

Draft Environmental Quality Council Work Plan Decision Matrix 2023-2024						
Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Resources Allocated
<b>The following topics are either legislative study resolution requests assigned by the Legislative Council to the EQC or member suggested issues.</b>						
<b>HJ 18</b>	Study Resolution	<b>.1 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B intensified</li> <li>Two field trips</li> <li>Stakeholder visits</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim report</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<b>.07 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option C</li> <li>In-depth of laws; rules; process</li> <li>Stakeholder presentations</li> <li>Review other states</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary report</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<b>.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview</li> <li>Summarize laws; rules; process</li> <li>Panel discussion</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary</li> <li>Recommendations</li> <li>Legislation (if any)</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
<b>EQC Statutory Duties</b>	Statute	<b>.5 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfill all statutory requirements</li> <li>Establish MEPA training and training schedule for state employees and others</li> <li>Review and comment on certain agency MEPA documents for compliance and consistency</li> <li>Review and comment as a Council on environmental reviews for selected projects</li> <li>Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository</li> <li>Participate in all mandatory meetings and other environmental policy meetings (e.g. Board of Environmental Review, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, etc.)</li> <li>Notify/solicit permit applicants to present MEPA concerns to EQC</li> </ul>	<b>.2 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfill selected statutory requirements in greater detail</li> <li>Accept reports and select some for EQC review, analysis, and comment</li> <li>Select specific topics for further analysis or presentation</li> <li>Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository</li> <li>Provide MEPA training to state agencies on as requested basis. Conduct needs assessment and develop periodic training schedule accordingly</li> <li>Review selected controversial MEPA documents/projects</li> </ul>	<b>.1 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulfill statutory requirements at minimal level of effort</li> <li>Accept reports</li> <li>Participate in meetings as necessary</li> <li>Identify and describe trends in EQC interim study work</li> <li>Request trend information for each topic reviewed by EQC</li> <li>Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository</li> <li>Provide requested MEPA training to state agencies as time allows</li> <li>Track MEPA litigation during interim</li> </ul>		

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<b>Agency Oversight</b>	Statute	.2 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B intensified</li> <li>Committee of the whole involved</li> <li>Consistent EQC involvement encompassing a broad range of oversight issues</li> <li>Report, recommendation or legislation for changes in implementation of state policy</li> </ul>	.1 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option C</li> <li>More intensive review of administrative rules. Attorney provides synopses of significant and controversial proposed rules</li> <li>Active EQC review of rules and legislation</li> </ul>	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize oversight issues before the EQC as requested</li> <li>Review advisory councils &amp; reports</li> <li>Council members receive copies of rule notices of proposed adoption of rules</li> <li>Review draft agency legislation</li> <li>Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA</li> <li>Oversight on an as needed basis</li> <li>Legislation (if any)</li> </ul>		
<b>Agency Oversight (Program Review)</b> <i>See Attached Documents</i>	Statute	Refer to agency goals			<b>No Action</b>	
<b>EQC Publications</b>	Statute and Historic Precedence	.1 - .3FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Identify publications for rewrite, redesign</li> </ul>	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option C</li> <li>Rewrite and edit for clarity</li> <li>Identify topic for info pamphlet, if necessary</li> </ul>	.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update publications to reflect statutory changes</li> <li>EQC review</li> </ul>		
<b>Member &amp; Emerging Issues</b>						
<b>Total Available Staff Resources</b>						<b>Total FTE allocated</b>
<b>.5 FTE</b>						

**Interim FTE Equivalents**

- .05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days
- .10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days
- .25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days
- .50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days
- .75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days
- 1 FTE = 2880 hrs = 360 days