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DEQ extends public comment period for proposed revisions to greenhouse gas permitting rules to Sept. 15, 2014

DEQ is extending the public comment period for the air quality permitting, Heat Smart, and gasoline dispensing facility updates with regard to certain Oregon greenhouse gas permitting rules. Specifically, DEQ is extending the public comment period for OAR 340-200-0020, 340-216-0020, 340-216-8010, 340-216-8020 and 340-224-0010 of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules from Aug. 28, 2014 to Sept. 15, 2014.

DEQ is extending the public comment period in anticipation that people will want more time to comment on the greenhouse gas permitting rules in light of recent action by the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 23, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated portions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas regulations known as the Tailoring Rule.

In a separate temporary rulemaking, DEQ is proposing temporary rule revisions to address the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. [Click here](#) to learn about the temporary rulemaking.

While DEQ is not accepting comment on the temporary rulemaking, DEQ requests comment on whether Oregon's proposed rules in the air quality permitting, Heat Smart, and gasoline dispensing facility updates should be retained as they are or revised as proposed in the temporary rulemaking. [Click here](#) to view the rulemaking documents and learn how to submit comments.

This deadline extension is an update to DEQ's initial rulemaking proposal issued June 16, 2014. The close of the public comment period for all of the rules in DEQ's initial proposal remains 5:00 p.m., Aug. 28, 2014, except OAR 340-200-0020, 340-216-0020, 340-216-8010, 340-216-8020 and 340-224-0010. To consider comments on OAR 340-200-0020, 340-216-0020, 340-216-8010, 340-216-8020 and 340-224-0010, DEQ must receive the comment by **5:00 p.m., Sept. 15, 2014.**

DEQ plans to take the final proposal including any modifications made in response to public comments to the Environmental Quality Commission for decision at the commission's January 2015 meeting. If adopted, DEQ will submit the rules to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan as required by the Clean Air Act.

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