

Office of GHG Programs: Climate Protection Program Update

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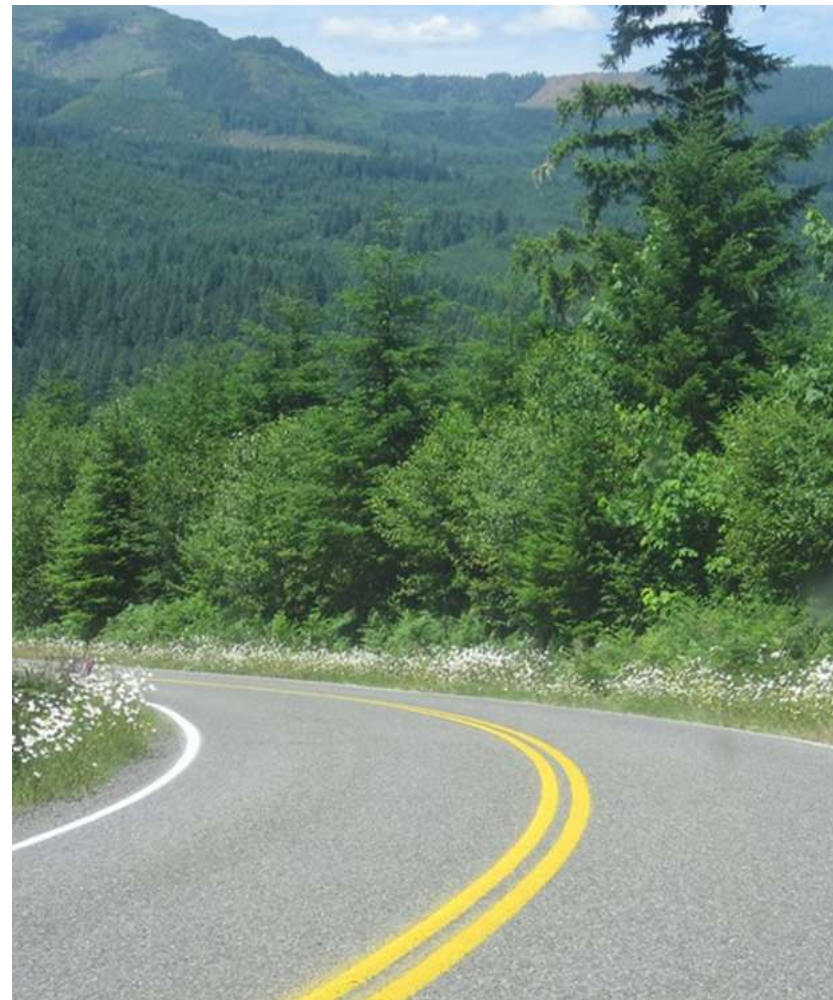
Climate Protection Program (CPP)

- Establish limits on GHG emissions from fossil fuels in Oregon
 - Enforceable
 - Declining
- Reduces emissions from:
 - Fuel used for transportation
 - Largest source of emissions
 - Other fossil fuel including
 - Natural gas
 - Diesel in non-road uses
 - Propane



CPP Presentation Agenda

- Timeline
- Key program design issues
- CPP framework
 - Natural gas and non natural gas fuel suppliers
 - Stationary sources
 - Cost containment measures
 - Community Climate Investments
- Modeling study
- Next steps



CPP Rulemaking Timeline



Key Program Design Issues

- Emission reduction targets/emission limits
- Point of regulation, applicability, threshold
 - Determining the regulated entities
- Distribution of compliance instruments
- Cost containment and equity measures
 - Community climate investments (CCIs)
 - Focused investments in impacted communities
- Informed by RAC discussions and public comment



Equity Considerations

EJ and impacted communities face more risks



- ↑ Greater pollution exposure
- ↑ Greater impacts of climate change
- ↓ Less representation in public processes
- ↓ Less access to new, clean technologies



