

**5% Base Budget Reduction Form**  
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**2022/2023**  
 PER YEAR

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		Minimum Requirement			
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund		
<b>TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 251,986</b>	<b>\$ 725,892</b>		
<b>Priority</b>	<b>SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED</b>	<b>General Fund Annual Savings</b>	<b>State Special Revenue Annual Savings</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
1	Personal Services (PROGRAM 20)		\$ 180,320	\$	180,320
2	Reduction in training and travel expenses (PROGRAM 40)	\$ 13,218		\$	13,218
3	Reduce Travel & Training for staff (PROGRAM 50)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$	20,000
4	Reduction in contracted services (PROGRAM 20)	\$ 129,082		\$	129,082
5	Reduction in operating costs (supplies, travel, etc.) (PROGRAM 20)		\$ 80,283	\$	80,283
6	General Operating Reduction (PROGRAM 50)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$	30,000
7	Major Facility Siting Act (PROGRAM 10)	\$ 29,027	\$ 91,391	\$	120,418
8	Reduction of contracted services (PROGRAM 40)		\$ 175,099	\$	175,099
9	Reduce Contracted Services (PROGRAM 50)	\$ 55,659	\$ 173,799	\$	229,458
10				\$	-
11				\$	-
12				\$	-
13				\$	-
	<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$ 251,986</b>	<b>\$ 725,892</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>977,878</b>
	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

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	FY22/23 Alloc by Pgm		TOTAL	
	GF	SS		
10	29,027	91,391	120,418	X
20	129,082	260,603	389,685	X
40	13,218	175,099	188,317	X
50	80,659	198,799	279,458	X
	<b>251,986</b>	<b>725,892</b>	<b>977,878</b>	<b>X</b>

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR  
ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Water Quality Division (WQD) has identified a reduction in personal services.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

WQD will eliminate \$180,320 in personal services funding equivalent to approximately 2.0 FTE. Positions impacted include a water quality specialist and a water quality section supervisor.

**#3 ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

Holding positions open will impact the WQD's ability to provide customer service and efficiently carry out tasks/duties as assigned by statutory rules and regulations.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE  
MITIGATED:**

Customers may see delays in some services including permitting, inspections, or technical assistance. Existing staff workload may increase and efficiencies will go down.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE &  
/OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

DEQ is required to review permits, conduct inspections, and ensure compliance with both state and federal water quality and drinking water statutes including the Clean

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

Waste Management and Remediation Division (WMRD) has identified the following services for elimination; the Waste and Underground Tanks Management Bureau (WUTMB) will reduce operating expenses by decreasing or eliminating travel and training.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

General fund reduction of \$13,218 in operating budget for travel and training.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The 5% reduction to general fund for WUTMB will result in reduction of travel and training. The potential impact would be less field presence that provides compliance assistance for the regulated community and

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

While the agency believes face to face interaction works better than virtual interactions, these impacts may be mitigated via desk and file reviews combined with telephonic or computer contact. Improvements in on-

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Yes, programs have both state and federal requirements. Several statutes apply across all WMRD WUTMB's programs: MCA Title 75. In certain instances, specific activities that would be reduced may not be required by statute and not a complete elimination of services.

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Air, Energy, & Mining Division (AEMD) has identified proposes cuts in travel and training for employees .

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

A reduction in General Fund of \$10,000 and State Special Revenue of \$10,000 for a total expenditure reduction of \$20,000.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The impacts would affect the ability of division personnel to meet with constituents, legislators and citizens, which would result in reduced customer service and satisfaction. Stakeholder outreach would be reduced, resulting in decreased compliance assistance to the regulated community and reduced customer service to the public. Reduction in these budget items would decrease staff's ability to attend essential training necessary to job performance on new federal rules and requirements. These reductions may affect professional certifications, resulting in fewer staff with professional certifications.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

AEMD will attempt to respond to constituents, legislators, and citizens through written or verbal communications. AEMD will reduce travel for inspections that are statutorily required by combining trips when possible. AEMD will attempt to identify and find ways to train staff internally and with on-line training to maintain certifications where possible.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Programs have both state and federal service requirements. The following statutes apply across AEMD's bureaus: 75-2-101, MCA et.al, 82-4-101 MCA, et.al. and federal statutes, 82-1,2,4 (Minerals, Oil, Gas; 1 General Provisions, 2 Reclamation, 4 Mining Generally) Energy 90-4-1101 et.seq; 90-4-301 et.seq. In certain instances, specific activities that would be reduced may not be required by statute.

