

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING

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AGENCY: Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

The above named agencies give notice of hearing.

HEARING TO BE HELD:

Date:	Time:	Location:
February 12, 2008	12:15 p.m.	LRAPA Meeting Room 1010 Main Street Springfield, Oregon

Hearings Officer: Merlyn Hough (541) 736-1056 Ext. 216

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183 and 468A

Stats. Implemented: ORS 183 and 468.A

Proposed Adoption: Amendments to LRAPA Title 47

Proposed Amendments: OAR 340-200-0040; LRAPA Title 47

Last Date for Comment: February 12, 2008. Verbal comments will be accepted at the public hearing on February 12, 2008. Comments received prior to the hearing date must be in writing. While written comments may be submitted until February 12, 2008, it would be helpful to get written comments in by Monday, January 28, 2008 to allow time for staff to respond to the comments and get the information to the board members prior to the hearing date. Any written comments submitted on the day of the hearing must be presented orally by the commenter at the hearing.

Summary: Under the proposed amendments, LRAPA would provide for additional control of open burning activities in Lane County to address the need to reduce particulate emissions. The proposed changes include the following: prohibit open burning within the Eugene/Springfield Urban Growth Boundary during the months of November through February; address small recreational fires, such as patio fireplaces, providing for how and when they can be used; provide clarification of several definitions and add definitions for “nuisance” and “recreational fire”; correct the LRAPA name change; provide for the end time of daily burning advisories to be set prior to sunset; add Hazeldell and Siuslaw RFPDs to the list of fire districts in the special control area; and restrict the open burning season in the outlying areas of Lane County to the October 1 through June 15 period.

LRAPA Title 47 is included in Oregon’s State Implementation Plan (SIP). If adopted by the LRAPA Board of Directors, the amended rule will be forwarded to DEQ for adoption by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (EQC). If the EQC adopts the rule, it will be submitted by DEQ to the Environmental Protection Agency as an amendment to the SIP.

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