DEQ is proposing that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt revisions to the air quality permitting, HeatSmart, and clean diesel grant and loan rules at the Aug. 19/20, 2014 EQC meeting. DEQ proposes changes to statewide particulate matter standards and the pre-construction permitting program that would align with EPA’s adoption of the ambient air quality standard for fine particulate (PM2.5). DEQ is asking interested persons to provide comment on the proposed rules during the public notice period Feb. 1 through Mar. 20. Public hearings will be held on Mar. 18.

The proposed rules and more details about the public comment period, including the time and location of hearings are available at [www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rulesandlaws.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rulesandlaws.htm).

If you cannot attend a hearing, email comments by 5 p.m. Mar. 20, 2013 to Comment-AQPerm@deq.state.or.us.

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