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Water Quality Division (WQD) has identified reduction in contracted services.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

Reduction in contracted activities of \$129,082 for such services as a) monitoring and training for permittee compliance and wetland services, b) data collection support, c) sanitary survey support, d) lab analysis support and e) summer field internships for surface water collection.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Department contracts and partners with many groups to provide needed services mentioned above. Eliminating these services may result in the state being vulnerable to illegal discharges, greater wetland losses, lack of water quality data to support waterbody assessments, lack of trained water system operators, loss of funding to Counties and reduction in summer field internship workforce assistance.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

The impacts to constituents and staff may possibly be mitigated on some entities by focusing on only highest priority issues such as compliance and enforcement actions, and the highest priority areas, by revising data analyses processes to require less information and potentially lower confidence, and reducing the pace for waterbody assessments and TMDL's. Water system owners and operators will have to rely on non-funded outside sources for training and technical assistance sometimes at an additional cost to the system.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Water quality data collection is necessary to fulfill the requirements in 75-5-702 and 75-5-703, MCA. These statutes govern the Monitoring and assessment program and the TMDL program. PWS Program is required to establish a system for sanitary surveys and inspections by both state statute and federal rules - MCA 75-6-104 (11); 40 CFR 142.10 (b)(2). Certified water and wastewater operators are required by rule to obtain continuing education credits to maintain their certification - MCA 37-42-202 (3). Some permits and TMDLs have statutory deadlines in which work must be done

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Water Quality Division (WQD) has identified a reduction in operating costs.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

Reduction in operating costs of \$80,283 wherever possible but focusing on a reductions in out of state travel, training, supplies and other operating expenses as necessary.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

Reducing travel, training and supplies purchased directly impacts the department's ability to adequately and efficiently comply with state and federal requirements as well as provide services to communities and companies.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

Travel and training would be limited to accommodate only the highest priority issues and actions/areas. Supplies would also be reduced to the level necessary and in line with the amount of workload by staff.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Travel and supplies are necessary components to ensure DEQ is in compliance with state and federal water quality and drinking water statutes and regulations including the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Air, Energy, & Mining Division (AEMD) has identified the following services for elimination. AEMD proposes cuts in the general operating category consisting mainly of services, lab work, supplies, and printing (\$30,000).

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED (# of FTE but no position numbers; personnel service costs, operating, equipment, etc. at 1st level):**

A reduction in General Fund of \$15,000 and State Special Revenue of \$15,000 for a total general operating expenditure reduction of \$30,000. These cuts will primarily be reductions of supplies, printing, and lab work.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The reduction will result in the reduced ability to send environmental samples to labs of analysis of possible pollutants. The cutback in supplies and printing would create customer dissatisfaction with only mandatory communication available to the programs.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

The public and departmental impacts may be mitigated by requesting additional reporting from the regulated community (sampling, lab analysis, and data submittals), causing additional expense to permitted constituents and permit applicants. AEMD will explore opportunities to conserve supplies and streamline resource use.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

There has been natural decline in the projects submitted to the Montana Major Facility Siting Act staff due to economic conditions. This in turn reduces the contracted services associated with determining the environmental impact these projects will have.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

Staff time will be diverted to other tasks within the agency. Contracted services will not be incurred.

**#3**

**THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

If there is a significant increase in MFSA activity, there may be minimal delays due to the lack of readily available staff and lack of legislative spending authority for the contracted services.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

More of the services usually performed by outside contractors could be done "in house" by DEQ staff.

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Yes, 75-20-101 through 75-20-1205, MCA.

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

Waste Management and Remediation Division (WMRD) has identified contracted services for reduction.

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

A reduction of state special funding by \$175,099 in contracted services, including indirect.

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The reduction will reduce the contracts awarded to environmental contractors, other local governments and other external contractors.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

Some of the analysis work may be able to be completed on a limited bases "in-house" by current staff. In future bienniums additional contracted services authority will be needed since work may be delayed or

**#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:**

Yes, ARM 17.56 subchapter 6 for petroleum tank cleanup and federal requirements for Abandoned Mine Lands.

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**#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

The Air, Energy, & Mining Division (AEMD) has identified proposes cuts in contracted services. (\$229,458)

**#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:**

A reduction in General Fund of \$55,659 and State Special Revenue of \$173,799 for a total expenditure reduction of \$229,458

**#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:**

Reduce technical assistance for public entities on energy performance contracting; information for consumers on energy efficiency and renewable energy; participation in energy emergency planning. Less energy savings in buildings and reduced readiness for energy emergencies should they occur. Reduce contracts with environmental and IT contractors, other local governments, and other external contractors.

**#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:**

The elimination of contractors to perform tasks necessitates that staff perform these tasks, increasing staff demand and assignments. Task prioritization will be performed by managers and staff to mitigate negative impacts.

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