Corrections and Clarifications to Toxics Water Quality Standards Rulemaking

Advisory Committee Meeting

--Meeting Notes—

July 11, 2013

10:00 am

DEQ HQ – Room 5B

811 SW Sixth Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

Attendees:

Curtis Barton, Clackamas Water Environment Services

Dianne Barton, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Mike Freese, Oregon Farm Bureau

Kathryn VanNatta, NW Pulp and Paper Association, via Teleconference line

Travis Williams, Willamette Riverkeeper

Jennifer Wigal, DEQ

Andrea Matzke, DEQ

Absent:

Kathleen Collins, EPA

Heath Curtiss, Oregon Forest Industries Council

John Ledger, Associated Oregon Industries

Meeting begins at 10:07am

Andrea begins by discussing the meeting minutes from the June 25th meeting and asked if the committee approved. Kathryn thought they were fine but questioned the highlighted area of the document which was a comment by Dianne; however Dianne no longer remembers what she meant.

Andrea then begins going over the “Statement of Need” and Kathryn comments that:

* This document assumes that people know about what the 2007 Rulemaking did.
* It doesn’t make clear what it was to accomplish.
* Please clarify in the “Statement of Need” what “acute only” means.

Andrea asks that the group let her know if they have any questions or comments.

Kathryn then related a conversation that she had with Kathleen Collins regarding the EPA’s view on substantive changes that require approval actions. She went on to request that DEQ sharpen up their verbiage on “Substantive” and “Non-Substantive” and this might provide clarity for the public. Jennifer agrees to work on that, and Travis points out the phrases “Substantive” and “More Substantive” in the “Brief History” portion on page 1, second paragraph.

Curtis had questions on page 12, regarding a portion of the paragraph outlining, “(a) Estimated number of small businesses and types of businesses and industries with small businesses subject to proposed rule.” Which reads, “According to the Oregon Farm Bureau, 97% (update if needed---this stat was from the human health toxics rulemaking).” Jennifer explained the origin of the portion in question.

Mike asked if DEQ could add a link to the “Estimated fiscal impact” on the 2004 document, that it might clarify the language used. Also could DEQ substitute a second paragraph please, use “estimate” *(page 10)* Kathryn questioned on whether or not 2007 should be included (page 9) in that paragraph. Mike asked if DEQ can include an explanatory introduction on the rulemaking.

Andrea then discussed the language that she’ll use on the “Stakeholder and Public Involvement” portion in the September 13th 2018 “Notice of Proposed Rulemaking”, and she’ll send it out in an email to the group. Mike asked if when he replies to her email, should he then include all the group in his response, and Andrea agreed to that.

Meeting ends at 10:53 am.