



Cleaner Air Oregon 5-Year Report

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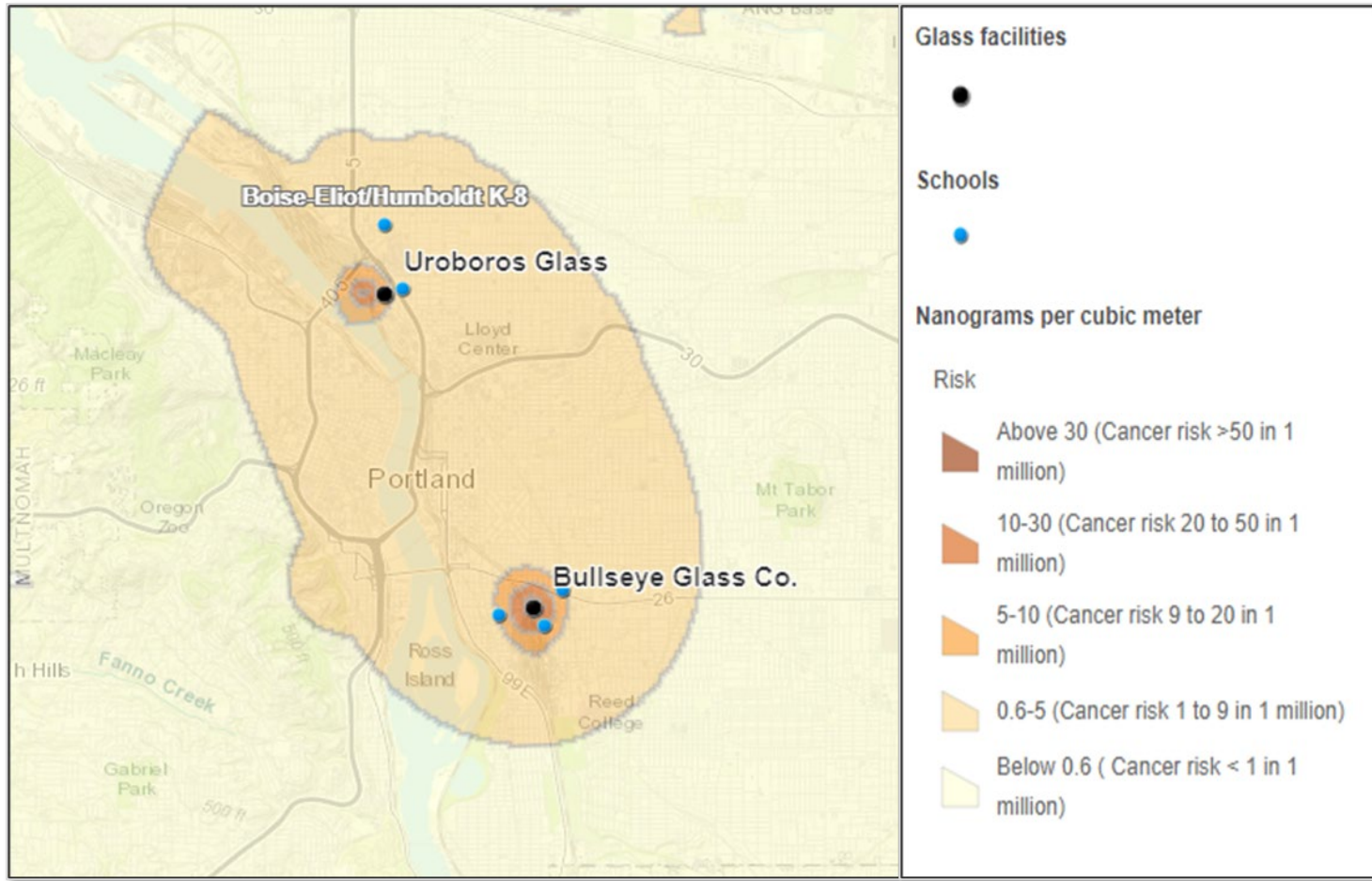
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Agenda

Background & Overview
Rulemaking
Program Development & Staffing
Facility status
Metric and Outcomes
Protecting Children's Health
Cumulative Health Risk Pilot
Final Thoughts



Portland Moss Study & Heavy Metals



- 2013 – DEQ partnered with US Forest Service investigating heavy metals in moss
- Elevated metal levels confirmed by ambient monitoring
- Significant concentrations found near glass manufacturers:
 - Cadmium ~159X SB [1]
 - Arsenic ~49X SB

[1] – State Benchmarks in 2016

Governor Brown Directs DEQ

“Clean air is fundamental to good health. I am deeply concerned that federal and state air quality programs do not directly consider public health in regulating certain classes of industrial air emissions. This must change.” - Gov. Kate Brown, 4/6/2017



