



**OKLAHOMA**  
Environmental  
Quality

# **Office of Business & Regulatory Affairs**

## **IMAGINE THAT!**

**Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

**Environmental Federation of Oklahoma**

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# Who We Are

## OBRA Core Functions:

- ❖ **Business Assistance - New and Existing**
  - **Permits**
  - **Recognize Regulatory Barriers**
  
- ❖ **Regulatory Assistance**
  - **AskDEQ**
  - **(800)-522-0206**
  
- ❖ **Financial Assistance**
  - **Information Sharing**



# Business Climate

❖ **Oklahoma seeing major influx of business prospects**

❖ **Drivers of new prospects:**

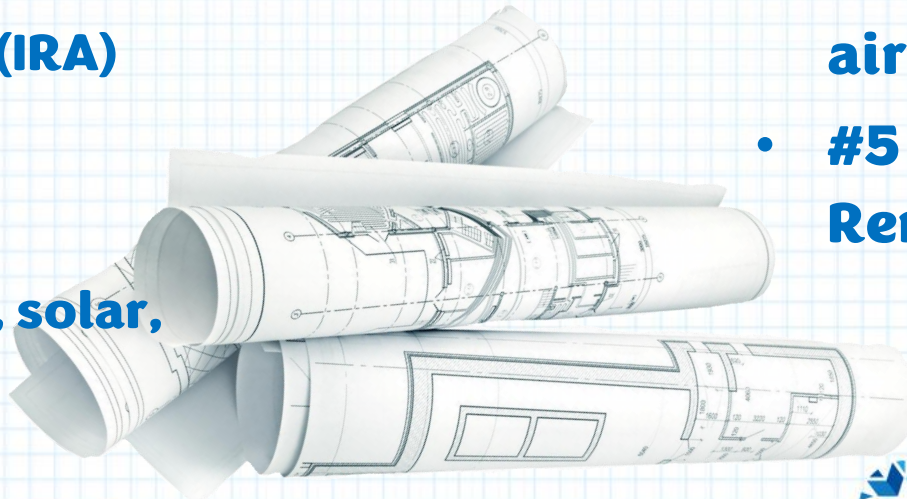
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**

❖ **Industry expansion**

- **EV'S, battery, hydrogen, solar, wind, etc.**

❖ **Why OK is a competitive location:**

- **Low Cost Utilities**
- **All Energy Approach**
- **Environmental (clean air, water, and, land)**
- **#5 Nationally in Renewables**



