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Q1

Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Natural Resources, Department of

Dear Sir or Madam: The OSS Division of the state Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for agency finances and community outreach is currently completely dysfunctional because of the division's Deputy Director, Derrick Meggie. At the moment, however, it has lost the outreach component to the Executive Division. As opposed to hiring qualified staff, Director Taylor has not posted or interviewed for even one position since taking over the Agency. Rather, he has moved cronies into positions, one of them being Robert McCullough. Robert McCullough is a Conservation Officer, a Physical Ed Major from his college days, who is now being paid in the range of 100,000.00 a year to run the OMO (Office of Media Outreach). He has no background, no experience except an occasional news interview for the position, but yet is paid an amazing amount of money. This section has been moved from OSS to Executive to avoid DD Meggie having any input. Meggie's inept leadership and unethical behaviors have driven staff away and crushed morale, leaving the division in ruins. It is past time for someone to step in and make some constructive changes in this agency, as it has become increasingly obvious that change will not happen from within. Director Taylor is either unaware of the situation in OSS or simply unwilling to address it. The division is hemorrhaging staff. Some of the staff that have left were treated to D.D. Meggie spreading lies about why they were leaving and sullyng their names--before they even left. Two of these people have had an exit interview with Director Taylor, relayed exactly why they were leaving and made sure he was

aware of the unethical, unprofessional behavior of D.D. Meggie, yet Taylor has done nothing. D.D. Meggie has hired several people to replace the staff that left. One of these is his Director of Finance, Viola Faust. She is being paid over 80,000 a year, and has consistently demonstrated lack of leadership and other professional skills needed to do her job. He refused to even interview 2 qualified internal candidates, and instead chose this woman who attends his church. She came in sowing discord. She immediately held a meeting, excluding the Grants Director, to try to gather dirt against her to run her off. During this meeting, in frustration when not getting the negative responses she desired, Ms. Faust stated to the room that she didn't care "who was sleeping with who." This type of unfounded, inappropriate insinuation does nothing more than create a cloud of discontent and negativity over the finance section. D.D. Meggie sat next to her grinning, saying nothing. She has not handled anything without asking other staff to provide all the information she needed, basically having her work done for her by others. So, this is what DNR is getting for 80,000+ a year--a lazy, unprofessional, church friend of the D.D., who may look good on paper, but has done nothing but sow discord and insult staff. There is no morale in the division. Last year, an employee of the agency for 30+ years had his service pin recognizing his loyalty tossed to him over his desk without even an expression of gratitude for his time. This year, there was no recognition of State Employee Month for the division. In fact, when the divisional Employee of the Year was awarded, the only ones involved at all were the workers in her office. It has yet to even be announced to the Division who the Employee of the Year is. These are the institutional rituals that allow the state to honor good workers, and DNR employees have historically valued these small but significant recognitions. This is a dedicated agency with loyal employees who have left in droves, especially from the OSS Division. Please do something to save the employees and the agency before it sinks further.

Q2	45-54 years old
What is your age?	
Q3	State employee of an agency currently under study by the House Legislative Oversight Committee (i.e., Adjutant General's Office, DPS, Department of Agriculture, DHEC, Archives and History, Retirement System Investment Commission, Law Enforcement Training Council, Treasurer's Office, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, State Election Commission, Human Affairs Commission, John de la Howe School, Commission for Minority Affairs, Patriots Point Development Authority)
Which best describes your current role?	
Q4	Lancaster
In which county do you live?	