How the CAO Program Protects Health



**Report toxic air
contaminants**

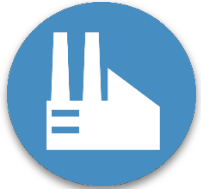


Assess risk

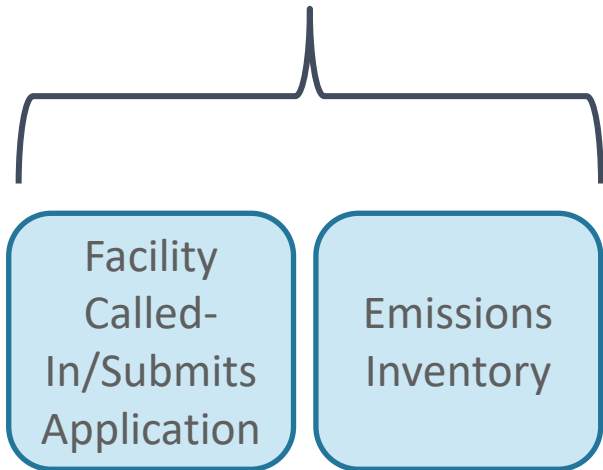


**Regulate to
reduce risk**

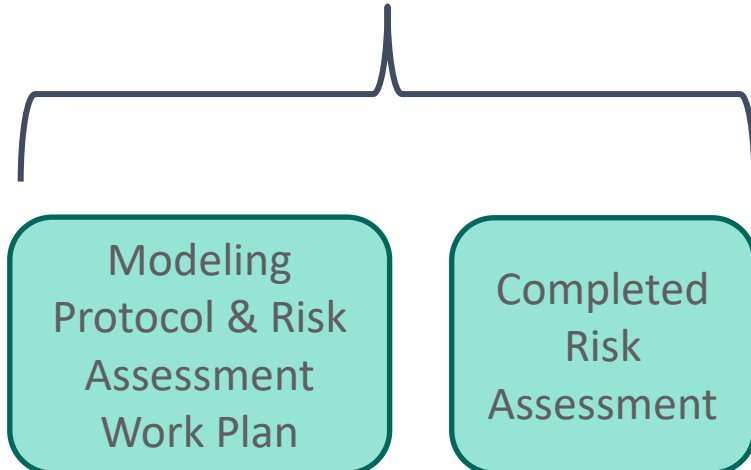
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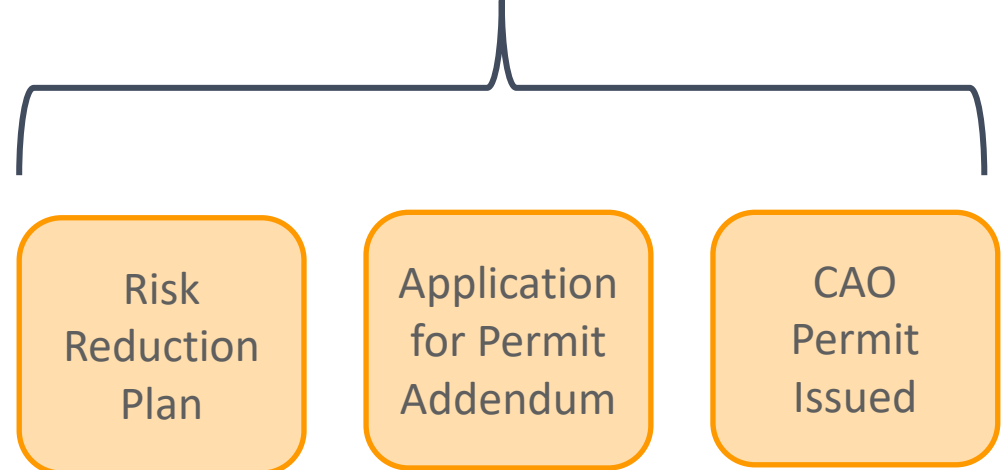
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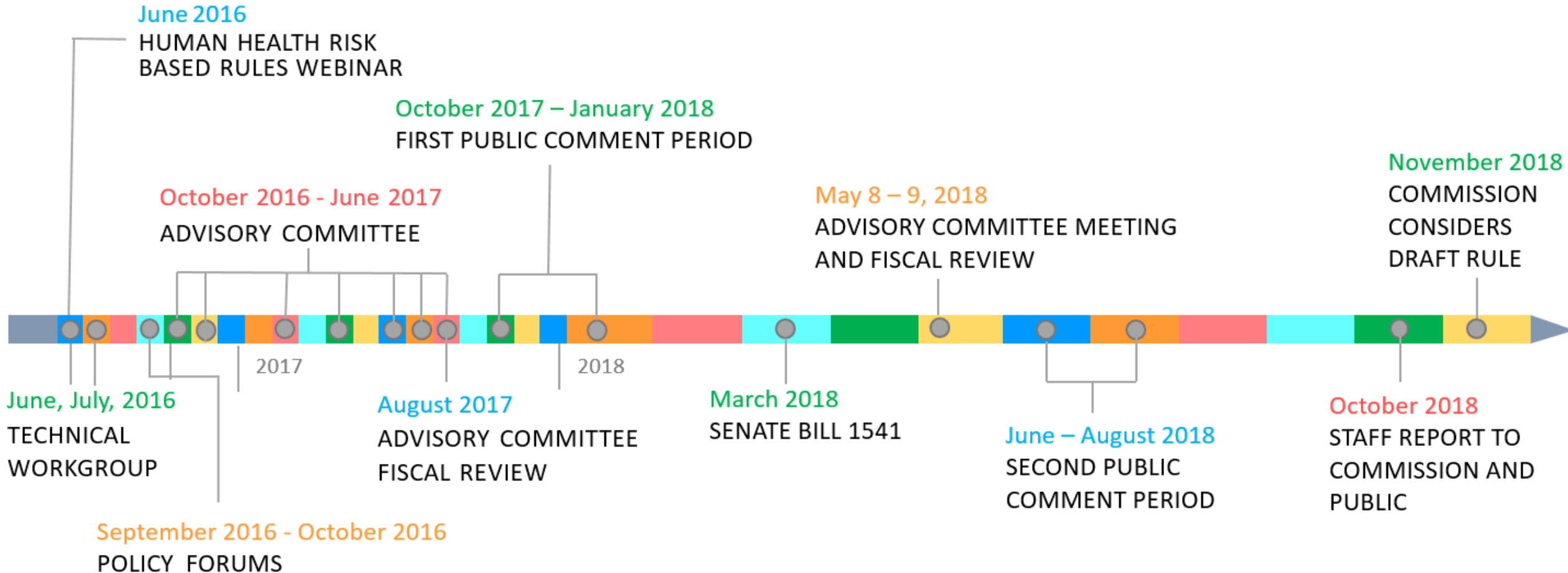


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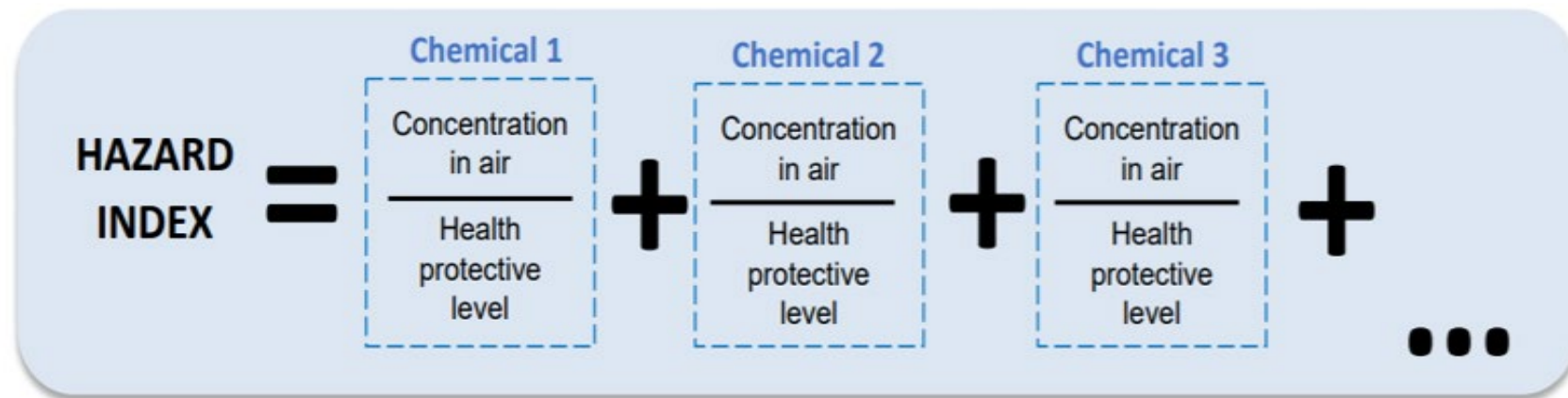
Rulemaking

