

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
COMMERCE**

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, January 11, 2007 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program
Planning
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They
provide a list of participants and a record of official action
taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the
meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Subjects Addressed: Department of Environmental Quality
proposed appropriations by Division
Executive Action: none

00:00:02 Meeting Convened-Chairman Ripley

00:00:15 Barbara Smith

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a04\)](#)

00:04:52 Rep. Ripley

00:05:00 Rep. Witte

00:05:10 Richard Opper, Director, Montana Department of
Environmental Quality (DEQ), Agency Overview

00:05:32 Rep. Ripley

00:05:50 Mr. Opper

00:34:15 Rep. Witte

00:34:28 Mr. Opper

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a05\)](#)

00:37:28 Sen. Hansen

00:37:42 Mr. Opper

[EXHIBIT \(jnh07a06\)](#)

00:45:11 Rep. Ripley

00:45:15 Sen. Hansen

00:46:09 Mr. Opper

00:47:19 Rep. Ripley

00:48:12 Mr. Opper

00:49:08 Rep. Ripley

00:49:33 Mr. Opper

00:49:56 Rep. Ripley

00:50:16 Mr. Opper

00:51:19 Rep. Ripley

00:51:36 Ms. Smith

00:51:48 Rep. Ripley

00:51:52 Ms. Smith

01:01:48 Rep. Ripley

01:02:03 Ms. Smith

01:02:07 Rep. Ripley

01:02:15 Ms. Smith

01:02:18 Mr. Opper

01:02:32 Sen. Tropila

01:02:51 Ms. Smith

01:03:23 Sen. Tropila

01:03:48 Ms. Smith

01:04:13 Mr. Opper

01:04:36 Sen. Tropila

01:04:47 Mr. Opper

01:06:27 Rep. Ripley

01:06:36 Mr. Opper
01:07:22 Rep. Ripley
01:07:27 Mr. Opper
01:08:06 Rep. Ripley
01:08:30 Ms. Smith
01:09:16 Rep. Ripley
01:09:30 Ms. Smith
01:09:59 Rep. Ripley
01:10:07 Ms. Smith
01:10:18 Rep. Ripley

01:10:57 Break
01:25:15 Reconvene

01:25:29 Rep. Ripley
01:25:38 Mr. Opper
01:25:47 Rep. Witte
01:25:56 Mr. Opper
01:27:33 Rep. Ripley
01:27:38 Mr. Opper
01:29:16 Dean Rude, Chief Financial Officer, DEQ
01:32:04 Rep. Ripley
01:34:04 Tom Livers, Deputy Director, DEQ, presentation of DPs
for discussion.

DP 1001 - Business Process Improvement OTO
DP 1002 - Central Management Operating Adjust
DP 1003 - Central Management Information Technology Grants

01:43:26 Rep. Ripley
01:43:32 Mr. Livers
01:44:14 Rep. Ripley
01:44:22 Mr. Livers
01:44:39 Rep. Ripley
01:44:44 Rep. Musgrove
01:44:58 Mr. Livers
01:53:29 Rep. Ripley
01:53:37 Mr. Livers
01:55:08 Rep. Ripley
01:55:14 Mr. Livers
01:55:33 Rep. Ripley
01:55:40 Mr. Livers
01:55:57 Rep. Ripley
01:56:03 Mr. Livers
01:56:45 Rep. Ripley
01:57:06 Mr. Livers
02:01:30 Rep. Ripley

02:01:36 Mr. Livers
02:06:08 Rep. Ripley
02:06:12 Mr. Livers
02:06:44 Mr. Rude
02:08:04 Mr. Livers
02:09:13 Rep. Ripley
02:09:17 Mr. Livers
02:10:11 Rep. Ripley
02:10:18 Mr. Livers
02:17:16 Rep. Witte
02:17:36 Mr. Livers
02:18:15 Ms. Smith
02:18:43 Mr. Livers
02:21:57 Mr. Rude
02:28:49 Sen. Hansen
02:29:25 Mr. Rude
02:29:40 Sen. Hansen
02:29:45 Mr. Rude
02:31:45 Rep. Ripley
02:31:53 Mr. Rude
02:32:16 Rep. Ripley
02:32:41 Mr. Livers
02:33:05 Steve Welch, DEQ Permitting and Compliance, DPs for Discussion

DP 5001 - Oil and Gas Well Registration FTE

DP 5002 - Permitting Major Sources of Air Pollution FTE

DP 5003 - Air Online Compliance Reporting RST/OTO/BIEN

DP 5005 - Air Pollution Emission Tracking

DP 5009 - PCD Vehicles Owned and Leased

DP 5011 - Aerial Reconnaissance in Coal Mine Inspection

DP 5012 - Hard Rock and MFSA Projects-RST/BIEN

DP 5015 - Industrial Wastewater Operator Cert/BIEN

DP 5016 - High Strength Wastewater Standards BIEN/OTO

DP 5017 - Subdivision Training IT

DP 5018 - Public Water Supply-Kalispell FTE

DP 5019 - Subdivision Grants to Counties

DP 5024 - Brownsfields Grant BIEN

DP 5026 - Permitting and Compliance Division Base Adjustments

DP 5027 - On-site Wastewater Operator Certification OTO/BIEN

DP 5028 - Air Regulatory Assistance RST/OTO/BIEN

New Proposals:

DP 5113 - MFSA/MEPA FTE

DP 5014 - Subdivision Review FTE

DP 5020 - Coal Bed Methane Compliance Monitoring FTE
DP 5020 METH Staff- Re-instate FTE
DP 5029 - Swift Gulch Drainage System

02:35:50 Rep. Witte
02:36:13 Mr. Welch
02:36:42 Rep. Witte
02:36:59 Mr. Welch
02:37:28 Rep. Witte
02:38:23 Mr. Welch
02:42:33 Rep. Musgrove
02:43:16 Mr. Welch
02:43:56 Rep. Ripley
02:44:11 Mr. Welch
02:45:01 Ms. Smith
02:45:25 Sen. Tropila
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02:56:17 Ms. Smith
02:56:59 Mr. Livers
02:58:42 Ms. Smith
02:59:02 Mr. Livers
02:59:32 Rep. Ripley
02:59:44 Art Compton, Administrator of DEQ Planning, Prevention,
and Assistance Division
03:00:03 Rep. Ripley
03:00:25 John Arrego, Administrator of DEQ Enforcement
Division

DP 3001-Enforcement Operations Adjustments
DP 3002-Enforcement Division New FTE

03:00:58 Rep. Ripley
03:01:08 Mr. Arrego
03:09:05 Rep. Musgrove
03:09:16 Mr. Arrego
03:09:52 Senator Tash
03:10:04 Mr. Arrego
03:10:35 Sen. Tash (followup)
03:10:47 Mr. Arrego
03:11:49 Rep. Ripley
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03:13:29 Rep. Ripley
03:13:42 Mr. Arrego

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03:29:20 Sen. Hansen
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03:29:55 Sen. Hansen
03:30:01 Mr. Arrego
03:30:06 Ed Coleman, DEQ Complaint Manager Section Chief
03:30:22 Sen. Hansen
03:30:29 Rep. Ripley
03:30:51 Mr. Opper
03:31:21 Terry Wadsworth, DEQ Executive Director of Petroleum
Tank Release Compensation Fund

DP 9001-PTRCB Operations Adjustment

03:40:20 Rep. Musgrove
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ADJOURNMENT

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REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jnh07aad.pdf](#))