**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AIR QUALITY RULE AMENDMENTS**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt rules that implement new and amended federal air quality regulations. DEQ is requesting public comment on these rules, the state plan to implement the federal emission guidelines for commercial and industrial solid waste incineration units, and delegation request to implement the federal plan requirements for hospital, medical, and infectious waste incinerators.

The objectives of this rulemaking are to protect public health and implement federally-delegated programs that regulate hazardous air pollutants and other air pollutants.

DEQ will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule changes on Dec. 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in room EQC-A on the tenth floor at DEQ’s Headquarters Office, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. If unable to attend the hearing in person, you can also participate by conference line at the DEQ’s Bend Office, 475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110 Bend, Oregon, or DEQ’s Medford Office, 221 Stewart Ave, Suite 201, Medford, Oregon. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing.

Copies of the proposed rule package may be viewed online at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2013/aqfedregs.aspx or obtained from the Air Quality Division in Portland, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, by contacting Jerry Ebersole at (503) 229-6974. Written comments may be submitted anytime to the above address, but must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013.