Original Program Rulemaking Process



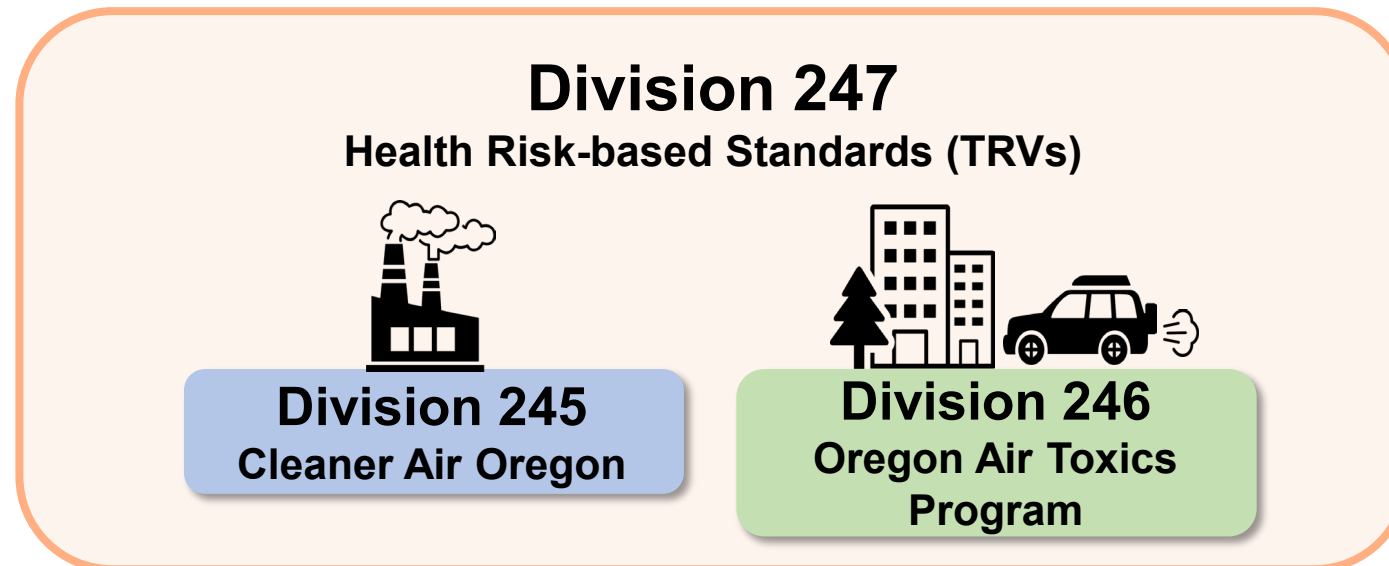
Hazard Index Rulemaking

- Noncancer health risk assessed as a Hazard Index
- Pollutants that cause ***developmental or severe*** health effects
- DEQ convened a Technical Advisory Committee
- Hazard Indexes for these chemicals were adjusted to be more health protective



TRVs & Alignment Rulemaking

- Established Division 247 for Air Quality standards
 - Toxicity Reference Values (TRVs)
 - Air Toxics Science Advisory Committee (ATSAC)
- Developed process for updating these standards
- Updated rules in Division 245

