



## Fact Sheet

# Turning violations into environmental projects

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality enforces environmental laws to protect Oregon's air, land and water. The DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement issues fines and requires violators to correct violations. Typically, these fines go to the state of Oregon general fund. DEQ's Supplemental Environmental Project policy allows up to 80% of fines to go to projects that benefit human health and the environment.

## Help us make this policy work for you

DEQ will be updating its policy on supplemental environmental projects to make them more equitable and accessible. DEQ is hosting two information and listening sessions in June 2023. These are meant for facilities, interested community-based organizations and community members. DEQ will share information about how the policy works to provide funds to CBOs and asking about how the policy could improve.

### Listening session dates:

**Session #1:** June 6, 2023 | Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Zoom:** [ordeg.org/sep-mtg1](https://ordeg.org/sep-mtg1)

**Session #2:** June 7, 2023 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Zoom:** [ordeg.org/sep-mtg2](https://ordeg.org/sep-mtg2)

(Spanish interpretation provided for both)

### What you can expect during this listening session

- Information from DEQ on how SEPs work.
- Questions from DEQ to CBOs about barriers to accessing funds, what guidance would be helpful, making future support sessions more accessible, etc.
- Questions about what it looks like to embed environmental justice principles into the policy.

If you aren't available during these days and times, we will record the sessions with English and Spanish subtitles and post them at [ordeg.org/sep](https://ordeg.org/sep). You can send us any feedback you have at [sep@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:sep@deq.oregon.gov).

## Stay informed

After updating the policy, DEQ enforcement staff will hold regular meetings where groups interested in getting project funding can come, ask questions and provide feedback. These meetings will start in fall 2023. You can also join our [Enforcement Actions email list](#) on GovDelivery to stay informed. To learn more, visit the DEQ website at [ordeg.org/sep](https://ordeg.org/sep).

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