

# Invitation to Comment

## Grants Pass Carbon Monoxide and Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) Limited Maintenance Plans

DEQ invites input on proposed rule amendments to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

### DEQ proposal

See far right column to learn how to comment on this proposal. DEQ proposes changes to OAR 340-200-0400 including adoption of two Limited Maintenance Plans for the Grants Pass area – one for Carbon Monoxide (CO) and one for particulate matter 10 microns and smaller (PM<sub>10</sub>). DEQ is proposing to adopt these plans into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan.

### Rulemaking goal

The goal of this rulemaking is to maintain compliance with CO and PM<sub>10</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the next 10 years in the Grants Pass area.

Historically, Grants Pass violated the CO and PM<sub>10</sub> health standards and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classified the area as nonattainment for both air pollutants. Under the Clean Air Act, communities that exceed health standards must adopt plans to achieve and maintain good air quality.

EQC adopted attainment plans with CO and PM<sub>10</sub> control measures to reduce pollution levels within the urban growth boundary to meet the federal standards. This resulted in significant improvement in air quality and Grants Pass was reclassified to attainment for CO in 2000 and PM<sub>10</sub> in 2002. EQC adopted the first maintenance plans for Grants Pass at that time. The current maintenance plans expire in 2015.

EPA requires Oregon to establish second maintenance plans for the Grants Pass area to ensure compliance with the standards through 2025. Grants Pass's CO and PM<sub>10</sub> levels have steadily declined and the area is unlikely to exceed these standards again. EPA guidance allows states the option to adopt a simplified or "limited" maintenance plan if air quality levels are below a certain threshold and there is little

risk of a future health standard violation. Grants Pass's CO and PM<sub>10</sub> levels are well below this threshold. Under the limited maintenance plan option, no new control measures are required, or the need for costly computer modeling for transportation conformity analysis.

DEQ requests public comment through Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5 p.m. on whether to consider other options for achieving these rules' substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. DEQ's statement of fiscal and economic impact is in the notice at: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2014/RGPLMP.aspx>.

### Who does this affect?

The proposed rules affect the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization. The proposed amendments incorporate the limited maintenance plans into the State of Oregon Clean Air Act Implementation Plan and do not change the regulated parties.

### Attend a hearing

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

### Hearing location

Grants Pass City Council Chambers  
101 NW 'A' Street  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

### Submit written comments

#### Online

<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/comments/CGPLMP.aspx>

#### Protected email

for public university and  
OHSU students

[Comment-GPLMP@DEQ.state.or.us](mailto:Comment-GPLMP@DEQ.state.or.us)

#### By mail

Oregon DEQ  
Attn: Brian Finneran  
811 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

#### By fax: 503-229-5675

Attn: Brian Finneran

#### At hearing

See Attend a hearing on  
page 1 of this document.

#### Comment deadline:

Monday, January 26, 2015  
by 5 p.m.

### **Comment deadline**

To consider comments on the proposed rules, DEQ must receive the comment by Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5 p.m.

DEQ Headquarters, Executive Building  
Air Quality Program, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
811 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

### **More information**

The proposed rules and notice for this rulemaking are on DEQ rules and regulations web page [[Link](#)].

To schedule a review, call Brian Finneran at 503-229-6278 or toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011.

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### **What has happened so far?**

#### **Documents used to develop proposal**

The notice lists documents that DEQ relied on to consider the need for the proposed rules and prepare the rulemaking documents [[Link](#)].

### **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](#) for 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 completed draft proposal, including any modifications made in response to public comments to the commission for decision at its March 2015 meeting.

If EQC approves the proposed rules and incorporating the amendments into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040, DEQ will submit the revised state implementation plan to EPA.

### **Accessibility information**

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