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**Oregon Low Emission Vehicle Rules Update**

**Intention/goal:** This rulemaking will align Oregon's Low Emission Vehicle rules with California’s revised rules for cars and light duty trucks. The new California rules increasingly emphasize the use of battery-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

**Why now:** The Clean Air Act requires states that have chosen California’s vehicle emission standards to adopt those standards identically. This rulemaking update is needed soon to incorporate changes made since Oregon‘s LEV rules were adopted in June, 2006.

**Impacts:** This will be a moderate rulemaking supported by LEV program fees. It will not affect other programs.