**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AIR QUALITY RULE AMENDMENTS**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt rules that implement new and amended federal air quality regulations. The objectives of this rulemaking are to protect public health, implement federally-delegated programs that regulate hazardous air pollutants and other air pollutants, and improve Oregon’s implementation of these programs.

These amendments, if adopted, will be submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval and as a revision to the State Implementation Plan, which is a requirement of the Clean Air Act.

The Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule changes on September 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in room EQC-A on the tenth floor at DEQ’s Headquarters Office, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. If unable to attend the hearing in person, you can also participate by conference line at the DEQ’s Bend Office, 475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110 Bend, Oregon, or DEQ’s Medford Office, 221 Stewart Ave, Suite 201, Medford, Oregon. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing.

Copies of the proposed rule package may be obtained from the Air Quality Division in Portland, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, by contacting Jerry Ebersole at (503) 229-6974. Written comments may be submitted anytime to the above address, but must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 28, 2012.