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Mr. Jerry Ebersole Oregon Department of Environmental Quality 811 SW Sixth Avenue Portland, OR 97204

Sent Via Email: Comment-AQFedRegs@deq.state.or.us

Subject: Rules to Adopt New and Amended Federal Air Quality Regulations – Comments by Associated Oregon Industries

Dear Mr. Ebersole:

Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) is Oregon's largest statewide comprehensive business association with approximately 1,500 member companies employing about 200,000 Oregonians. AOI represents Oregon's largest group of manufacturers, about 300, and numerous other sources directly and significantly affected by federal, state, or local air permitting regulations. Consequently, AOI has been very active in the Department's air quality rulemakings, formally and informally, for decades and we appreciate the continuing opportunity to submit comments.

We have no objections to the package; however, AOI has a very strong interest in air permitting rules as they directly affect hundreds of our members. Accordingly, we request that if further discussions or actions take place to potentially change these rules AOI be so informed.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John Ledger Vice President