

Draft Environmental Quality Council Work Plan Decision Matrix						
Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A Banquet	Option B Cheeseburger	Option C Fries	Option D Fasting	Resources Allocated
The following topics are either study bills or legislative study resolution requests that may be assigned by the Legislative Council to the EQC. Staff has identified issues that are likely to be assigned to the EQC -- this list may change.						
Conservation easements on state trust lands Poll Rank: 11	HJR 57	.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study statutes, policies of other western states. Analyze federal statutes, polices. Panel discussions Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study statutes, policies of other western states. Analyze federal statutes, polices. Panel discussions Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation 	.08 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study statutes, policies of other western states. Analyze federal statutes, polices. Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief summary Legislation 	No Action	
The following topics are statutory duties or obligations of the EQC						
Water Policy	Statute		.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All mandatory duties. Selected water issues. Public involvement through EQC meetings. Review and discuss applicability of statutory responsibilities related to water policy issues. Update water rights handbook. Brief report to Legislature. Potential legislation to address statutory responsibilities Basic involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory duties only. Public involvement through EQC meetings. Review and discuss applicability of statutory responsibilities related to water policy issues. Very brief report to Legislature. Potential legislation to address statutory responsibilities Minimal involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. 		
EQC Statutory Duties	Statute	1.0 - 1.5 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfill all statutory requirements. Participate in all mandatory meetings and other environmental policy meetings (e.g. Board of Environmental Review, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, etc.) Rewrite and reprint <i>Our Montana Environment</i> or similar effort. Establish MEPA training and training schedule for state employees and others. Notify/solicit permit applicants to present MEPA concerns to EQC. Review and comment on certain agency MEPA documents for compliance and consistency. Review and comment as a Council on environmental reviews for selected controversial projects. 	.30-.50 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfill selected statutory requirements in greater detail. Accept reports and select some for EQC review, analysis, and comment. Select topics for further analysis or presentation. Request trend information for each topic reviewed by EQC. Rewrite selected segments of EQC trends publication, <i>Our Montana Environment</i>, and post on EQC website. Provide training to state agencies on as requested basis. Provide MEPA Handbooks to agencies and others as requested. Provide updated web access to database. Review selected controversial MEPA documents/projects Track MEPA litigation during interim. 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solicit and accept reports as required. Fulfill statutory requirements at minimal level of effort. Select oversight topics and issues for presentation and review at EQC meetings on an ad hoc basis. Maintain MEPA database. Participate in meetings as necessary. Identify and describe trends in EQC interim study work. Update MEPA handbook as needed. Inventory and evaluate continued need for the specific statutory duties. 		

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Agency Oversight	Statute	<p>.20 - .30 FTE Active EQC Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified! Consistent EQC involvement encompassing a broad range of oversight issues. In depth systematic review of a larger number of state agency programs than in Option B. Possible report and recommendations/legislation for changes in implementation of state policy. Active EQC review of rules and legislation. 	<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic oversight. In addition to Option C, systematically evaluate and monitor a specific number of state agency programs. More intensive review of administrative rules than Option C (Council Attorney provides synopses of significant and controversial proposed rules). Review draft agency legislation. Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA. Systematic oversight for targeted programs. Active EQC review of rules and legislation. Possible EQC recommendations to the next Legislature. 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize oversight issues before the EQC on an as requested basis. Council members receive copies of rule notices of proposed adoption of rules. Council members responsible for notifying staff or the Council Chair if they want more information. Review draft agency legislation. Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA. Oversight on an as needed basis. Possible EQC recommendations to next Legislature. 		
Carry forward EQC Recommendations on improving the State Superfund Process	HJR 57 Study		<p>.08 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to Option C, active EQC involvement in implementing recommendations. Develop a citizen's guide to CERCA. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen guide to CERCA 	<p>.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor DEQ implementation of recommendations. 	No Action	
EQC Publications	Historic Precedence		<p>.12 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to Option B, update the Permit Index. 	<p>.04 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update publications that require minimal effort. Have the EQC review and approve updates 	No Action	
The following environmental policy topics have been suggested by EQC council members for evaluation and study						
Study climate change	Member defined issue	<p>.5 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review statutes, regulations, publications related to climate change, greenhouse gasses, energy efficiency, renewable energy, tax incentives. Examine state and national efforts to address climate change, especially the MCCAC report. Review inventory of carbon sources compiled by MCCAC.. Panel discussions. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.25 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review MCCAC report and supporting documentation. Panel discussions. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper assessing EQC opinion of MCCAC report. Legislation 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review MCCAC report and supporting documentation. Panel discussions. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation 	No Action	

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Update on Environmental Public Health Tracking Project	Member defined issue			0 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on project. Panel discussions w/ DEQ, DPHHS. 	No Action	
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Total Available Staff Resources						1.83

FTE Equivalents

1 Interim FTE = 16 months = 2720 hrs.

.05 FTE = 136 hrs = 17 days

0.1 FTE = 272 hrs = 34 days

.25 FTE = 680 hrs = 85 days

.50 FTE = 1360 hrs = 170 days

.75 FTE = 1530 hrs = 191 days

1 FTE = 2720 hrs = 340 days