

# Water Quality Standards

## Willamette Mercury MDV

### Advisory Committee Meeting #1

### Agenda

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DEQ Headquarters Room 1101

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Time	Topic	Who
10:00 a.m.	Introductions and agenda review	
10:15 a.m.	Advisory Committee Charter and ground rules	Alex Liverman
10:30 a.m.	Project background	Debra Sturdevant
11:10 a.m.	Federal and state variance rules and requirements	Debra Sturdevant
11:40 a.m.	Overview of rulemaking – purpose, schedule, objectives	Aron Borok
12:10 p.m.	Lunch break	
1:00 p.m.	The need for the variance	Aron Borok
2:00 p.m.	Effectiveness of treatment in reducing mercury	Aron Borok
2:30 p.m.	Discussion and next steps	Aron Borok
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn meeting	

#### Objectives

- Committee members understand when a variance is an appropriate tool for NPDES permits and what benefits result.
- Committee members understand why DEQ has decided that variances are an appropriate tool for mercury in the Willamette Basin and why we are pursuing a multiple discharger variance, as well as the individual variances currently in progress.
- Committee members understand the process and documentation needed to develop and gain approval of a variance and how it will be used in permits.
- DEQ understands committee members' level of support, questions and concerns about the use of variances for mercury in the Willamette basin.
- Committee members provide, as follow-up to the meeting, any relevant information they may have regarding efficacy of treatment in removing mercury.

#### Materials

Advisory committee charter and membership list

Power Point Presentations

Copy of state and federal variance rules

#### Alternative formats

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