To be sent to interested parties Dec. 18 to:

* Email and mail addresses provided to DEQ by LRAPA; and
* GovDelivery group: Rulemaking

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**Subject:** Proposal to incorporate Lane Regional Air Protection Agency rules into the State Implementation Plan

DEQ is proposing a rulemaking to incorporate LRAPA rules into the Oregon State Implementation Plan. This includes LRAPA rules for open burning, permit streamlining, and permitting requirements (including New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements for PM2.5 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. Performing rulemaking is resource intensive and DEQ was unable to perform the additional public notice requirements until now.

DEQ is holding a 30-day public comment period beginning in December 2013 to incorporate relevant portions of the LRAPA rules as a modification to the Oregon State Implementation Plan. DEQ has authorized LRAPA to act as hearings officer on behalf of EQC for public comment. DEQ plans to bring its rulemaking to the EQC for consideration in March 2014.

There are three rulemaking packages. The rulemaking announcement and documents will be posted online as follows:

* [Open burning](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/LRAPAOB.aspx)
* [Permit streamlining](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/LRAPAPS.aspx)
* [Permitting requirements for NSR, PSD and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/LRAPAFED.aspx)

The comment deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2014. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Gartenbaum at Gartenbaum.andrea@deq.state.or.us or 503-229-5946.