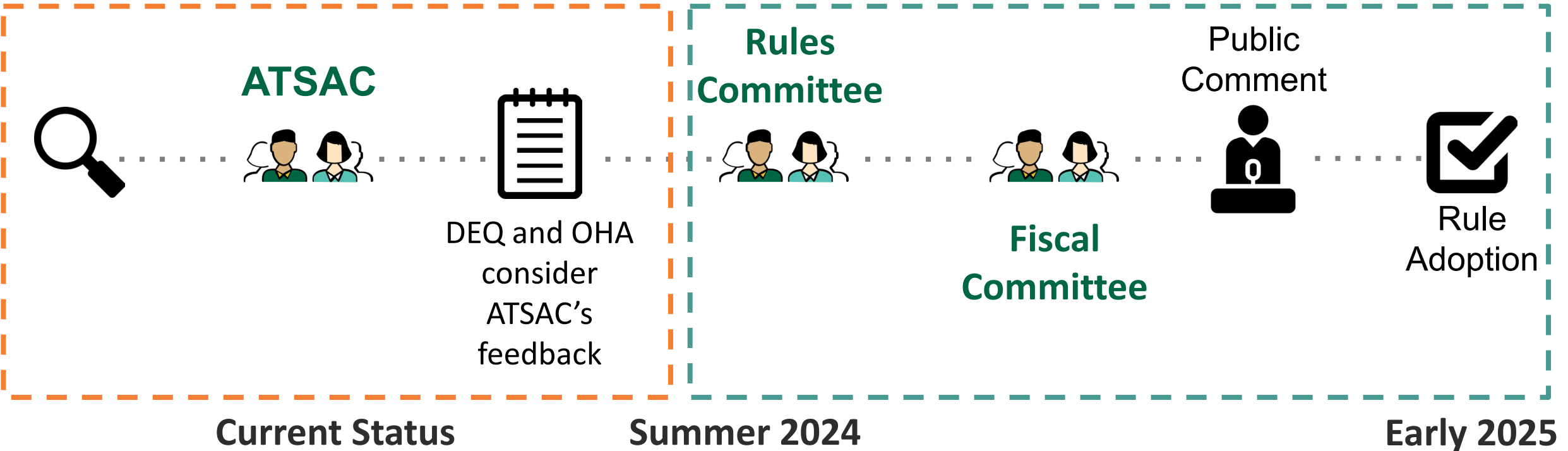


Current Rulemaking – TRV Updates

Scientific Review

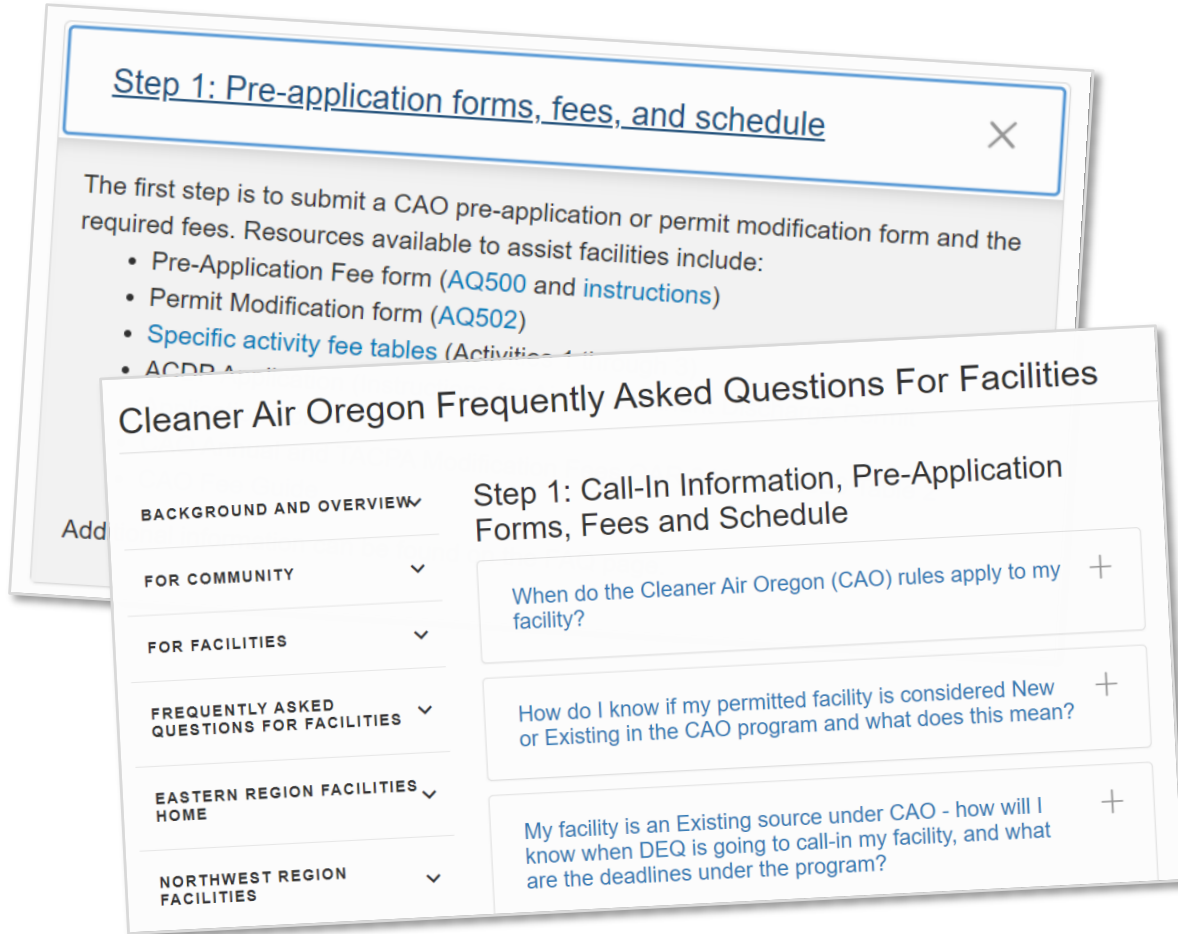


Rulemaking Process



Program Development & Staffing

Technical Resources



- Step-by-step guide
- In-depth recommended procedures documents
 - Modeling
 - Risk Assessments
- Quick Guides
- FAQs

Small Business Resources

- Administrative and technical assistance
 - Develop emissions estimates & modeling inputs
 - Level 1 Risk Assessment tool
- Reduce overall resource burden

State of Oregon
DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

Form AQ503

Cleaner Air Oregon Small Business Technical Assistance Form

DEQ may provide Small Business Technical Assistance to qualifying sources under the CAO program related to technical submittals required under the program. This form is required in order to officially register and receive this assistance under the Cleaner Air Oregon program. Upon completion, please submit this form electronically to: cleanerair@DEQ.oregon.gov.

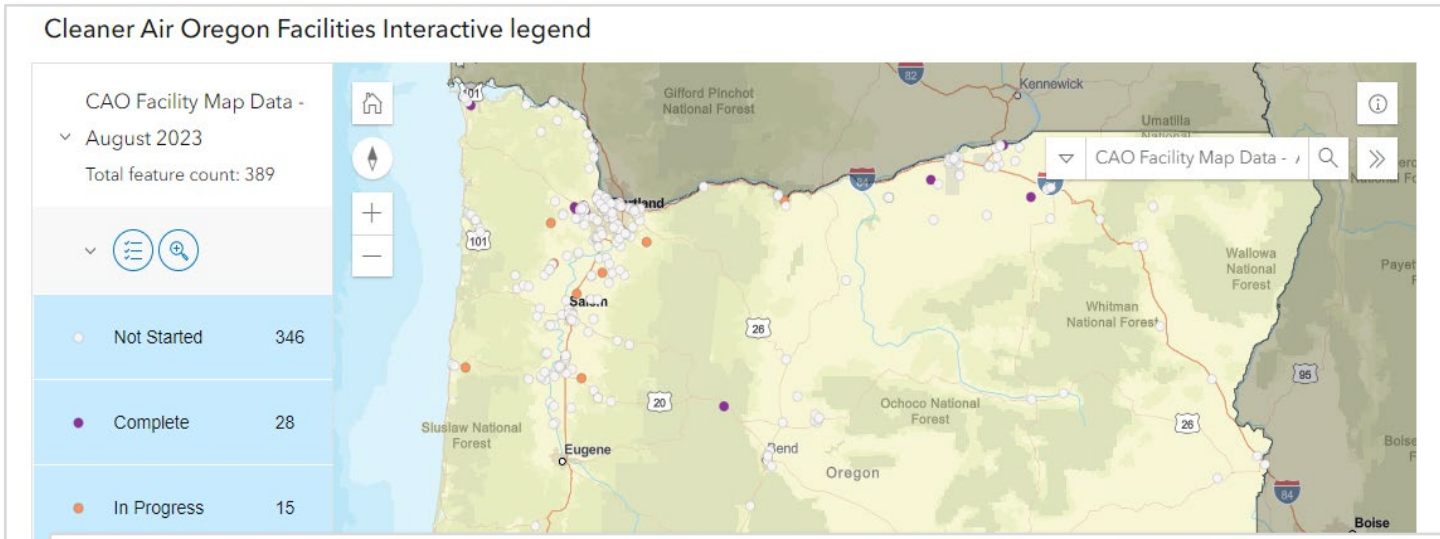
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Legal Name:			Name:		
Mailing Address:			Street Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	City:	County:	ZIP Code:
3. Facility Contact Information			4. Industrial Classification Code(s)		
Name:			Primary SIC and NAICS:		
Title:			Secondary SIC and NAICS:		
Telephone number:			5. DEQ Air Quality Source Number (if applicable):		
Email Address:					

6. Did the facility receive or submit a complete application for an Air Containment Discharge Permit prior to November 16, 2018? Yes No

7. How many employees do you have or anticipate having once the facility is operating? _____

8. Is this facility independently owned and operated? Yes No

Community Resources



- Interactive facility map
- Health risk information
- Step-by-step guide
- Additional resources

About Health Risk

Level of TOXICITY
Type and Length of EXPOSURE

Find information about CAO program basics and health impact from air toxics.

