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Subject: Notification required under ORS 183.335(15) - Revisions to air quality permitting, Heat Smart, and gasoline dispensing facility rules
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Dear Representative Holvey and Senator Dembrow:

The Department of Environmental Quality has opened public comment for proposed changes to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules including revisions to air quality permitting, Heat Smart, and gasoline dispensing facility rules.

The proposed rules would:

- Clarify and update air quality rules
- Update particulate matter emission standards
- Change permitting requirements for emergency generators and small natural gas or oil-fired equipment
- Establish two new state air quality area designations, “sustainment” and “reattainment,” to help areas avoid and more quickly end a federal nonattainment designation
- Designate Lakeview as a state sustainment area while retaining its federal attainment designation
- Change the New Source Review preconstruction permitting program
- Modernize methods allowed for holding public hearings and meetings
- Re-establish the Heat Smart woodstove replacement program exemption for small commercial solid fuel boilers regulated under the permitting program
- Remove annual reporting requirements for small gasoline dispensing facilities

The proposal is online at www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2014/aqperm.aspx. The proposal includes:

Invitation to Comment – 2-page fact sheet that outlines the proposal and opportunities to comment

Proposed Rules – redline/strikethrough of the affected Oregon Administrative Rules

Notice – information and analysis required by APA; Model Rules; DEQ statutes, rules and best practices; and federal regulations

The comment period closes on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 5 p.m. 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 Jan. 2015 meeting.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Jill Inahara at inahara.jill@deq.state.or.us or 503-229-5001.

Sincerely,

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