# Invitation to Comment

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



**Submit written comments**

**Online**

[Comment form](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/COMMENTS/LRAPAPS.aspx)

By mail

Oregon DEQ

Attn: Andrea Gartenbaum 811 SW 6th Ave.

Portland, OR 97204

By fax 503-229-5675

Attn: Andrea Gartenbaum

At hearing

See Attend a hearing

Comment deadline

Jan. 27, 2014 by 5 p.m.

DEQ invites input on a proposed permanent rule amendment to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

DEQ proposal

DEQ proposes to incorporate Lane Regional Air Protection Agency rules for permit streamlining into Oregon’s State Implementation Plan in OAR 340-200-0040.

Rulemaking goal

LRAPA adopted permit streamlining rules 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.

In order for LRAPA and the state to maintain compliance with the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Quality Commission:

* Reviews LRAPA’s rules
* Concludes whether the rules comply with state law and the Clean Air Act
* Approves the rules
* Directs DEQ to submit approved rules to EPA for approval and incorporation, as appropriate, into the federally-approved State Implementation Plan

DEQ requests public comment on whether to consider other options for achieving these rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

Who does this affect?

The regulated parties include businesses in LRAPA’s jurisdiction that are subject to Air Contaminant Discharge Permits and Title V Operating Permits.

**Sign up for notices**

Sign up to receive rulemaking notices by email: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/RulemakingActivities.aspx>.

Attend a hearing

DEQ invites you to attend the public hearing listed below. The presiding officer will provide a brief overview of the proposal before inviting your spoken or written comment.

Location: Springfield, Oregon

Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency

1010 Main Street

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014

Presiding Officer: Merlyn Hough

Comment deadline

To consider comments on the proposed rules, DEQ must receive the comment by

5 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2014

**More information**

The Rule Proposal and Notice for this rulemaking are on DEQ’s website: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/LRAPAPS.aspx>

**What has happened so far?**

Before LRAPA’s Board adopted the rules, DEQ reviewed appropriate rules and found the regulations to be as stringent as comparable DEQ rules. DEQ evaluated the rules in light of events that have occurred since the LRAPA Board adopted the rules in 2008 and 2010. Typically, DEQ submits LRAPA rules to EQC for incorporation into the State Implementation Plan immediately upon the LRAPA Board’s adoption. 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.

Documents used to develop proposal

DEQ relied on the following documents to consider the need for the proposed rule and prepare the rulemaking documents.

* LRAPA rules adopted by the LRAPA Board of Directors on Oct. 14, 2008 and January 12, 2010
* Letter from DEQ to LRAPA, April 18, 2008, Stringency review of LRAPA’s permit streamlining rule amendments
* Letter from DEQ to LRAPA, Nov. 22, 2013, Stringency review of LRAPA’s rules
* [Oregon Administrative Rules](http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rules.htm) Chapter 340 Divisions 200, 202, 204, 208, 209, 210, 212, 214, 216, 222, 224, 225, 226, 230, 234, 236, 238, 244, and 268

.**What will happen next?**

DEQ will prepare a written response to each comment or summary of similar comments received by the comment deadline. DEQ may modify the rule proposal based on the comments.

Comments or summary of comments and responses will become part of the DEQ staff report that will go to the Oregon [Environmental Quality Commission](http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/EQC/index.shtml) for a final decision.

Present proposal to the EQC

The Environmental Quality Commission is the board that reviews all proposed changes to division 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. The commission adopts, rejects, or adopts with changes, any proposed rule.

DEQ plans to take the final proposal including any modifications made in response to public comments to EQC for decision at its March 2014 meeting. If adopted, DEQ will submit the amendments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan required by the Clean Air Act.

Accessibility information

You may review copies of all websites and documents referenced in this announcement at:

1. Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency

1010 Main Street

Springfield, OR 97477

1. Oregon DEQ Floor 10

811 SW 6th Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

To schedule a review, call Andrea Gartenbaum at 503-229-5946.

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