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RULE CAPTION

Incorporate Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Rules for permit streamlining into State Implementation Plan

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RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT:

AMEND: 340-200-0040

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND & RENUMBER:

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, 468A.035, 468A.135

Other Auth.: LRAPA Title 13 General Duties & Powers of Board & Director; LRAPA Title 14 Rules of Practice & Procedure

Stats. Implemented: ORS 468 & 468A

RULE SUMMARY

The Environmental Quality Commission adopted rule amendments to incorporate Lane Regional Air Protection Agency revised regulations for permit streamlining into Oregon's State Implementation Plan in Oregon Administrative Rule 340-200-0040.

The LRAPA Board of Directors adopted permit streamlining rules revisions in an effort to maximize efficiencies in LRAPA's permitting program while maintaining the existing level of environmental protection, bring LRAPA in line with state rules, and better coordinate with state and federal requirements.

The LRAPA rules contain:

- State and federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and New Source Performance Standards that were in effect at the time of LRAPA's rule adoption.

- Streamlined and improved permitting processes comparable to DEQ rules adopted in 2001 and 2007.

- Narrowing of an agriculture exemption comparable to DEQ rules adopted in 2008.

- Minor corrections and adjustments adopted by LRAPA's Board in January 2010 to the regulations previously adopted by LRAPA's Board in October 2008.

Brief history

LRAPA, in consultation with DEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is responsible for ensuring that Lane County communities comply with federal air quality health standards, including enacting plans to restore healthy air quality in any area violating standards. LRAPA conducts air monitoring, permitting and compliance, inspection and enforcement, and regulates open burning and asbestos abatement throughout Lane County. It also has a woodstove advisory program, an open burning advisory program and conducts special projects focused on air quality. Funding sources for LRAPA include dues from Lane County and cities in Lane County and fees from industrial and other permitted sources. Additionally, LRAPA coordinates with DEQ to obtain EPA funding and state general funds.

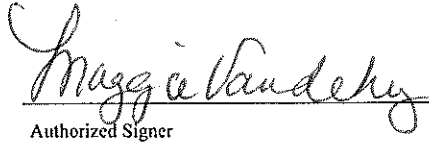
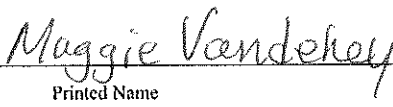

On October 14, 2008 and January 12, 2010, the LRAPA Board of Directors adopted amendments to the permit rules, and the rules have been in effect in Lane County since their adoption. The Environmental Quality Commission and DEQ have oversight authority to ensure LRAPA meets Clean Air Act requirements.

The State Implementation Plan is the State of Oregon Clean Air Act Implementation Plan that EQC adopts under OAR 340-200-0040 and EPA approves. EQC reviews LRAPA rules to determine if they comply with state law and the Clean Air Act. If they comply, EQC approves the LRAPA rules and revisions to OAR 340-200-0040 and directs DEQ to submit the approved rules to EPA for federal approval as State Implementation Plan amendments.

Typically, DEQ presents LRAPA rules to EQC for consideration immediately upon adoption by the LRAPA board. EPA's public notice requirements are above and beyond Oregon's requirements and several years ago, DEQ and LRAPA held a joint public notice that met Oregon requirements, but determined that process did not meet EPA's requirements for State Implementation Plan rules. Performing rulemaking is resource intensive and DEQ was unable to perform the additional public notice requirements until now.

Regulated parties

The rule amendments do not change the regulated parties or requirements for regulated parties from the rules that LRAPA's board adopted in 2008 and 2010. The regulated parties include businesses in LRAPA's jurisdiction subject to Air Contaminant Discharge Permits and Title V Operating Permits.

		
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