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July 20, 2007

Meryln Hough, Director Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority 1010 Main Street Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Proposed Amendments to LRAPA Title 47, Open Burning Rules

Dear Merlyn:

DEQ has reviewed your proposed amendments to LRAPA Title 47, Open Burning Rules, which were received July 16, 2007. We find that the proposed regulations to be as stringent as comparable rules of the Department.

We hereby authorize LRAPA to act as Hearings Officer on behalf of the Environmental Quality Commission for public comment on these rule amendments, including the proposal to amend OAR 340-200-0040 to incorporate relevant portions of these rule amendments as modifications to Oregon's State Implementation Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Beyer at 503-229-6457.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ginsburg

Air Quality Division Administrator

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

cc: Gary Beyer, DEQ