Promote processes that support meaningful engagement and equitable outcomes



Support communities least able to transition to clean energy



Reduce co-pollutants from fuels improving health, health and equity assessment

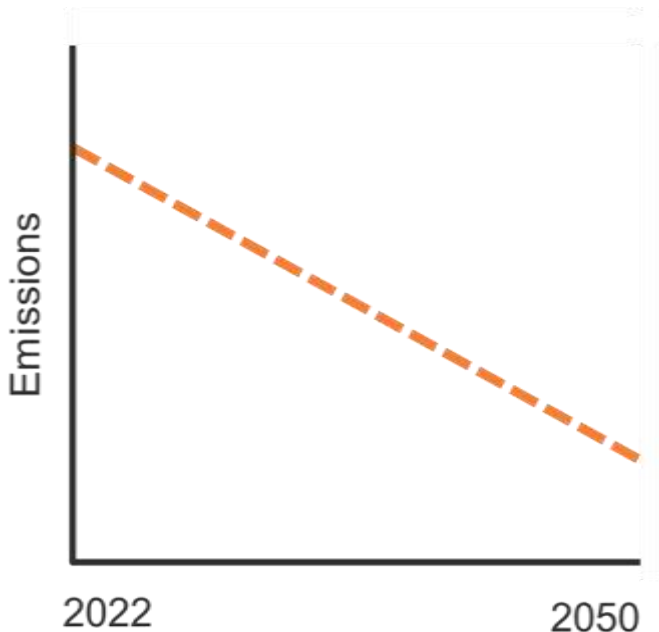
Supporting Meaningful Engagement

Engaging EJ and other under-resourced communities:

- Resources to enable RAC participation
- Resources to support these organizations ongoing community capacity building activities
- Creating spaces reserved for EJ dialogue
- Supporting a Unite Oregon & MultiCultural Collaborative project on climate change and climate justice

How CPP Could Work: Fuel Suppliers & Natural Gas

Every year, the emissions **limit** will decline toward a target.



Illustrative Example:

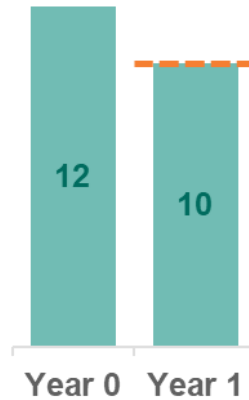
- DEQ has 40 compliance instruments to distribute to four regulated entities
- Each entity receives 10 compliance instruments from DEQ
- All emitted 12 metric tons last year
- Each needs to reduce their emissions

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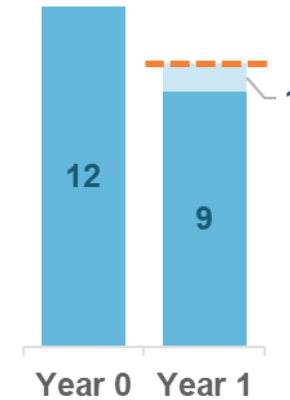
Entity A Natural gas utility

Reduces emissions by using more renewable natural gas



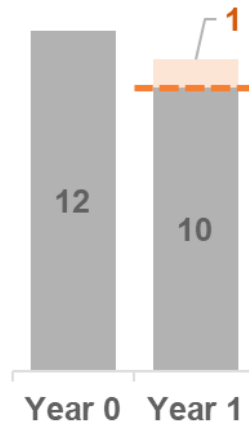
Entity B Transportation fuel supplier

Reduces emissions earlier by increasing mix of biofuels, sells extra to Entity D



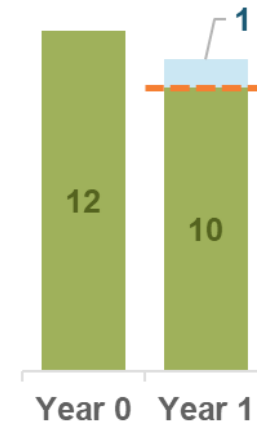
Entity C Transportation fuel supplier

Cannot make enough immediate reductions, but could invest in community climate projects



Entity D Natural gas utility

Cannot make enough immediate reductions, buys from Entity B



CPP Potentially Regulated Entities

- Natural gas
 - Three gas utilities supply nearly all end users in Oregon
- Non natural gas fuels
 - Emissions from liquid fuels and propane
 - Regulating fuel suppliers first importing in OR
 - Depending on design anywhere between six to eighty entities

2019 Fuel Supplier Emissions Share

Threshold MT CO ₂ e	Share of Fuel Sector Emissions	Count of Suppliers
5,000	99.8%	58
25,000	99%	38
300,000	86%	6

CPP Policy Discussions

- How much should the emissions cap decline over time? How should interim targets be used?
- How to address the dynamic nature of the fuel supplier sector?
 - What should be the threshold for inclusion?
 - How should that threshold be determined?
- How to determine how many compliance instruments each entity receives?





