

State Employee Recognition

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Ambassadors of Public Service

Resiliency



“The global pandemic, political unrest and racial inequities brought a lot into focus and it’s challenged each of us in different ways. As an individual, it seems that Dana has weathered all of this with grace, integrity and determination to contribute her energy to the benefit of our DEQ community and the benefit of the mission we all serve.”

Dana Bailey
Safety Specialist 2



“Even during times of intense pressure, he consistently exhibited calmness, thoughtfulness and professionalism. Peter demonstrated his passion for serving the public and stakeholders.

He placed their needs above his own, working long hours and during his days off, including a holiday.”

Peter Brewer
Nonattainment Area Coordinator



“Her positive attitude and can-do spirit are appreciated by everyone. Peggy is always there when you need her. She goes above and beyond each day, and this has been especially true during the last year.”

Peggy Ivy
LEAD Office Specialist



“Much of this work has occurred while working remotely.”

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, Lia’s work and impact on DEQ has only improved.”

Lia Boyarshinova
Website Coordinator



“Martina has been with the Water Quality Division a relatively short time, three years, but in that time has earned the respect and appreciation of her peers and management due to her leadership, technical acumen and professionalism.”

Martina Frey
Senior Water Quality Compliance Analyst



“This past year has been challenging for everyone. Mitch is tough. When you look back this year and consider the pandemic, personal issues, and the thousands of project challenges that he has faced and conquered, I am in awe.

Mitch is an inspiration to me and everyone he works with at DEQ.”

Mitch Frister
Business Systems Analyst



“Patty is a gifted trainer and expert in change management. She intuitively knows what messages to communicate, and when and how to do it.”

Patty Hahn

Workforce Analyst, Training and Development



“Alex’s contribution to the Oregon DEQ and State of Oregon are unsurpassed having provided support for multiple programs and headquarters policy development while concurrently ensuring the stormwater contaminant loads to the Willamette River are effectively controlled.”

Alex Liverman
Water Quality Coordination Program Analyst



“Kaley is positive and really shined during this challenging time.”

She embodies the State of Oregon’s enterprise values of integrity, accountability, excellence and equity in her everyday work over the last year.”

Kaley Major
Water Quality Standard Specialist



“Rachel's leadership and resilience ensured that over 11,500 rebates have been issued for over \$28 million total rebate dollars, all while ensuring the online platform development moved forward.

In every instance, Rachel demonstrated the values of the State, always driving towards what was best for Oregon.”

Rachel Sakata
Senior Air Quality Planner



“DEQ and the State of Oregon were incredibly well served by Justin’s tireless efforts. And given the circumstance under which he performed, I hope that you consider the degree of his resilience and perseverance as absolutely remarkable as I do.”

Justin Sterger
Senior Water Quality Permit Writer



“She brings humor and compassion to stressful situations, and capitalizes on any opportunity to boost the morale of her teammates.”

Rebecca Wells-Albers
Project Manager/Brownfields Coordinator



“Despite the many challenges of the past year, Leela has maintained her visionary outlook, passion, can-do attitude and an ability to see the big picture while also keeping an eye on the details.”

Leela is incredibly skilled in channeling vision into outcomes for anything from information management to diversity, inclusion and equity DEI efforts.”

Leela Yellesetty
Records and Information Security Officer



Thank you!