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Align Diesel Grant Program with Federal Guidelines
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RULEMAKING ACTION

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RULE SUMMARY

The Environmental Quality Commission amended clean diesel grant and loan program rules to implement Senate Bill 249 (2013). The commission approved these changes by temporary rule Oct. 16, 2013, to allow DEQ to administer federal grants received for clean diesel projects during the current federal grant cycle. The temporary rules expire April 27, 2014.

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 rules would have prevented DEQ from offering the broader range of 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 rules 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 by the rules affects Oregonians by reducing harmful emissions.



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