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The Honorable Tobias Read
Chair, House Sustainability and
Economic Development Committee
900 Court St. NE, H-490
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Read:

This letter complies with the ORS 183.335(15) requirement to notify certain legislators when an agency proposes changes to Oregon Administrative Rules which results from legislation that passed within the previous two years.

The Department of Environmental Quality proposes changes to the air quality permitting rules under divisions 200, 202, 215, 216, 222, 224, 225, 228, and 230 of chapter 340. If approved, the rules would:

- incorporate two new federally regulated pollutants (greenhouse gases and fine particulates) into Oregon's existing air quality permitting program;
- change how small scale local energy projects are evaluated under Oregon's rules based on recent changes to Oregon's statutes resulting from House Bill 2952; and
- re-adopt by reference EPA's updated federal acid rain program rules.

The enclosed rulemaking announcement includes a link to DEQ's rulemaking website. The website includes all public notice documents and information on how to submit comment. The deadline for public comment is November 24. If you have questions or comments, please call me at (503) 229-5397.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ginsburg
Air Quality Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Beth Herzog, Committee Administrator
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