

THE Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to revise OAR chapter 340, division 11 (rules regarding contested cases). DEQ proposes a rule that would allow both parties in contested cases to request that Administrative Law Judges revise proposed orders in order to provide a clearer and more complete record on appeal to the Environmental Quality Commission. DEQ also proposes to clarify that Environmental Law Specialists may provide lay representation on behalf of DEQ in contested case proceedings involving license, permit, or certification revocations, modifications, and denials.

DEQ is also proposing a revision to OAR chapter 340 division 200, rule 0040 (State of Oregon Clean Air Act Implementation Plan). These amendments, if adopted, will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan, which is a requirement of the Clean Air Act.

DEQ is conducting a hearing for this rulemaking on June 19, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., DEQ Headquarters, 811 SW 6th Ave., 10th floor, Room EQCA, Portland, OR. The hearing will begin with a brief overview of the proposed rule changes, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to provide oral and written comment. Comments on the proposed rulemaking may be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email (see contact information below) at any time prior to 5:00 pm Monday, July 2, 2007.

For further information, or for copies of the proposed changes, please go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/OCCE/index.shtml>, or contact Sarah Greenley, DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement, 811 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR, greenley.sarah@deq.state.or.us, phone: 1-800-452-4011, ext. 6927, or 503-229-6927, fax: 503-229-5100.