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1	1	DEQ	AQ	LRAPA	21,334						\$ 21,334	0	0.00	LRAPA would reduce sampling frequency of its only air toxics monitor, putting the data reliability for trend analysis in question. LRAPA would also reduce compliance work and complaint response related to open burning and residential wood heating in the Eugene-Springfield area where PM 2.5 concentrations are close to exceeding the federal standard.
2	1	DEQ	WQ	Cancel Online Stormwater Tool	80,000						\$ 80,000	0	0.00	DEQ will not be able to develop an online tool to provide technical assistance to applicants to develop erosion control plans, stormwater management plans and best management practices.
3	2	DEQ	WQ	Wastewater Permitting (WQ) - Industrial Permitting	151,880						\$ 151,880	0	0.00	This reduction would delay industrial permit issuance and compliance assurance statewide. DEQ would cancel or postpone recruitments until July 1, 2009.
4	2	DEQ	AQ	Diesel Grant Funds	177,873						\$ 177,873	0	0.00	Diesel particulate matter ranks in the top three air toxics of concern in Oregon. Cutting a portion of the grant funding would diminish the public health benefit from diesel emission reduction grants. This cut would reduce retrofit grants to school districts and small fleets.
5	3	DEQ	AQ	AQ Reduce Small Business Assistance	33,726						\$ 33,726	0	0.13	Reduces most of the technical assistance to small, non-permitted businesses that are not required to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. Could lead to more pollution in the environment and a higher health risk to the public.
6	3	DEQ	WQ	Reduce Toxics Monitoring	36,636	43,751					\$ 80,387	0	0.00	If this reduction were taken, it would delay the analysis of water and fish tissue samples we collected for toxic pollutants in the Willamette River watershed. DEQ would cancel or postpone recruitments for vacant positions until July 1, 2009.

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7	4	DEQ	WQ	Wastewater Permitting (WQ) - General Permits	62,462						\$ 62,462	0	0.00	DEQ will not be able to re-new expired general permits. Examples of permit categories affected include: fish hatcheries, cooling water, boilers, vehicle washwater. The impact of not renewing these general permits is that new sources can not be assigned coverage and may be subject to third party litigation or, must apply for and pay for an individual permit. DEQ will not be able to meet its Key Performance Measures and Blue Ribbon Committee commitments related to the percent of permits current. This reduction would cause DEQ to cancel an active recruitment and delay work until after July 1, 2009.
8	1	DEQ	LQ	HW Compliance Inspections - One-time vacancy savings	134,625						\$ 134,625			DEQ experienced extraordinary vacancy savings due to staff on leave, which have accumulated as other fund balances. Without these savings, the potential 2011-13 shortfall would be greater.
9	4	DEQ	AQ	Reduce Fine Particulate Planning	40,417						\$ 40,417	1	0.25	Eliminates an Air Quality Planner developing and coordinating fine particulate and ozone reduction strategies and carrying out mandatory CAA requirements for new federal standards. Delays work to develop an air quality plan for returning Klamath Fall's air to healthy levels. Extended violation of the fine particulate standard negatively impacts public health and economic development in the area. Postpones pollution prevention outreach and strategy development in Oregon communities at risk of violating federal standards and slows the implementation of CAA requirements mandated by new standards.
10	5	DEQ	AQ	Reduce Ozone, Fine Particulate Monitoring	64,100						\$ 64,100	2	0.38	Eliminates new ozone and fine particulate monitoring provided in the 2007-2009 budget. Lost monitors include: All Eastern Oregon ozone monitors at a time when EPA has tightened the standard. Fine particulate monitors in Madras, Prineville, McMinnville and a background site near Klamath Falls. All sites (except the background site) are at risk of exceeding the standard and are likely above the health level of concern. Loosing the background site for Klamath Falls will make development of an implementation strategy for this non-attainment area more difficult.

