

**DICK PEDERSEN**

Dick is the Director of Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality and has been serving in that role since June 2008. Prior to that and beginning in November of 2007, he was DEQ's Acting Director. He started his career with DEQ in September 1996 as Manager of the Environmental Cleanup program. He also was Manager of the DEQ Water Division's Watershed Management Section; Division Administrator for the Land Quality Division; Region Administrator of DEQ's Northwest Region; and Deputy Director.

From 1993 to 1996, Dick was the U.S. Department of the Interior's project manager for a major natural resource damage assessment of a mining area in Northern Idaho. Prior to that, Dick worked 18 years for the State of Montana. His last position there was Manager of the State's Superfund and Natural Resource Damage programs.

Dick has a Bachelor's degree in Combined Science (Biology and Chemistry) from Carroll College in Helena, Montana.

Dick is currently serving as President of the Environmental Council of the States.