

State of Oregon  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Land Use Evaluation Statement

Rulemaking Proposal  
for  
**2008 Oregon Regional Haze Plan  
and new controls for the PGE Boardman power plant**

**1. Explain the purpose of the proposed rules.**

Over the next several decades, DEQ must develop a series of Regional Haze plans to meet Clean Air Act requirements for incrementally reducing haze pollution and improving visibility in federal "Class I" wilderness areas and national parks. DEQ has developed the proposed 2008 Regional Haze Plan to take the next step in haze reduction. The most significant action contemplated for the 2008 Regional Haze plan is DEQ's proposed rule for requiring emission controls at the PGE Boardman coal-fired power plant, in response to the federal requirement for Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART). DEQ is also proposing four other BART-eligible facilities reduce their emissions and change their permits to ensure they will not cause a significant impact on visibility in Oregon Class I areas. Included in this rulemaking is the adoption of revisions made to the Oregon Smoke Management Plan (OSMP) by the Oregon Department of Forestry in 2007. DEQ is proposing to incorporate the OSMP into the Oregon State Implementation Plan without any additional changes.

**2. Do the proposed rules affect existing rules, programs or activities that are considered land use programs in the DEQ State Agency Coordination (SAC) Program?**

Yes X No    

**a. If yes, identify existing program/rule/activity:**

The issuance of air permits is an action determined to have effects on land use. DEQ will implement the proposed rulemaking through the Title V Operating Permit Program and DEQ's Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (ACDP) Program.

The OSMP has effects on land use. However, DEQ is proposing no changes to the OSMP, other than adopting it into the Oregon State Implementation Plan. Previous review of the land use impacts was conducted by the Oregon Department of Forestry when it adopted revisions to the OSMP in 2007.

**b. If yes, do the existing statewide goal compliance and local plan compatibility procedures adequately cover the proposed rules?**

Yes X No     (if no, explain):

**c. If no, apply the following criteria to the proposed rules.**

Not applicable.

**In the space below, state if the proposed rules are considered programs affecting land use. State the criteria and reasons for the determination.**

Not applicable.

**3. If the proposed rules have been determined a land use program under 2. above, but are not subject to existing land use compliance and compatibility procedures, explain the new procedures the Department will use to ensure compliance and compatibility.**

Not applicable.