The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing amendments to its administrative rules at OAR 340.

**Summary**

DEQ proposes the Environmental Quality Commission approve new proposed rules to increase Title V permit fees for 2016 and 2017 by the change in the consumer price index as authorized by the federal Clean Air Act and state law, including the:

 Annual base fees assessed to all Title V sources regardless of emission quantities;

 Emission fees assessed per ton of emissions from individual sources per calendar year; and

 Specific activity fees assessed when a source owner or operator modifies a permit.

The proposed rules would increase fees in two phases. This approach would save administrative costs by holding a single public notice and comment period for two rulemakings. The proposed fee increase effective for invoice year 2016 is 0.45 percent based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics September 2015 consumer price index for the period September 2014 to August 2015. The proposed fee increase for invoice year 2017 is an additional 0.45 percent. It is an estimate identical to the 2016 increase.

**Public Participation**

DEQ will accept public comments on this proposed rulemaking until 4 pm on Monday, February 22, 2016.

DEQ will hold a public hearing on this proposed rulemaking on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 5 pm. The hearing will be held at DEQ Headquarters Building, Room EQC A on the 10th Floor, 811 SW Sixth Ave., Portland, OR, 97204.

**Additional Information**

To view copies of the notice documents, learn more about this rulemaking, and how to submit comments, you can view the rulemaking web page at: [Title V CPI 2016](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2016/RTitleVCPI2016.aspx).

If you want to receive future email notices about this rulemaking, you must sign up at: [DEQ GovDelivery](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDEQ/subscriber/new?pop=t&topic_id=ORDEQ_249).

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