Community Guide

Report air toxic emissions → Assess risk → Regulate to reduce risk

Step by step guide on how the public can engage with CAO

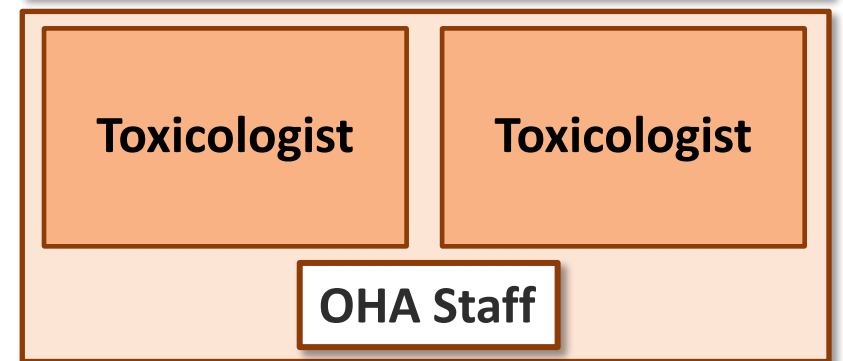
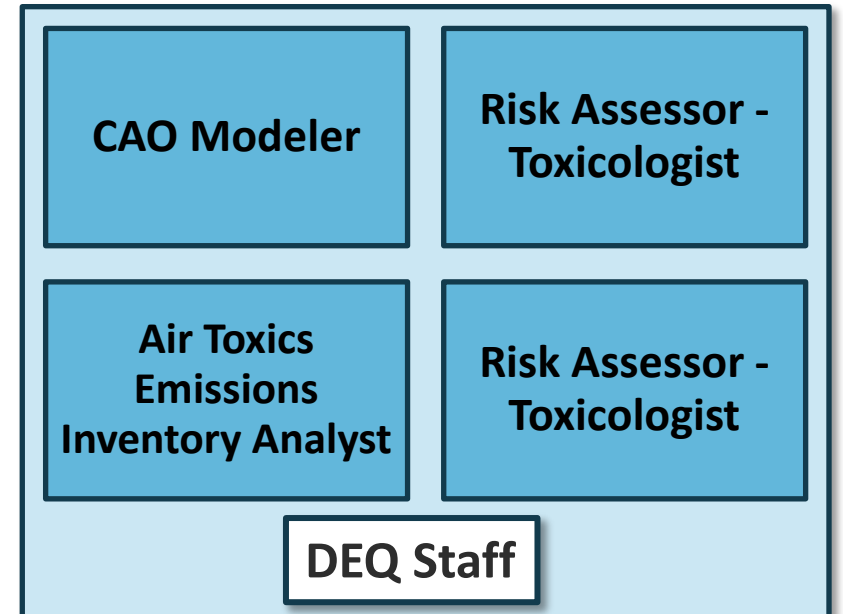
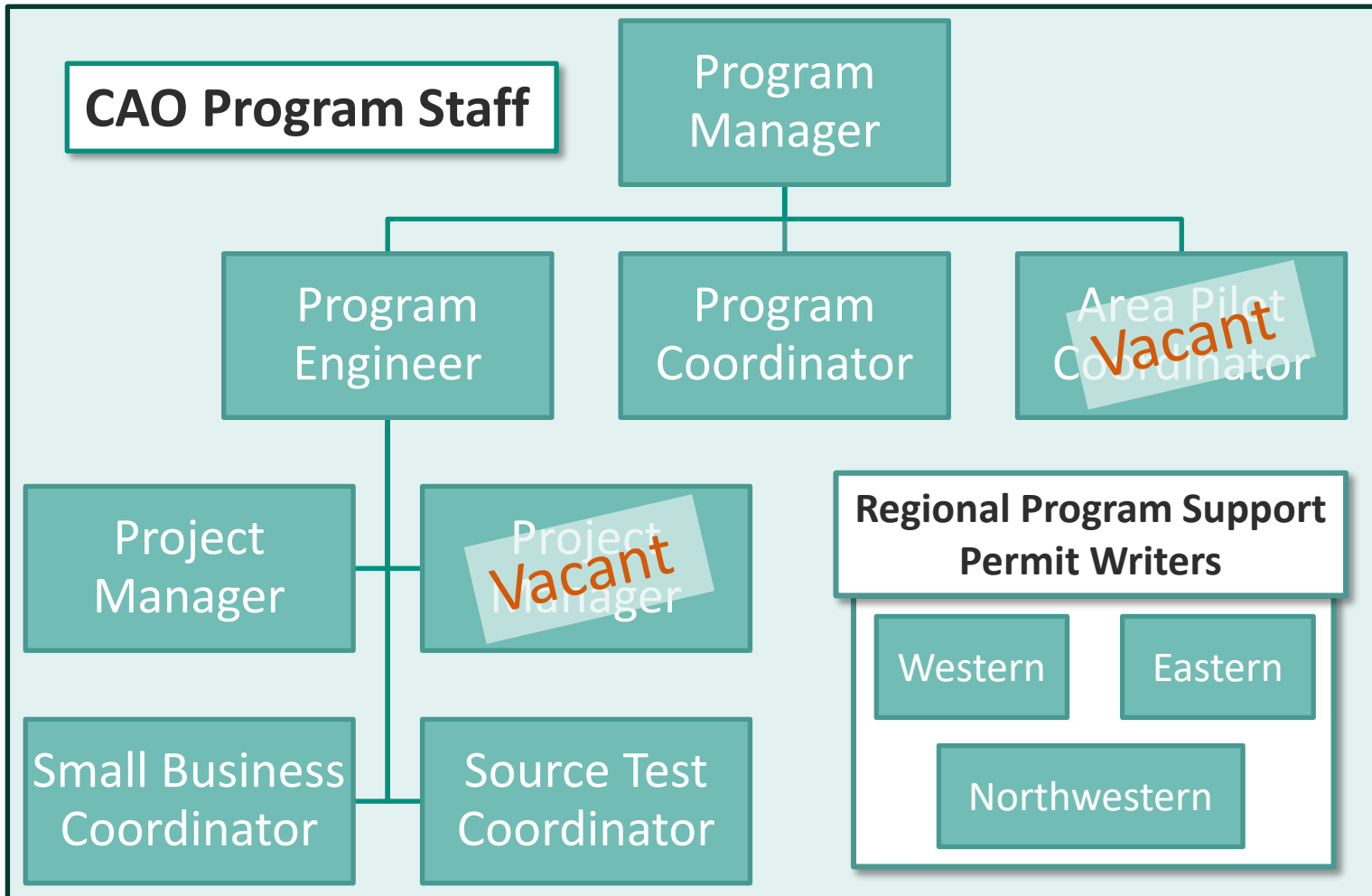
CAO Facility Status

Map and links to future, current and completed CAO facilities in Oregon

Additional Resources

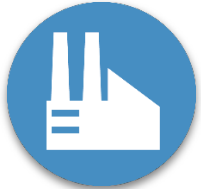
Frequently Asked Questions from the public and additional informational sheets for air toxics.

