

# 410th regular meeting of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission



**Sept. 17-18, 2020: Teleconference**

*This meeting was held by teleconference, and people could access the meeting using the Zoom online platform or by toll-free telephone line.*

*All times listed are approximate*

## Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020: 1 to 4:45 p.m.

**1 p.m. - Meeting open and welcome**

*1:05 p.m.*

**A. Action item: Draft meeting minutes**

The commission will review and take action on draft minutes from the July 16-17, 2020, regular EQC meeting.

*1:10 p.m.*

**B. Informational item: Oregon's State of the Environment annual update**

DEQ will present a summary of measures, including agency-developed and state-mandated metrics, that the agency uses to track environmental health and progress in the state, and discuss ways the agency is addressing improvements and setbacks to the overall health of Oregon's air, land and water.

**Item B presentation slides**

*2:30 p.m.*

**C. Action item, Rulemaking: Drug Take-Back Program**

DEQ will present proposed rules, including fees, for the Drug Take-Back Program, as authorized by the 2019 Oregon Legislature. This program is a statewide product stewardship program for safely disposing of unused medications.

**Item C presentation slides**

*3:15 p.m.*

**D. Informational item: Air Quality Permitting Program core work and updates**

DEQ will present an update on the core work of the Air Quality Permitting Program, including a status update on the current permit backlog.

**Item D presentation slides**

*4 p.m.*

**E. Action item, Rulemaking: Air Contaminant Discharge Permit Program**

DEQ will present proposed rule amendments, including fee increases, for the Air Contaminant Discharge

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Permit Program for 2020 and 2021.

**Item E presentation slides**

4:30 p.m.

**F. Informational item: Commissioner reports**

Commissioners will provide verbal updates on their recent activities as liaisons to other boards or commission or present other items of interest related to the commission, public health and the environment.

**The commission is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 4:45 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, September 18.**

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**Friday, Sept. 18, 2020: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; executive session 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.**

**9 a.m. - Meeting reconvenes**

9:05 a.m.

**G. Informational item: Director's report**

Director Whitman will present written and verbal updates on agency activities and other issues of interest to the commission.

- During this item, the commission will be asked to take action to delegate specific authorities for administrative rule filings to a designated staff person, due to retirement of the prior Agency Rules Coordinator.

9:55 a.m.

**H. Informational item: Rules Advisory Committee process, Office of Greenhouse Gas Programs**

DEQ will provide updates on the formation of the Rules Advisory Committee, including potential membership structures and commissioner engagement, for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program's cap-and-reduce rulemaking in 2021.

**Item H presentation slides**

10:45 a.m.

**I. Informational item: Agency Toxics Reduction Strategy updates**

DEQ will present an update on the Agency Toxics Reduction Strategy, the Focus List and next steps in 2020 and 2021.

**Item I presentation slides**

11:15 a.m.

**J. Informational item: Willamette Watershed Toxics Reduction Partnership updates**

DEQ and project partners will present an update on the activities, success to-date and proposed next steps for the

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Partnership. The Willamette Watershed Toxics Reduction Partnership is a joint commitment by EPA and DEQ to work collaboratively with interested parties to understand and reduce upstream toxics in the Willamette River that could negatively affect the success of the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup.

#### **Item J presentation slides**

11:35 a.m.

#### **K. Public forum**

The commission will open an opportunity for any person to address the commission on environmental topics. People presenting comment are asked to limit their speaking time to three minutes or less, and all times may be adjusted at the commission's discretion.

- [Directions: How to sign up, and commenting process, for Sept. 18, 2020](#)
  - *Please note, there are no advance sign-ups for public forum*

***The commission is scheduled to adjourn its regular meeting at 12:30 p.m.***

Following the close of the public meeting, the commission will hold an executive session from approximately 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., subject to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h). The executive session is not open to the public; however, members of the media may attend the session but may not report on deliberations. If you are a member of the media who wishes to attend the executive session, please contact [Stephanie Caldera by email](#) no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020.

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