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**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:22 PM  
**Subject:** DEQ position on toxic reduction rulemaking

Hi, I am emailing today to comment on the proposed new toxic rulemaking. We have farmed in Washington County for thirty years. We have done everything asked of us to keep our environment safe and our land productive for future generations. We cannot, and I repeat cannot tolerate any more regulations on us. As it stands now farms are on the edge financially, due in part to regulations and prices for our products that in no way shape or form keep up with inflation, fuel, input costs, or the ability to comply with anymore regulations. I am not sure why farmers in this country are so frowned upon, but it has to stop. There will be a great need for more food in this world by 2050, where is it to come from, if there are no farmers left in this country? I know most people will say from other countries, but I can guarantee that if half the country knew how their food was produced in other countries they would only eat food from the United States. Not only that, the American farmer can produce the safest food on the planet. It is to this end that we would like to have ODA continue to be the regulatory agency that works with the farmers to provide the excellent products all Oregonians now enjoy. Food is already on the rise again because of fuel costs and the weather. We cannot control the weather, but we can have a say in what happens to us regulation wise. Like I said earlier we have farmed for many years in this state, we are in compliance with CAFO and other regs. When CAFO was first implemented we were almost forced out because of the cost of compliance. I would not like to see a repeat of that time. Enough is enough! In our watershed we have several projects underway to enhance wetlands, provide buffers, and wildlife habitat. We also do a lot of no-till practices, keeping erosion under control. With that I will close by saying that the government that is supposed to be for the people by the people had better quit biting the hand that feeds them, or someday they will go to the grocery store and find nothing on the shelves. Sincerely Mark and Karen Kalsch  
Phone number 503-628-1370 Thank You

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