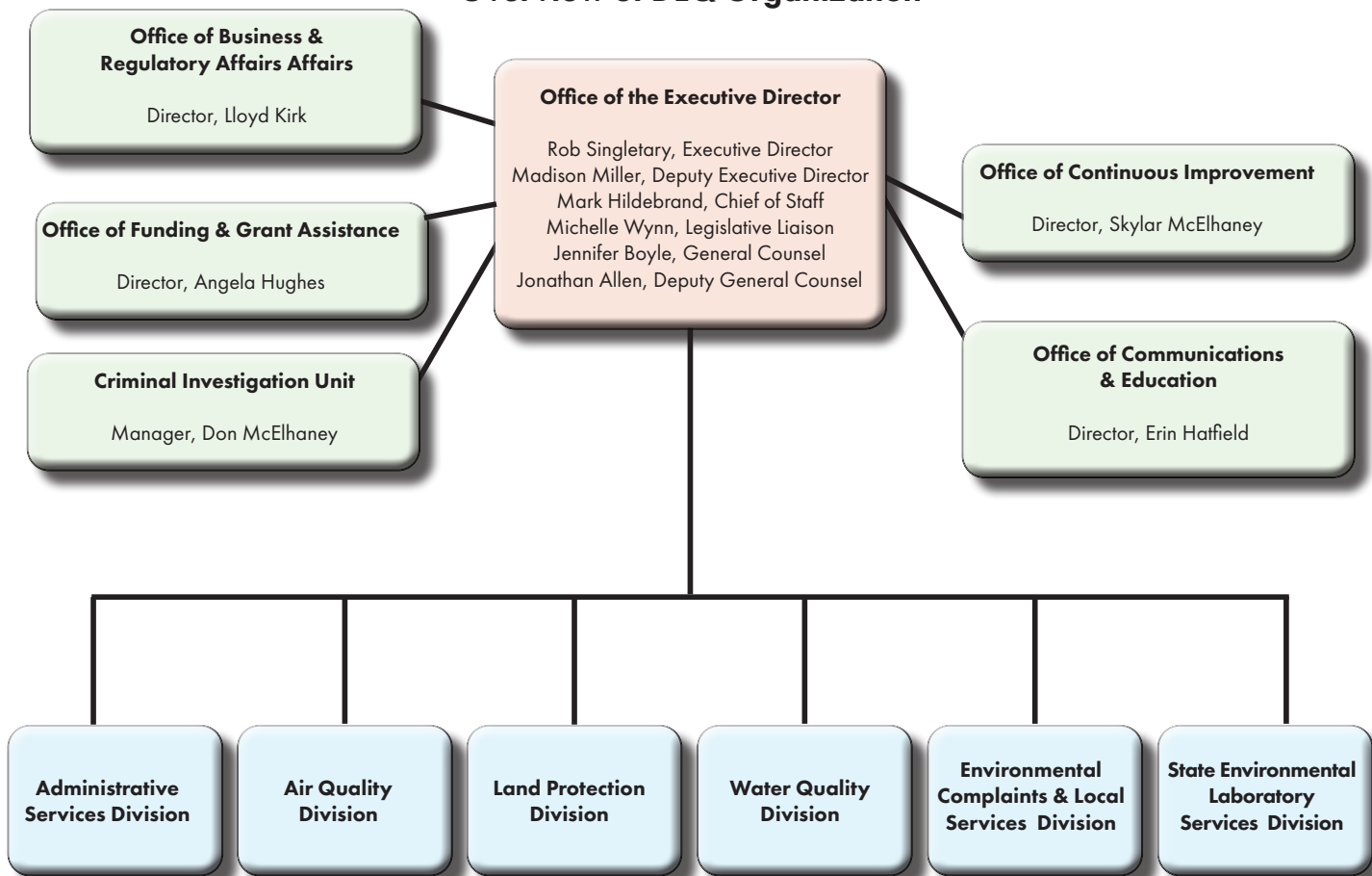






# EXECUTIVE

## Overview of DEQ Organization



# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEQ's Executive Director is Rob Singletary. The Executive Director has many duties, including: directing agency policy, overseeing agency administration, representing the agency in intergovernmental interaction, directing agency response to high-profile issues, and issuing enforcement orders and Tier III permits.



## DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEQ's Deputy Executive Director is Madison Miller. Her responsibilities include: managing day-to-day issues; serving as the direct manager for Division Directors and others; assisting the Executive Director with policy, especially internal policies and legislation; and representing and acting on behalf of the Executive Director at his direction or in his absence.



## CHIEF OF STAFF

Mark Hildebrand is DEQ's Chief of Staff. He is responsible for assisting the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director in the administration of the agency. He works with the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director to oversee the development, communication and implementation of policy for the agency.



## LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

DEQ's Legislative Liaison is Michelle Wynn. As Legislative Liaison, she spearheads the agency's efforts and input on legislation, legislative hearings/studies, etc; is the principal contact for informational inquiries, constituent referrals, etc. from the Governor's office, legislators, and members of Congress; and maintains communications with other liaisons, lobbyists, and stakeholders on matters of mutual interest.



## GENERAL COUNSEL

DEQ's General Counsel is Jennifer Boyle. She provides legal counsel to the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director, oversees agency rulemaking and enforcement processes, manages and directs DEQ's legal staff, and supervises the Board and Councils Secretary. Office of General Counsel lawyers provide legal services to the agency as a whole. Most OGC lawyers focus on a particular regulatory division.



## DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

DEQ's Deputy General Counsel is Jonathan Allen. He assists the General Counsel in overseeing agency rulemaking and enforcement, and directly oversees lawyers that work with the air quality, water quality, and land protection regulatory divisions of the agency.







## OFFICE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Skylar McElhaney is DEQ's Director of Continuous Improvement. She oversees agency implementation of process innovation and continuous improvement initiatives designed to improve operational performance and customer service. Her work helps DEQ achieve goals detailed in the agency's five-year strategic plan, which results in better communication and response to Oklahomans.



## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

Erin Hatfield is the Director of the Office of Communications & Education. She is responsible for managing DEQ's brand by working with news media, creating content for social media platforms, and overseeing all of the agency's publications and environmental education outreach. Through these efforts, she ensures DEQ is effectively communicating its message to the public.



## OFFICE OF BUSINESS & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Lloyd Kirk is Director for the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs. The Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs provides customer assistance, permit and technical assistance, compliance assistance and regulatory assistance to the regulated community, especially businesses and business-related organizations.



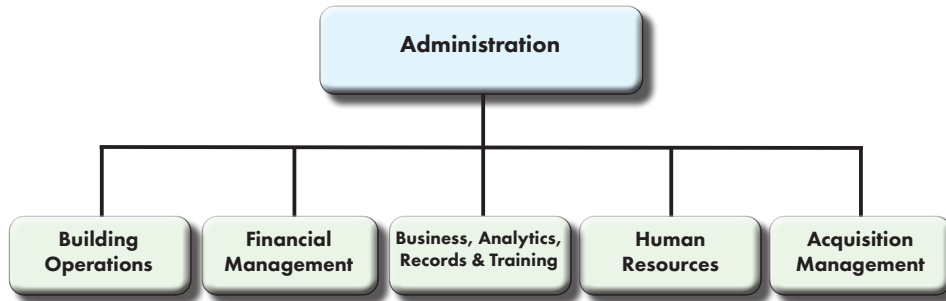
## OFFICE OF GRANTS & FUNDING RESOURCES

Angela Hughes is the Director of Office of Grants and Funding Resources. This office is tasked with assisting entities in securing funding opportunities that help protect or improve human health and the environment across all media. This office helps navigate funding opportunities whether the funding program at issue is administered by DEQ or other state or federal agencies.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



**DIRECTOR**  
**KATHY AEBISCHER**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**STACEY TUCKER**

The Administrative Services Division has four main responsibilities. This includes Human Resources, Financial Management (including Budgets, Payables & Grants; Revenue Management; and Acquisitions & Procurement), Central Records Management, and Building Management.



