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To: DEQ Andrea Matzke
From: Carol Aick

I regret that I am unable to attend today's meeting in Eugene.

I have been chasing clean water in Oregon for almost 40 years, serving on the SR1010 committee, the watershed council, demonstrating organic farming and forestry practices, prodding agencies like the BLM, DEQ and USFS to prioritize clean water over timber bribes and driving less.

Agencies like the DEQ have been reluctant and occasionally adversarial (COPA) to address the issue of chemicals in our water/bodies.

It's time. Please.

Require all pesticide manufacturers to provide easy to use publicly available accurate tests (litmus paper) so we can determine where the shuff goes if they want to use/sell it in Oregon.

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**Mail coupon below to:
DEQ/WQD Andrea Matzke, 811 SW 6th Ave Portland OR 97204**

Dear DEQ, this is my public comment on your plan to get poison chemicals out of waterways and fish. I support your effort – especially giving priority to the Clean Water Act over the Forest Practices Act – but want you to take the following additional steps:

- 1) Use your authority for safe drinking water and poison-free fish to keep all forest herbicides **entirely out of our streams and bloodstreams**, not just the few chemicals in your current plan.
- 2) As an agency acting in the public interest, adopt a strong '**Precautionary Principle**' in regard to pesticides and encourage the State of Oregon to follow your lead.
- 3) Since current FPA riparian zones have not kept herbicides out of forest streams, do all in your power to see that those zones are widened, especially in regard to aerial sprays.
- 4) Emulate the testing done by EWEB that features POCIS one-month duration test strips.

My Name and Address:
