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NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND
PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARINGS

Department of Environmental Quality, Chapter 340

Rule Caption: Align Diesel Grant Program with Federal Guidelines

Date: Time: Location:

1-16-14 5 p.m. 811 SW 6th Ave. Portland, OR

Hearing Officer: DEQ staff

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Proposed Amendments: 340-259-0010

Last Date for Comment: 1-21-14, 5 p.m.

Summary: Short summary

DEQ proposes minor changes to the clean diesel grant and loan program rules.

Brief history

The 2013 Oregon Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Bill 249. The bill authorized DEQ to administer federal grants for clean diesel projects and to complete the projects according to federal grant guidelines rather than the more limited state guidelines. Authority to administer clean diesel grants was first provided to DEQ in 2007. Projects that qualified for grants were limited to retrofitting diesel exhaust controls, non-road engine repowers and scrapping pre-1994 trucks. The federal program guidelines provide for many other eligible activities including idle reduction, aerodynamic enhancements and vehicle replacement.

Although the legislation included an emergency clause making it effective upon filing, DEQ must adopt implementing rules. Failure to adopt the proposed rule would prevent DEQ from offering the broader range projects that are now more attractive to Oregon's potential applicants interested in reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines.

Regulated parties

Participation in the grant program is voluntary. The proposed rules would affect owners of diesel powered vehicles and equipment as sub-recipients of DEQ-secured grant funds. The successful implementation of projects supported by grants authorized under this proposal would affect Oregonians by reducing harmful emissions.

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