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11	2	DEQ	LQ	Orphan Site Cleanups (LQ) - One-time debt service savings	57,612						\$ 57,612	0	0.00	GF appropriated for the 2008 orphan bond sale exceeds actual debt service. DEQ had expected to use this appropriation to pay the hazardous substance fee share of orphan site debt service on existing bond sales, allowing the possession fee to be spent directly on cleanups of highly contaminated orphan sites. The additional possession fee would help address a small portion of the potential \$500,000 shortfall in this program in 2009-11.
12	5	DEQ	WQ	Terminate Web-based Effluent Outfall Profiler	152,088	57,978					\$ 210,066	0	0.00	DEQ will not be able to complete development of a web-based tool for the public and DEQ staff to access information about toxic pollutant data and permit discharge data. We will continue to be unable to respond quickly, efficiently and accurately to public and legislative questions about discharges into Oregon's waterways, and in order to respond, will have to direct permit writers to search paper files.
13	6	DEQ	AQ	Reduce Clean Diesel Outreach	112,668						\$ 112,668	2	0.50	Reduce clean diesel outreach work aimed at recruiting fleet owners to clean up their diesel engines. Work includes marketing the state's tax credit program, coordinating entities to take advantage of state and federal grant programs, promoting idle reduction strategies and participating in the development of a regulatory program. Diesel particulate matter ranks in the top three air toxics of concern in Oregon. Loss of staff would most likely reduce Oregon's success in obtaining and administering grants.
14	7	DEQ	AQ	Eliminate 1 Air Toxic Monitoring Site	51,360						\$ 51,360	2	0.25	Eliminate a Medford air toxic monitoring site. Loss of this background site will make interpretation of air toxics data from the population oriented site in Medford more difficult.

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15	6	DEQ	WQ	Willamette TMDL Implementation (WQ)	92,406						\$ 92,406	0	0.00	This reduction would delay technical assistance to municipalities, businesses and land owners, federal, state and local government, and watershed groups for the control of nonpoint source pollution, stormwater management and other pollution control plans. The reduction would also delay DEQ's efforts to characterize sources of mercury, understand how mercury moves through the Willamette Basin, how it bioaccumulates in fish, and if mercury control measures are effective. DEQ would need to cancel or postpone planned and active recruitments until July 2009.
16	3	DEQ	LQ	Hazardous Waste TA (LQ) - One-time vacancy savings	100,943						\$ 100,943			DEQ experienced extraordinary vacancy savings due to staff on special assignment, which have accumulated as other fund balances. Without these savings, the potential 2011-13 shortfall would be greater.
17	7	DEQ	WQ	Wastewater Permitting (WQ) - Stormwater permits	217,583						\$ 217,583	0	0.00	Reduces DEQ resources to provide technical assistance, issue and inspect permits for construction and industrial stormwater permits by 50% statewide. This affects DEQ's ability to meet the Key Performance Measures and Blue Ribbon Committee commitments regarding the timeliness of assigning coverage to general permits. DEQ will also not be able to meet EPA commitments related to the number of stormwater inspections to be completed each year (Performance Partnership Agreement commitment). DEQ would need to partner with EPA to meet the national EPA performance measures for conducting inspections. i.e. EPA would do inspections in Oregon. This reduction would force DEQ to cancel or further delay (until July 1, 2009) recruitments for positions that were held vacant until revenue from the stormwater permit fee increase became available.
18	8	DEQ	WQ	WQ Standards & Assessments (WQ)	46,651						\$ 46,651	0	0.00	DEQ would delay work on the turbidity standard update. This reduction would force DEQ to delay planned recruitments for positions that are currently vacant, until after July 1, 2009.

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19	4	DEQ	LQ	Reduce HW Compliance Inspections	65,089						\$ 65,089	1	0.25	Reduces HW compliance staff by 10%, resulting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approx. 6 fewer facility inspections and • reduced ability to respond to citizen complaints of potential violations.
20	9	DEQ	WQ	Reduce TMDL Development		157,503					\$ 157,503	0	0.00	DEQ would delay work on the development of the John Day Basin and Deschutes Basin TMDLs that are scheduled to begin in 2009. The work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling & TMDL Development • Stakeholder Coordination & Outreach • Calculation of natural thermal potential, including upstream of dams. • Calculation of waste load allocations for permits. Delaying these TMDLs would prevent DEQ from meeting the 2009 milestones in the consent decree.
21	10	DEQ	WQ	Eliminate Oregon Plan Biomonitoring	197,899						\$ 197,899	4	1.00	DEQ would no longer be able to meet monitoring commitments to the Oregon Plan as part of the Coastal Coho Recovery Plan. This work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with and training ODFW crews on the collection of temperature data at 21 locations and macroinvertebrate samples at 160 locations along the coast. • Processing, analyzing and reporting on the information associated with the data collection in the 21 coastal coho population units. • Support the collection, analysis and reporting of additional ambient sites on the Oregon coast. • Provide technical assistance to other agencies on related programs that collect water quality and biological data to determine the effectiveness of management activities. • Facilitate macroinvertebrate data processing and analysis from watershed councils. • Participate in the Oregon Plan Core team or Monitoring team meetings.
22	1	DEQ	XP	ERT One-time vacancy savings	38,928						\$ 38,928	0	0.00	One-time program vacancy savings .
					1,936,279	259,232	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,195,511	12	2.76	