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DEQ is initiating a rulemaking to revise Oregon's water quality criteria for ammonia established to protect aquatic life. This revision will address [EPA's Jan. 31, 2013 disapproval](#) of ammonia freshwater criteria that DEQ adopted in 2004. Oregon's adopted criteria were based on EPA's 1999 recommended criteria, which did not take into consideration ammonia toxicity to certain kinds of freshwater mussels and snails. EPA has since updated its national recommendation for ammonia in response to new mussel and snail sensitivity data, and published final revised criteria in the [Federal Register](#) on August 12, 2013. DEQ anticipates adopting revised ammonia criteria to protect freshwater aquatic life based on EPA's latest recommendations.

Information and materials will be posted on the [Water Quality Standards Revisions for Freshwater Ammonia 2014](#) website. You may also sign up to receive notices about the rulemaking on the website.

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