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The Honorable Ben Cannon
Chair, House Environment and
Water Committee
900 Court St. NE, H-484
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Cannon:

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 Patrino, Committee Administrator
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