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Subject: Proposed Updates to the Oregon DEQ Civil Penalty Rules

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Dear Legislator,

DEQ is proposing that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt rules to implement Senate Bill 105A (2009) which increased the maximum penalties DEQ could assess for daily violations. These amendments, if adopted, would affect anyone assessed a penalty for violating Oregon environmental regulations.

DEQ will hold a public hearing on Sept.17, 2013 at 2 p.m. in room EQC-A on the tenth floor at DEQ's Headquarters Office, 811 SW 6th Ave., Portland, OR. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing.

Once the public comment period closes, DEQ will evaluate and consider all comments received. Based on those comments, DEQ may make changes to the proposed rule. The Environmental Quality Commission is expected to consider DEQ's recommendation on this proposed rule at its December 2013 meeting.

For copies of the proposed rule package contact DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement located at 811 SW 6th Ave. in Portland, OR, or call Jenny Root at 503-229-5874. Copies are also available on the DEQ website at: www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/proposedrules.htm. Written comments may be submitted anytime to the above address or via email to root.jenny@deq.state.or.us but must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2013.