Program Staffing

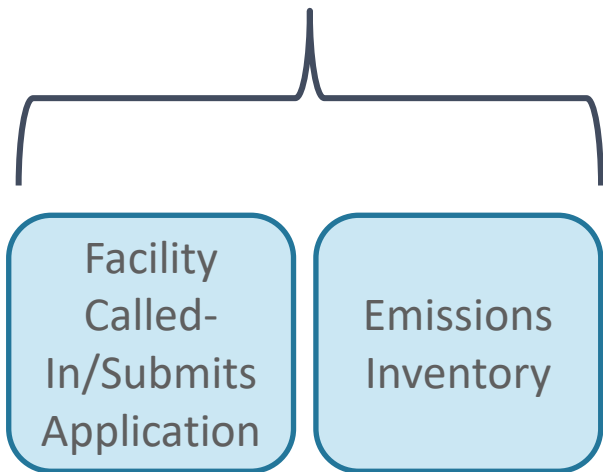


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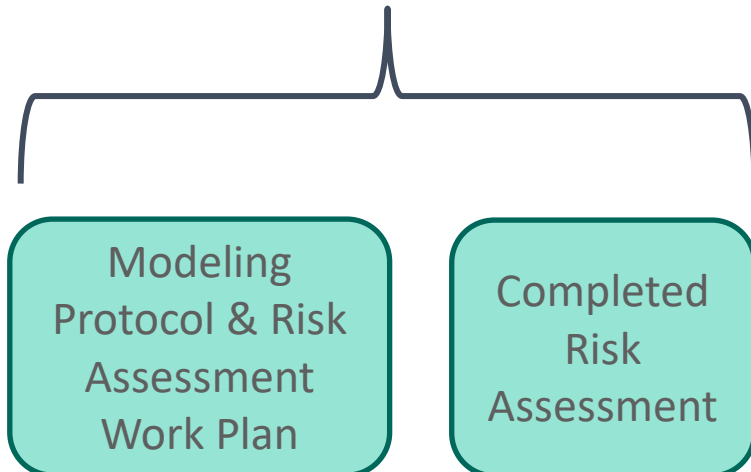
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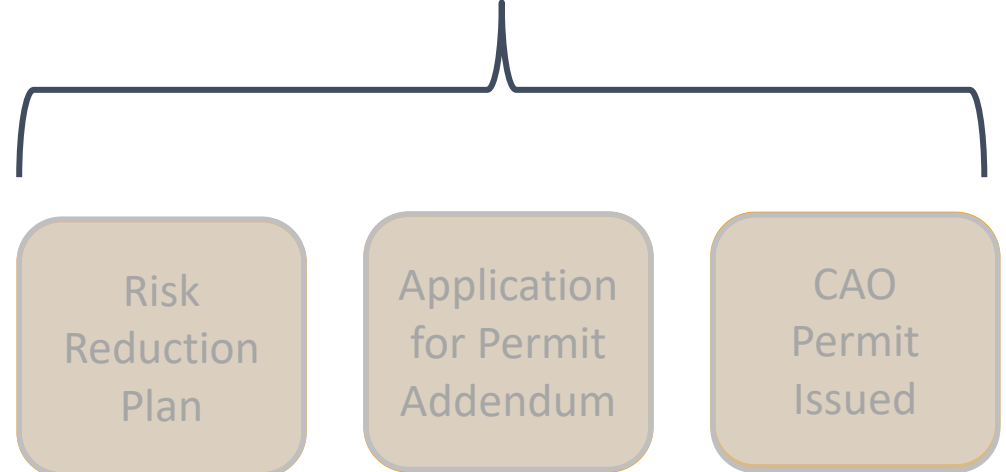
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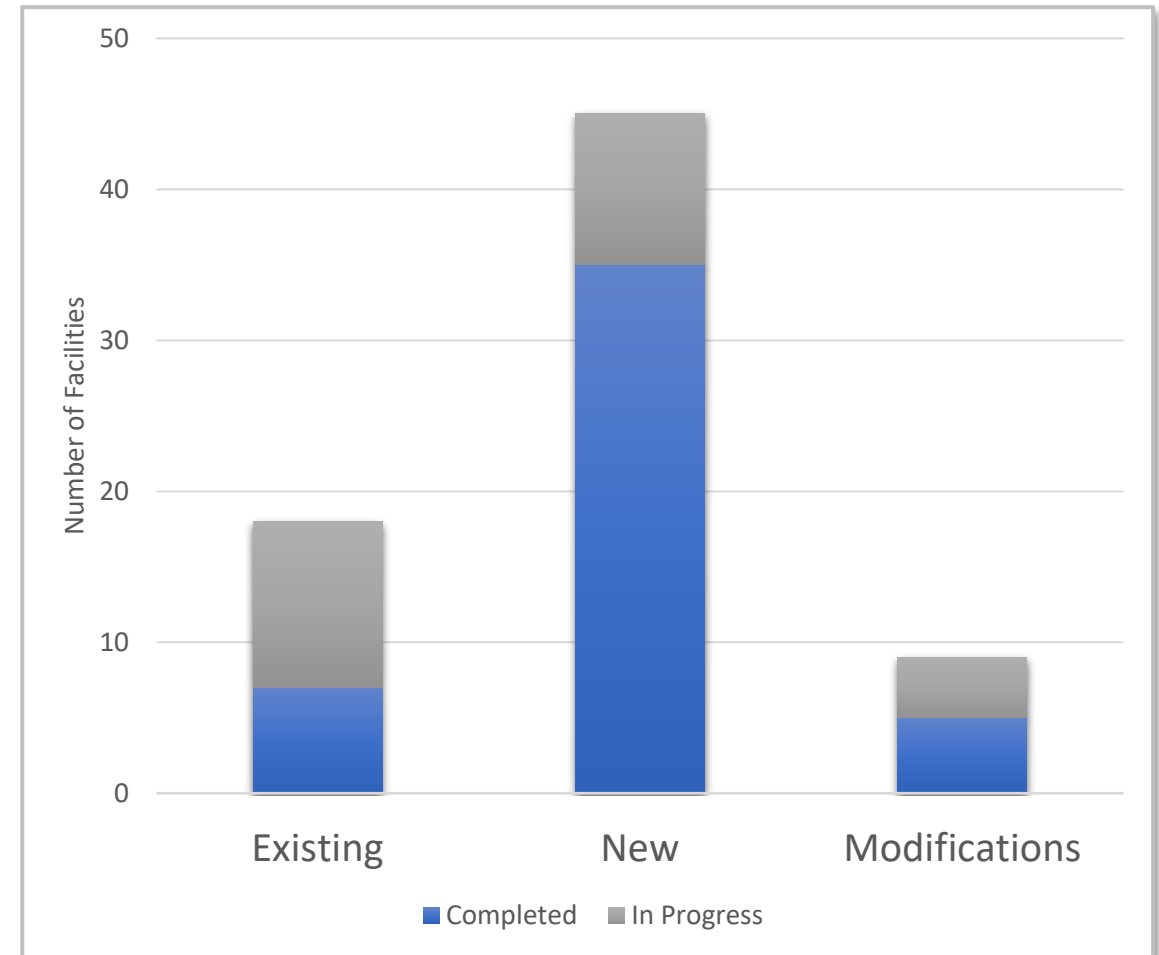


