

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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## Don Lewis, assistant director of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, resigns

Portland, Oregon: Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist and Director of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), has accepted the resignation of Don W. T. Lewis, Assistant Director, Geologic Survey and Services Program. Mr. Lewis's last day with DOGAMI was April 20, 2012.

As part of his work for the agency during his seven and one-half years with DOGAMI, Mr. Lewis led the Oregon Lidar Consortium, which collects and distributes high-resolution lidar elevation data for the state and has become a nationally recognized program.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State and has a broad responsibility in developing an understanding of the state's geologic resources and natural hazards. The Department then makes this information available to communities and individuals to help inform and reduce the risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department assists in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards is key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

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