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Andrea Matzke
Oregon DEQ
Water Quality Division
811 SW 6th Ave.
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Re: Revised Water Quality Standards for Human Health Toxic Pollutants

Dear Ms. Matzke,

I am writing in opposition to the above mentioned rules proposed by Oregon DEQ because we do not know the cost of compliance or the extent of the problem we are trying to fix.

Secondly, I oppose this legislation because it places City's in the untenable position of perpetual violation. You must give us permission for our wastewater plant to violate without remedy. We would be at risk of further action by the courts if someone were to challenge your authority to do so.

Lastly, the information I have read raises questions about the impacts these standards will actually have in reducing toxins in the waters of the state. We don't have the ability to correct the problem, we don't know how effective this action may be, but we are getting ready to spend, what I believe will be a staggering sum of money to fix it.

Every budget year a police chief is faced with the decision how best to protect our citizens with the limited resources we have been given. Oregon DEQ is imposing safety standards that are literally impossible to achieve at a cost "to be determined". This is irresponsible as it disregards the well being of our citizens who will pay for it.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Robb Corbett
City Manager