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House Environment & Water Committee Co-Chair Ben Cannon
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The Honorable Committee Co-Chair Cannon:

This letter complies with ORS 183.335(15), requiring notice of a proposed Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rulemaking.

The proposed rule enables small-scale commercial, institutional, and industrial biomass boiler projects to continue as planned and meet critical federal and state funding deadlines. The rule provides exemptions from residential woodstove/boiler certification requirements for small-scale commercial, industrial and institutional boilers subject to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. The proposed rules would also establish a simple, no-fee registration requirement for small and mid-sized boilers subject to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. The registration process allows DEQ to identify businesses that may need technical assistance from DEQ.

DEQ will conduct a 30 day public comment period beginning in August, 2011. DEQ plans to recommend a final proposed rule for adoption by the Environmental Quality Commission at their December 2011 meeting.

Enclosed is a Rulemaking Announcement which outlines the proposed rule as well as the public comment and public hearing opportunities. If you have questions or comments, please call me at (503) 229-5327. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ginsburg, Administrator
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Enclosure

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