DEQ rulemaking - Update LRAPA Rules to implement the Clearer Air Oregon Program in Lane County - Notification required under ORS 183.335(15)

Dear,

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

The Department of Environmental Quality has opened public comment for proposed permanent changes to chapter 340-200-0040 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Proposal Summary:

DEQ and LRAPA proposes to implement the Cleaner Air Oregon program and rules under the authority provided to LRAPA in OAR 340 division 245, with proposed amendments for related rules, to add public health-based protection from emissions of industrial toxic air contaminants to the Lane County’s existing air permitting regulatory framework. Some of the proposed changes to existing rules would amend LRAPA’s part of the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan. These revisions would be submitted to EPA for incorporation into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040.

Cleaner Air Oregon regulations were adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission on Nov. 15, 2018, and LRAPA is required to apply the requirements and procedures contained in the state rules, within Lane County.

The proposal is online at: <http://lrapa.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=104&month=2&year=2019&day=1&calType=0>

The comment period closes at 12:30 p.m. on March 14, 2019. 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 May 2019 meeting.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Robbye Lanier with LRAPA at 541-736-1056 extension 214, robbye@lrapa.org.

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