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To…

Subject:        DEQ rulemaking; Low Emission Vehicles 2018 - Notification required under [ORS 183.335(15)](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/183.html)

Dear,

* Representative Tina Kotek, House Speaker
* Senator Peter Courtney, Senate President
* Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair, Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
* Representative Ken Helm, Chair, House Interim Committee on Energy and Environment

The Department of Environmental Quality has opened public comment for proposed permanent changes to chapter 340 division 257 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Proposal Summary:

DEQ is proposing to amend OAR 340, division number 257 that would update existing Low and Zero Emission Vehicle Program rules to match revisions adopted by California in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. DEQ is also proposing revisions to match California’s proposed 2018 regulations that DEQ anticipates the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will adopt later this year.

The Low and Zero Emission Vehicle Program rules reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, ozone-forming compounds, and air toxics by setting tailpipe emission standards and promote development and use of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles.

The proposal is online at: [Low Emissions Vehicles 2018](https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/rulemaking/Pages/rlevzev2018.aspx).

The Public Notice Package includes these documents:

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 at 4 p.m. on October 2, 2018. DEQ plans to take the final proposal, including any modifications made in response to public comments, to the Environmental Quality Commission for decision at its November 2018 meeting in Portland.

If you have questions or comments, please contact. Rachel Sakata, 503-229-5659, [sakata.rachel@deq.state.or.us](mailto:sakata.rachel@deq.state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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