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Subject: RE: Amendments to its Administrative Rules at OAR 340-253

I received an email notice announcing proposed amendments to administrative rules at OAR 340-253. While public participation is solicited by this communication, the solicitation is meaningless given the lack of information provided on the subject. I clicked on the link under the heading Additional Information, only to find a page on the Oregon DEQ website that offers the same information. Clicking on the two bottom links on that page revert to the exact same page.

The Oregon DEQ has an ongoing problem with public relations, following revelations that the Oregon DEQ has favored the concerns of commercial interests over public safety. Commercial entities, who assumed the Oregon DEQ was monitoring their harmful output and this absolving them of this responsibility have found out that the Oregon DEQ was not properly monitoring the risk these commercial enterprises pose to the community.

Such poorly constructed public communications only further support this public and commercial mistrust, adding to the argument for an overhauled DEQ with regional authority.

Should the Oregon DEQ recognize this shortcoming in their public relations, and recognize the value in employing a communications specialist who is sensitive to the previous shortcomings in this arena, I am available to provide such support.

Sincerely, Joshua Baker