# How we assist Businesses

## The Permitting Process Flow

**Permit Assistance Team (PAT)**



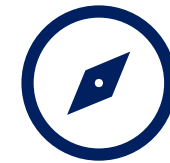
**1. Contact OBRA**



**2. Meet PAT**



**3. Timelines**



**4. Navigation**

# DEQ Dream Team

**Our Permit Assistance Team provide the guidance you need!**

~150 years of business and permitting experience



**Lloyd Kirk**  
**OBRA**  
**Director**



**Phillip Fielder**  
**AQD Chief**  
**Engineer**



**Hillary Young**  
**LPD Chief**  
**Engineer**

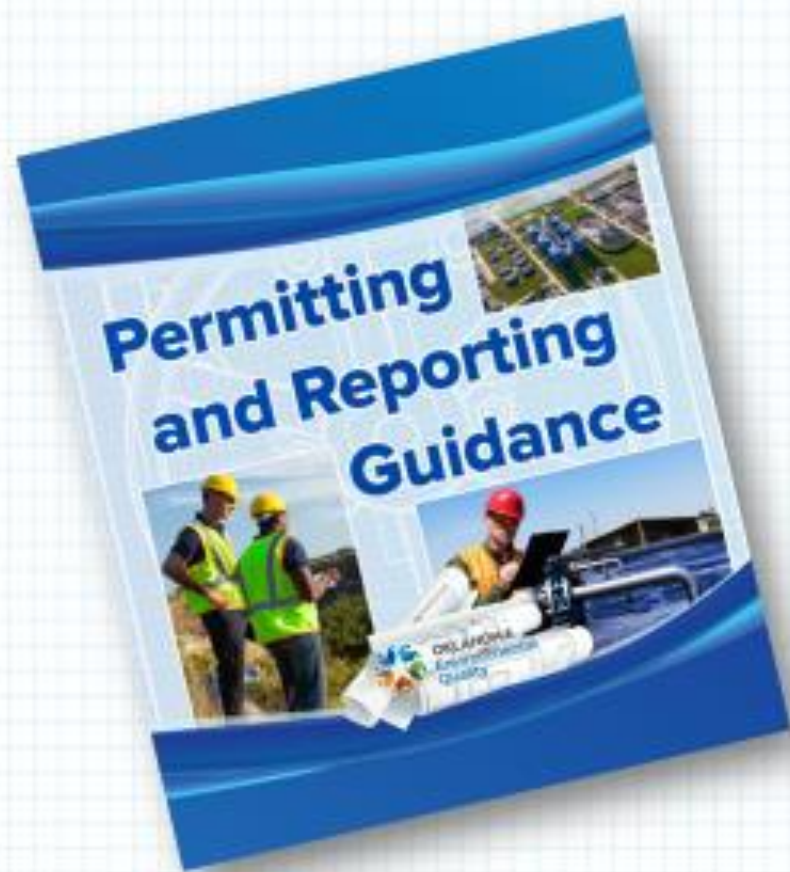


**Patrick Rosch**  
**WQD Engineering**  
**Manager**



**Bruce Vande Lune**  
**ECLS Environmental**  
**Programs Manager**

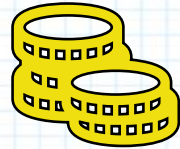
# Permit Guidance



- ❖ **10,000' level permitting document**
- ❖ **Located on DEQ webpage with clickable links**
- ❖ **Provided hardcopy for in-person meetings**
- ❖ **Process actively breaks down silos**

# Business of Sustainability

= Economic + Environmental + Social



# Business of Sustainability

## Economic Development

- ❖ Profit \$\$
- ❖ Sustainable Business Practice
- ❖ Circular Economy





# Business of Sustainability

## Environmental Development



- ❖ **Protect the Land / Air / Water**
- ❖ **Reduction of carbon footprint**
- ❖ **Reduce/ Reuse / Recycle**



# Business of Sustainability

## Social Development

- ❖ **Environmental Justice**
- ❖ **Treatment of employees**
- ❖ **Involvement with Community**



# Business of Sustainability

**IF IT DOESN'T:**

❖ **HELP BUSINESS**

❖ **HELP ENVIRONMENT**

❖ **HELP PEOPLE**

**IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE.**



# Energy & Environment Opportunities

## Oklahoma Military Energy & Environment

### MISSION

**Maintain a productive working relationship between state, federal, energy, and environmental stakeholders that promotes a healthy and prosperous Oklahoma while enhancing military mission readiness characterized by strong energy security and resilience and sustainable environmental stewardship.**

### VISION

**Build, strengthen, and institutionalize a partnership between the State of Oklahoma and defense facilities in Oklahoma by promoting energy security and resilience and environmental stewardship through a mutually beneficial relationship that sets a national standard for inclusion, building trust, developing model initiatives, implementing successful programs and validating results.**



# Energy & Environment Opportunities

## Hydrogen Permitting Flow Chart

- **Preconstruction**
- **Construction**
- **Operations**
- **Storage**
- **Transmission/Transportation**
- **Use**

**State Agencies** • DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality • DPS - Department of Public Safety • ODOL - Department of Labor • OCC - Oklahoma Corporation Commission • ODOT - Oklahoma Department of Transportation • OWRB - Oklahoma Water Resources Board

**Federal Agencies** • EPA - Environmental Protection Agency • PHMSA - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration • USACE - United States Army Corps of Engineers • U.S. DOT - United States Department of Transportation



# DEQ - EJ Statement

**“All people should be protected from the impacts of environmental pollution regardless of race, national origin, or income. DEQ is committed to ensuring such protection through the development, implementation, and consistent enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.”**



# Q & A