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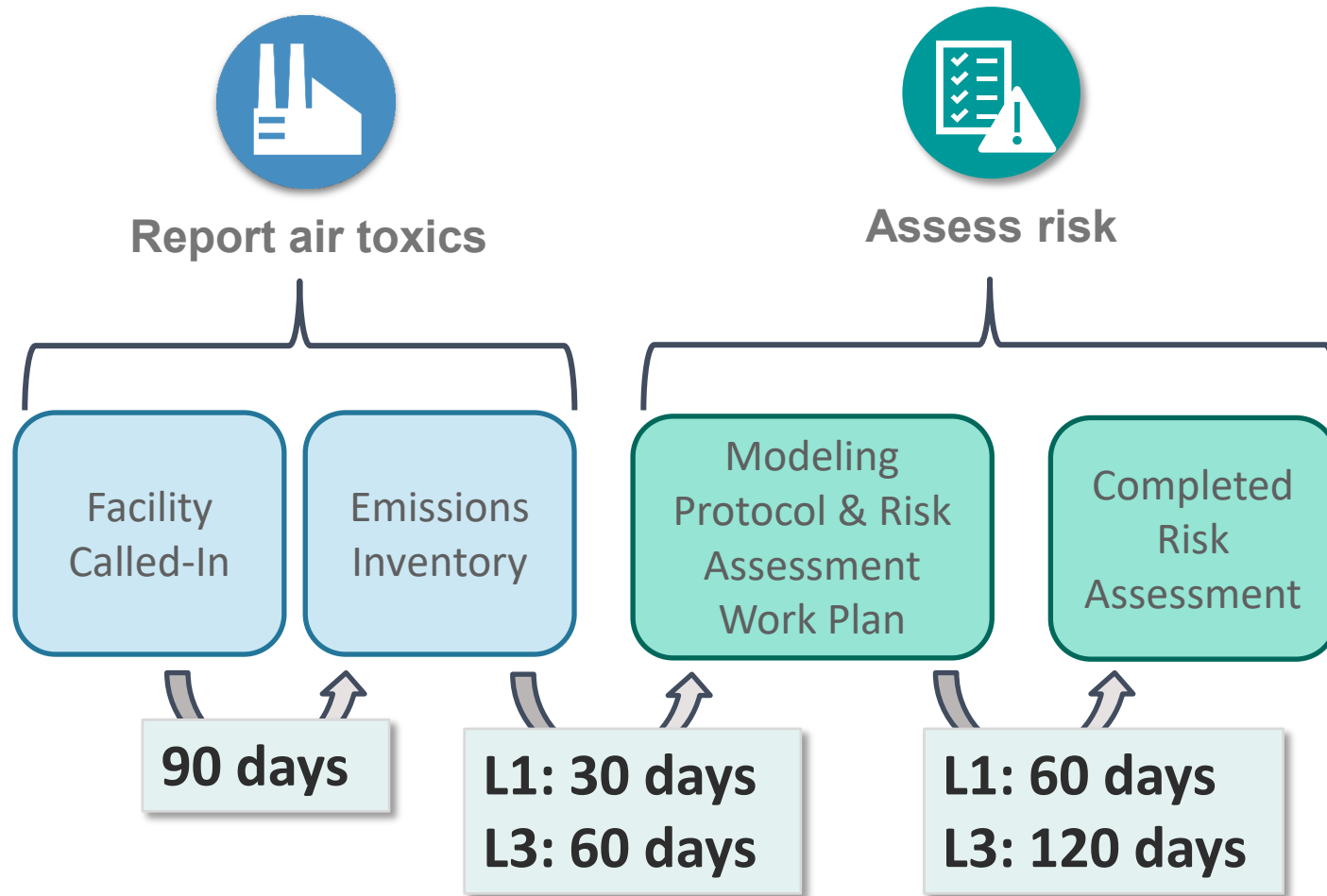


Facility Status in CAO

- Existing
 - Larger, more complex
 - First 20 facilities called-in
- New
 - Smaller, less complex
- Modifications
 - Previously approved Risk Assessments



Existing Facility – Submittal Timelines



- Enforceable timelines
- Vary by Risk Assessment level
- Total time in rule:
 - Level 1 – **180** days
 - Level 3 – **270** days
- Does not include:
 - DEQ review
 - Extension requests

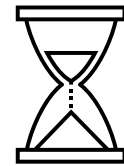
Existing Facilities – Approval Timelines

Risk Assessment	Submittal Timelines	Review & Approval
Level 1	180	105
Level 3	270	300

All values are in days

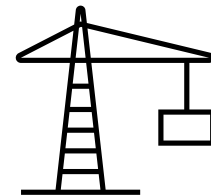
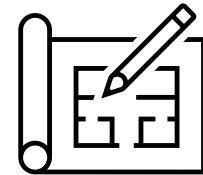
Existing Facilities – Lessons Learned

- Complexity of facility
- Lack of representative emissions information
- Source testing required
- Operational changes occurring at facility
- Failure to provide requested information
- DEQ granting of extension requests
- Staffing challenges



New Facilities & Modifications

- Priority for review and approval
- Generally, less complex than existing sources
- No enforceable timelines – require approval
- Facilities motivated to obtain permit or modification
- All lead to much faster approval times



Metrics & Outcomes

Improved Emissions Information

- Emissions Inventories for Risk Assessments
- Source testing
- Periodic, statewide emissions inventory
- Significant level of new information



Emissions Reductions

- Installation of controls
 - Thermal oxidizers
 - Baghouses or filtration devices
- Facility improvements
 - Reduce fugitive emissions
 - Duct emissions to existing controls
- Fuel or material substitutions
- Replacing high-emitting equipment



Permitting & Compliance

- Integration with current AQ permitting
- Limits on specific risk-driving chemicals
- Permit based on risk – provides operational flexibility
- Require periodic testing
- Issue permits that meet health-based standards

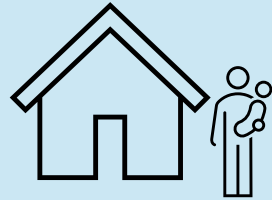


Informing Communities



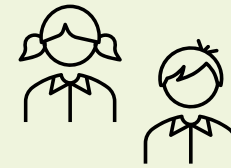
Protecting Children's Health

Examples of Where & How Long Children are Exposed



Child in Residence

- 24 hours per day
- 365 days per year
- 70 years



Child at School or Child Care

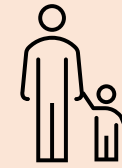
- 8 hours per day
- 250 days per year
- 12 years

Examples of How & When Children are Exposed



Multi-Pathway Adjustment Factors

- Accounts for contaminant exposure beyond inhalation
- Young children swallow more soil per body weight than adults