# AIR QUALITY DIVISION



**DIRECTOR**  
**KENDAL STEGMANN**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**BEVERLY BOTCHLET-SMITH**

2021 Oklahoma Ambient Air Monitoring Network



The Air Quality Division oversees a number of DEQ's regulatory programs. These include air monitoring and modeling; permitting; compliance & enforcement; emissions inventory; the Lead-Based Paint Program; the Ozone & Particulate Matter Watch & Advisory Program; and delegated federal programs.

The federal programs delegated to DEQ's Air Quality Division include National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS), New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT), Title V, Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), and Lead-Based Paint.

## AIR QUALITY INDEX

0-50	GOOD
51-100	MODERATE
101-150	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS
151-200	UNHEALTHY



**DIRECTOR  
KELLY DIXON**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
CLIFTON HOYLE**

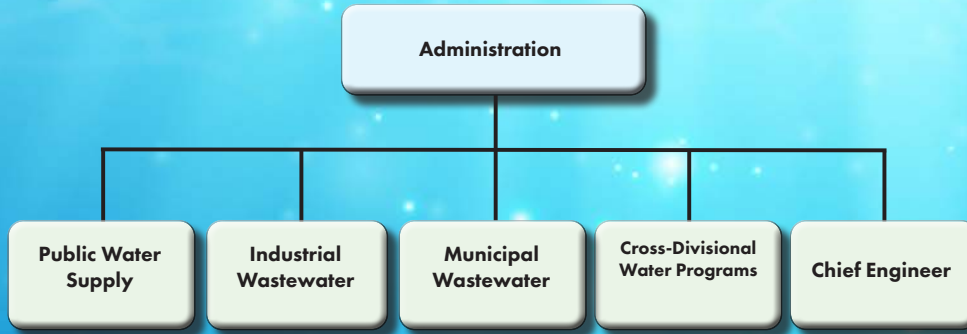
# LAND PROTECTION DIVISION

The Land Protection Division's responsibilities can be split into two groups; Permitting & Compliance, and Cleanup Programs.

Permitting & Compliance oversees the solid waste, hazardous waste, underground injection, and radiation sections. Cleanup Programs include the Superfund, Brownfields and Voluntary Cleanup Programs, and the Site Cleanup Assistance Program.



**DIRECTOR  
SHELLIE CHARD**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
KAREN STEELE**

# WATER QUALITY DIVISION

DEQ's Water Quality Division has a number of responsibilities. WQD protects the quality of waters in the state under the Clean Water Act, overseeing approximately 1,900 wastewater systems, 1,500 storm water permits, 125 TMDLs per year, and 370 construction permits per year. WQD also ensures that the public has safe drinking water under

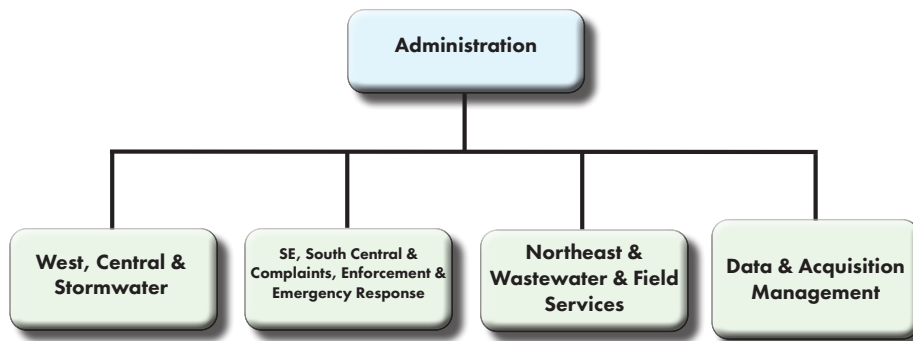
the Safe Drinking Water Act, overseeing 1,700 systems and issuing 860 construction permits per year. They oversee operators of water and wastewater facilities throughout the state – a total of 8,000 operators and 12,000 licenses. They issue 140 Water Reuse Permits. They also oversee infrastructure funding for publicly-owned water and wastewater facilities.

# ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS & LOCAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division has offices throughout the state. They respond to environmental complaints received by DEQ's 24-hour, toll-free Environmental Complaints Hotline (1-800-522-0206). ECLS provides technical and customer assistance to regulated entities and the public, and is responsible for regulating individual and small public sewage systems, certified installers, certified soil profilers, highway remediation contractors, septage pumpers and haulers, total retention lagoons, stormwater systems, and minor water systems.

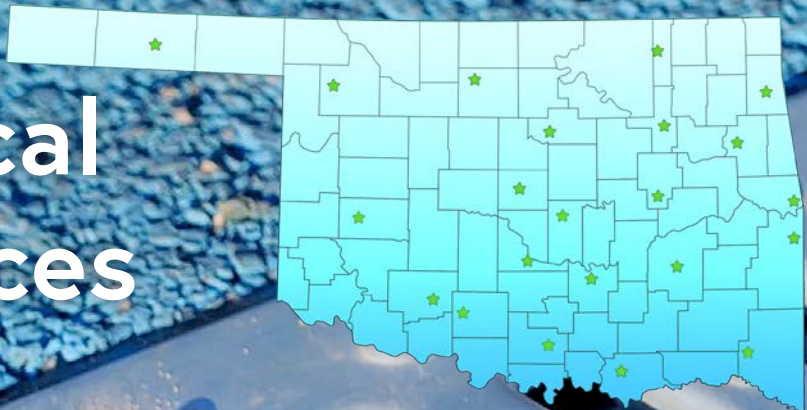


**DIRECTOR  
TRAVIS MENSIK**



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
VANCE PENNINGTON**

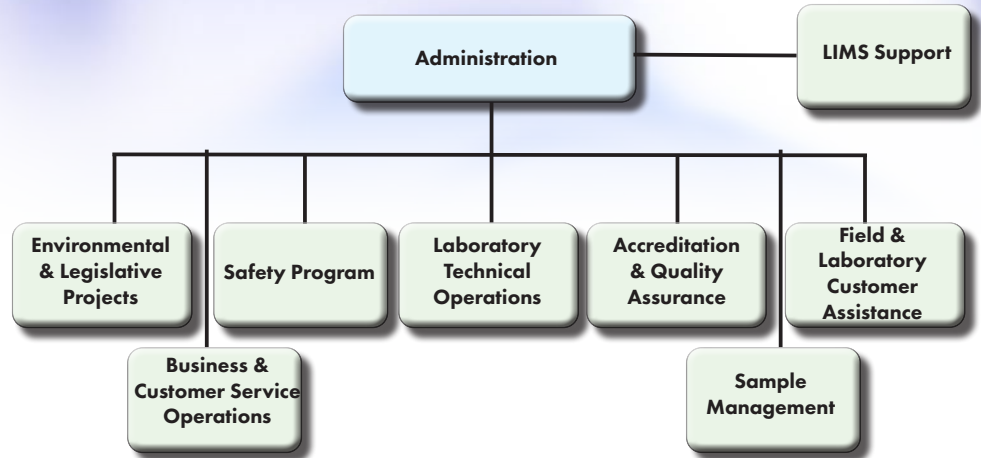
## ECLS Local Field Offices



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SERVICES DIVISION



**INTERIM DIRECTOR  
GEORGE RUSSELL**



The State Environmental Laboratory Services responsibilities consist of two main areas: the SELS core functions, and program and customer support. Core functions of this division include running the State Environmental Laboratory, which handles Organics and Inorganics (General Chemistry, Metals & Radiochemistry, Environmental Microbiology). The lab also serves as an EPA

Designated Principal Laboratory, oversees the Laboratory Accreditation Program, and provides customer assistance in the realms of sample management and sample assistance. Program and Customer Support includes providing assistance to Public Water Supplies; Wastewater Systems; solid and hazardous waste programs; Superfund and other cleanup sites; testing for mercury in fish; testing related to environmental complaints; providing BUMP & Groundwater

Monitoring, and Surface Water Monitoring for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; testing for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; testing for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and US Fish and Wildlife Services; assistance with Harmful Algal Blooms; testing for environmental threats to public health; testing private water; and providing tribal assistance.