BREAK FOR QUESTIONS

How CPP Could Work: Stationary Sources

- Best available emissions reduction assessment
 - Site-specific, direct regulation, no compliance instruments
 - Different industries, manufacturing processes, emissions reduction technologies
 - Approximately 10-15 sources responsible for less than 2 million emissions
- Potentially applied to:
- Industrial process emissions
 - Solid fuels combustion emissions
 - Natural gas from interstate pipelines
- DEQ could
 - Collaborate with experts, community members, consultants
 - Consider potential relationships between GHG emission reductions and other air pollutants

Best technology,
operations, practices to
reduce emissions



How CPP Could Work: Stationary Sources

- Allows for collaboration across DEQ's air pollution programs
 - Cleaner Air Oregon, Regional Haze
- Source specific analysis of potential interactions among the different GHG emissions and air pollution programs and reduction technologies

Site-specific
considerations



How CPP Could Work: Stationary Sources

- Facilities
 - Provide information to DEQ and offer assessments of available technologies and practices to reduce emissions
- DEQ
 - Review the provided information
 - Conduct or contract for assessment of available technologies/practices
 - Determine requirements
 - Notify sources of what they need to do to reduce emissions

CPP Policy Discussions

- Benefits and challenges of using the different approach for stationary sources?
- What factors should be considered and evaluated as part of the best available emissions reduction assessment?



Cost Containment Elements

- Banking
 - Regulated entities who don't use all of their compliance instruments could hold them to use in future years
- Trading
 - Regulated entities could buy or sell unused compliance instruments
- Multi-year Compliance Period
 - Longer timeframes more time for businesses to develop compliance strategies
 - Less disruption from volatility of external factors such as weather

Community Climate Investments (CCI)

- Optional alternative compliance option for CPP
- Reduce GHG emissions
- Direct investments in Oregon's impacted communities
 - Promote an equitable energy transition
 - Reduce co-pollutants & improve community health



Community Climate Investments

- Communities central to project selection
 - Projects in Oregon
 - Prioritize projects in environmental justice and impacted communities
- Could certify one or more third parties
- DEQ would establish a price for each credit
 - Promote equitable program benefits
 - Considering basing price on EPA Social Cost of Carbon
 - CCIs limited by allowable use, not availability of projects

Social Cost of CO₂
\$2020 per metric ton

Year	2.5% Average
2020	\$76
2025	\$83
2030	\$89
2035	\$96
2040	\$103
2045	\$110
2050	\$116

CPP Policy Discussions

- Limitations on banking or trading?
- How long should a compliance period be?
- Limitations on how many CCIs entities could use?
- What types of projects should be funded by CCIs?
- How would third-parties be certified?
- How should the CCI price be established?
- How to ensure and prioritize investments in EJ and other impacted communities?





BREAK FOR QUESTIONS

Modeling Study

- Contracted modeling study
 - GHG emissions
 - Health benefits
 - Macroeconomic metrics
 - Co-benefits and equity assessment
- Three initial modeling policy scenarios
 - Scenarios are compared against a reference case (projected world without CPP)
 - Inform CPP development
 - Don't represent all options for CPP or program proposals

