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DEQ is proposing rules to incorporate LRAPA rules into the Oregon State Implementation Plan. This includes rules for open burning, permit streamlining, and permitting requirements including new source review and prevention of significant deterioration requirements for fine particulate pollution and greenhouse gases, and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants. The LRAPA rules were adopted by the LRAPA Board of Directors several years ago and have been in effect in Lane County since their adoption.

Typically, DEQ submits LRAPA rules to the Environmental Quality Commission for incorporation into the State Implementation Plan immediately upon adoption by the LRAPA Board. However, in this case, DEQ determined that the public notice process held jointly by DEQ and LRAPA several years ago did not meet requirements for State Implementation Plan rules, which are above and beyond requirements for normal rulemaking. Adopting new rules is resource intensive and DEQ was unable to perform the additional public notice requirements until now.

DEQ is holding a public comment period on three proposals. DEQ has authorized LRAPA to act as hearings officer on behalf of the EQC and accept public comment. DEQ plans to bring the proposed rules to the EQC for consideration in March 2014. If adopted, DEQ would submit the relevant portions of the LRAPA rules to EPA as a modification to the Oregon State Implementation Plan.

There are three rule packages:

- Open burning
- Permit streamlining
- Permitting requirements for NSR, PSD and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants

A public hearing will be held on Jan. 22, 2014 at 5:30 pm at 1010 Main Street, Springfield, Oregon 97477. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted anytime through the online comment forms accessible through the website, or as described in the rule packages, but comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Jan. 27, 2014.

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