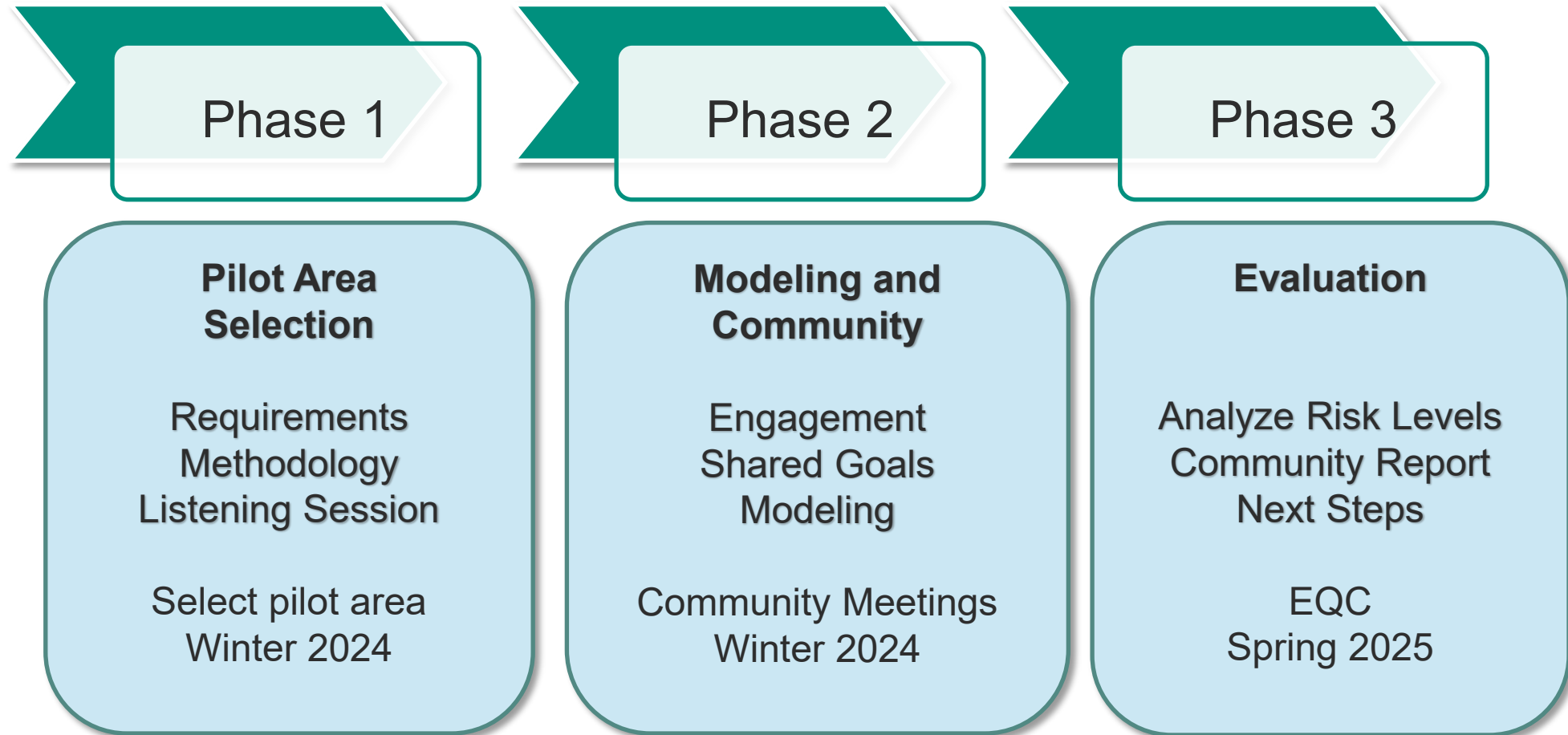


Early Life Adjustment Factors

- Children are more susceptible than adults to exposure to certain cancer-causing contaminants

Cumulative Health Risk Pilot

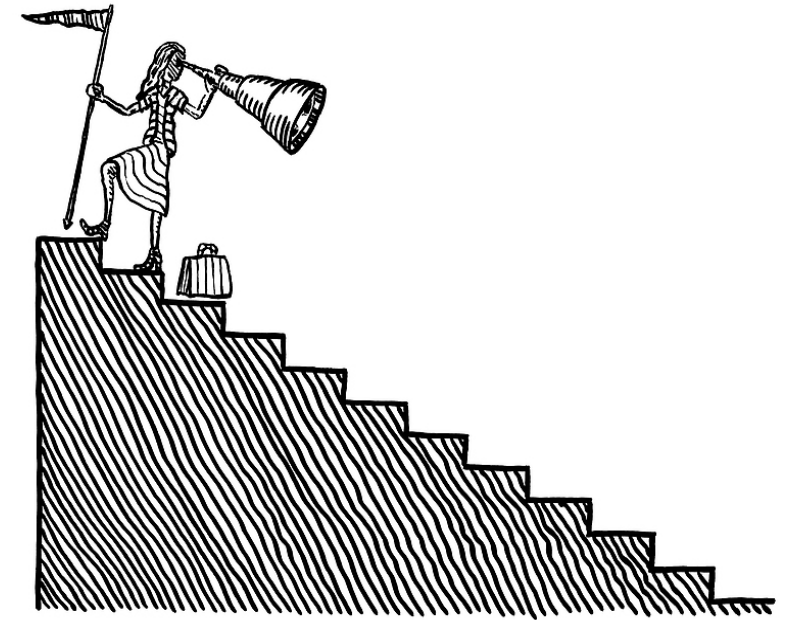
Phases of the Pilot



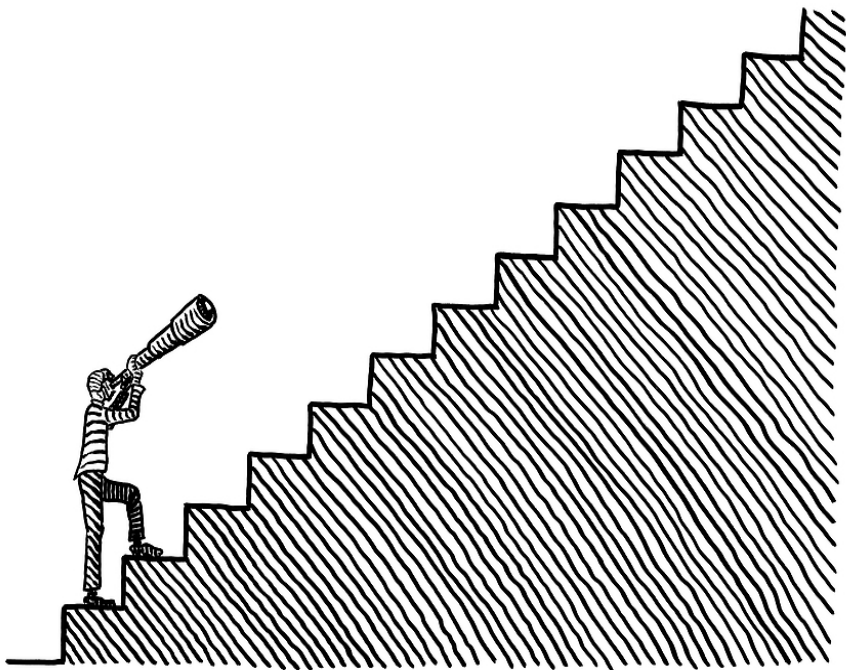
Final Thoughts

The Road Behind

- Developed significant programmatic resources
- Greatly expanded emissions information
- Established resources for public and transparency
- Integrated with existing AQ permitting program
- Provided small business technical assistance
- Issued health-based AQ permits



The Road Ahead



- Increase technical staff resources
- Continue development of decision-support tools
- Maintain TRVs using the most current, representative science
- Consider updates to program rules to find efficiencies and provide clarity

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