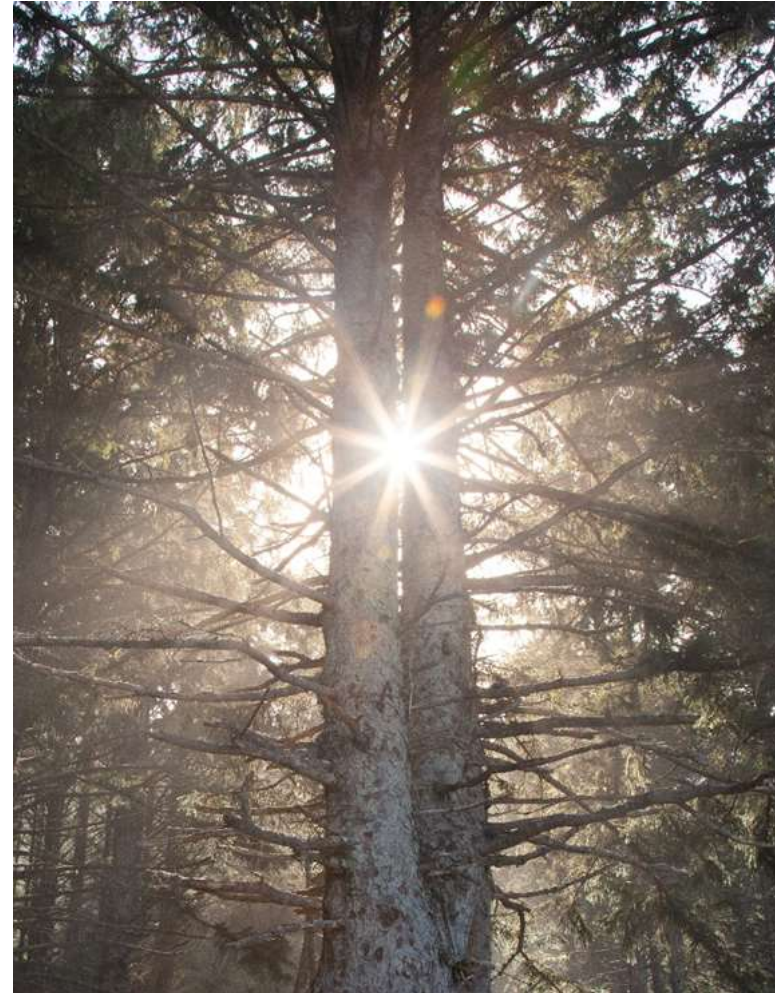
Selected Modeling Scenarios Assumptions

- Differences in targets, regulated entities, CCIs

Key Topic	Policy Scenario 1	Policy Scenario 2	Policy Scenario 3
Cap and Trajectory	Straight line to 80% by 2050	45% by 2035 80% by 2050	50% by 2035 90% by 2050
Allowable use of CCI per year	Up to 25% of compliance	Up to 5% of compliance	Up to 25% of compliance
Regulated sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural gas utilities - Non-natural gas fossil fuel suppliers - Large stationary sources with process emissions \geq 25,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural gas utilities - Non-natural gas fossil fuel suppliers - Large stationary sources with process emissions plus natural gas emissions \geq 25,000 (natural gas regulated at source) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural gas utilities - Non-natural gas fuel suppliers with emissions \geq 300,000 - Large stationary sources with process emissions \geq 25,000
Complementary Policies	Clean Fuels Program assumed to expand from current 10% by 2025 target to 25% by 2035* *DEQ intends to open a rulemaking in 2021 to develop expanded Clean Fuels Program targets		

Co-Benefits and Equity Assessment

- Communities of concern
 - Communities of color
 - Tribal Nations
 - Elderly populations
 - Low-income urban communities
 - Low-income rural communities
- Five indicators
 - Local air quality
 - Ecosystem health & resilience
 - Energy security
 - Employment & workforce development
 - Housing burden



Modeling: Initial Results Summary

- Dramatically reduce GHG emissions while maintaining overall health of economy
- Improve public health by reducing emissions and support equity
- All three scenarios:
 - Significant reductions statewide in adverse health impacts
 - Cumulative monetized health benefit of approximately \$2 billion (2020\$)
 - Very little overall macroeconomic change
 - Small changes to economy, but net positive trends for GSP and income over time while small overall job impacts are less than 1% of baseline jobs
 - Increased co-benefits and benefits for identified communities of concern
 - Urban low-income households and communities of color experience the most benefits

Modeling: Initial Results Summary

- Emissions reductions are driven by transportation sector emission reductions
- Other reductions achieved with building energy efficiency, electrification, and renewable natural gas
- Significant investments in clean transportation, followed by investments in energy efficiency, and electrification
 - Positive economic impacts are associated with clean energy investments and increasing bill savings over time
 - Negative economic impacts from losses in fossil fuel sector
- CCIs and cost containment measures play an important role in achieving reductions
 - Banking used in all scenarios
 - CCIs used to almost fullest extent

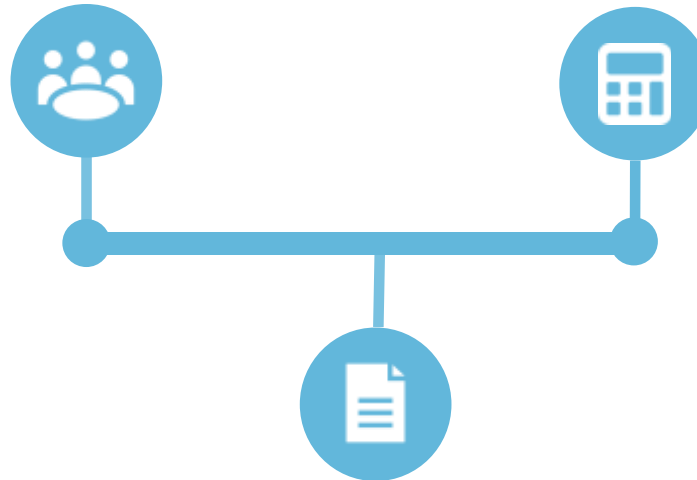
Modeling: Initial Results Summary

- Difference among the scenarios:
 - Scenario 2 had the greatest public health benefits
 - Emissions (inclusive of CCIs, banking, and trading) may still be above the cap in the scenarios
 - Occurs near the end of the modeling time horizon in Scenario 1&3
 - Occurs more frequently in Scenario 2
 - Available technologies and costs likely to change and decline in the future
 - Equity benefits are slightly higher in scenarios 1&3
 - Emission reductions, CCIs and cost containment measures play an important role

CPP Next Steps

May 25, 2021
RAC 5: Draft rules,
program design
discussions

July 8, 2021
RAC 7: Draft rule
updates, fiscal
impact statement



June 17, 2021
RAC 6: Draft rules,
final modeling results
review