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**NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND   
PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARINGS**

**Rule Caption:**Klamath Falls PM2.5 Attainment Plan.

**Date: Time: Location:**

8-21-12  1 p.m. OIT, Mazama Rm.  3201 Campus Dr.  Klamath Falls, OR 97601

8-21-12 7 p.m. OIT, Mazama Rm.  3201 Campus Dr.  Klamath Falls, OR 97601

**Hearing Officer:** DEQ employee

**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 468, 468A, 468.020, 468A.025, 468A.460 & 477

**Stats. Implemented:** ORS 468.020, 468A.010–468A.025, 468A.035, 468A.515, 468A.555, 468A.612 & 468A.085

**Proposed Adoptions:** 340-240-0500 – 340-240-0630, 340-262-1000, 340-264-0175

**Proposed Amendments:** 340-200-0040, 340-204-0010, 340-204-0030, 340-225-0090, 340-240-0010, 340-240-0030, 340-264-0040, 340-264-0078, 340-264-0080, 340-264-0100

**Last Date for Comment:** 8-28-12, 5 p.m.

**Summary:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to adopt rules as part of an attainment plan that will bring the Klamath Falls area into compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate, or PM2.5, by the federal deadline of December 2014. These amendments, if adopted, will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a revision to the State Implementation Plan, which is a requirement of the federal Clean Air Act. The attainment plan specifies how the community will meet the particulate standard by the federal Clean Air Act deadline of December 2014, including who will conduct the work, and when and how it will be done.

 The attainment plan, based on recommendations from DEQ’s citizen advisory committee, is a comprehensive mixture of emission reduction strategies consisting of local ordinances, DEQ regulations, and non-regulatory elements including incentives and education. The plan contains additional strategies recommended by the local advisory committee that provide a margin of safety. The plan also provides contingency measures to meet the PM2.5 standard should the community fail to reduce particulate emissions by the 2014 deadline. The proposed attainment plan will aid the state and the community in controlling emissions to ensure clean air in Klamath Falls.

 Since residential wood burning emissions comprise most of the harmful particulate emissions in Klamath Falls, most of the proposed particulate reductions will come from enhancements to the community’s woodstove curtailment program, implemented through local ordinances. Other attainment strategies include continuing the program of replacing polluting uncertified woodstoves, a public awareness and education program and DEQ rules requiring reasonably available controls to reduce particulate from industrial sources.

 If the attainment plan fails to achieve the federal standard by December 2014, additional regulations in the contingency plan will further reduce particulate emissions from wood burning and industry. The proposed rules will increase regulatory flexibility by allowing new or expanded industrial facilities in Klamath Falls to meet existing federal requirements to offset their emissions by removing woodstoves from homes, thereby decreasing wood burning emissions. Historically, industry has only offset emissions by purchasing unused emission credits from other industrial facilities. These credits are not widely available, which could limit economic growth in the area.

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