

# State Employee Recognition

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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# Ambassadors of Public Service

## *Courage*





*“Angel applies excellence in project management, change management, DEI, and leadership, showing by example how to collaborate and partner with purpose to achieve success. She’s dedicated and driven, genuinely cares about people and our agency.”*

**Angel Gillette**  
**Your DEQ Online Project Manager**





*“Patty has served the people of Oregon with courage and commitment. Patty has adjusted to changes by stepping into a variety of roles within the Pendleton office, and ensured all staff had the technical equipment to work remotely.”*

**Patty Isaak**  
**Pendleton - Eastern Region Permit Coordinator**





*“Many individuals Mike connects with are not familiar with DEQ’s regulations nor may welcome them. Mike consistently provides timely, consistent, clear service that results in regulatory certainty and action that reduce pollution in Oregon’s waterways.”*

**Mike Kennedy**  
**Northwest Region - Water Quality Specialist**





*“Ramesh is working on a challenging endeavor that will reshape and modernize the entire agency. His efforts have helped hundreds of staff in several programs to streamline and standardize business processes, which is a gargantuan task. Change is difficult and he’s shown courage and professionalism as he helps others.”*

**Ramesh Manickam**

**Your DEQ Online - Business System Analyst**





*“Mike has been an amazing public servant for almost 35 years. He is deeply respected by his colleagues at DEQ and the myriad of external partners he collaborates with. He advocates for monitoring and science, both internally and externally, and is an excellent writer with reports making the front page of the Oregonian.”*

**Mike Mulvey**  
**DEQ Laboratory - Natural Resource Specialist, Water Quality Monitoring**





*“Jeff has been leading DEQ’s effort to reduce the NPDES permit backlog. He has led the team in making process improvements, as he embraces the program philosophy of operating with a calm, controlled sense of urgency, accountability and discipline. Jeff displays steadfast leadership even while dealing with hard issues.”*

**Jeff Navarro**

**Water Quality - Permit Program Analyst**



2022 Oregon Federal Executive  
Board - Public Service  
Recognition Week Award

*Interagency Excellence Team  
Award*





*“Following the devastating wildfires of 2020, the Wildlife Research and Monitoring Team was created with federal and state partners to provide cross-agency awareness of post-fire research and monitoring while engaging stakeholders that are often missed. Aaron was honored for his exemplary contributions.”*

**Aaron Borisenko**  
**DEQ Laboratory - Water Quality Monitoring Manager**





*Thank you!*