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NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARINGS

Department of Environmental Quality, Chapter 340

Rule Caption: Increase water quality permit fees to address program costs

Date: Time: Location:

8-20-13 6 p.m. DEQ, 811 SW Sixth Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Hearing Officer: DEQ staff

Stat. Auth.: ORS 454.625, 468.020 & 468.065

Stats. Implemented: ORS 454.745, 454.755, 468.065, 468B.035, 468B.050, 468B.051 & 468B.195

Proposed Amendments: 340-045-0075, 340-071-0140

Last Date for Comment: 8-23-13, 5 p.m.

Summary: DEQ proposes increasing most water quality permit fees by 2.9 percent.

In 2002, DEQ convened the Blue Ribbon Committee on Wastewater Permitting to recommend improvements to DEQ's water quality permit program. The committee included industry, environmental and local government representatives. In 2004, the committee published a report containing a variety of recommendations, including increasing fee revenue by no more than 3 percent each year to address increasing program costs. The annual fee increase recommendation was adopted into law in 2005. To address increasing program costs, DEQ implemented fee increases in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and proposes this 2013 permit fee increase of 2.9 percent.

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