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DHEC announces administrative improvements

COLUMBIA, S.C. – In an effort to eliminate duplication and reduce costs, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control merged the administrative functions of its Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and Environmental Quality Control divisions, the agency announced today.

“Our focus at OCRM needs to be on protecting the environment and delivering quality customer service,” DHEC Director Catherine Templeton said. “EQC’s administration provides support for about 1200 employees, so they can seamlessly provide support to the 30 OCRM employees who deliver services to the public. By reducing OCRM overhead, we saved \$353,158.25 that can support our core efforts to improve public health and environmental outcomes, and we’ll continue to seek out opportunities to focus our resources on promoting public health and protecting the environment in the weeks and months ahead.”

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