Gasoline Dispensing Facility Emissions Rulemaking

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Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

GDFs emit vapors that contain compounds that contribute to the formation of smog (or ozone), as well as compounds that are hazardous.





Exposures to these chemicals can have a range of impacts such as:

- increase in cumulative health risks for diseases such as cancer
- common and chronic conditions such as asthma



GDF Emissions and Fed Air Quality Standards

Several areas have ozone levels trending close to the allowable limit, including the metropolitan areas of Portland, Salem, and Medford.





Environmental Justice and Equity Impacts

Reducing vapor emissions helps protect the health of residents with the highest health burdens.

Areas with higher density of GDFs in Oregon often have a higher vulnerable population score.



Note: darker colors indicate a higher vulnerable population score.



Rulemaking Purpose

- Address forecasted emissions increase from gas stations (from incompatible equipment) in the current rules
- Review equipment/standards and reconsider baseline controls to reduce emissions and further improve air quality
- Increase consistency of requirements across the state



Gasoline Dispensing Facilities: Controls





Proposed Rule Applicability

- GDF 1: all gasoline storage tanks below 250 gallons
 # Sources: Unknown
- GDF 2: a gasoline storage tank at 250 gallon+ capacity
 # Sources: ~1,350
- GDF 3: facility with 120,000+ gallons annual throughput
 # Sources: ~250
- GDF 4: facility with 600,000+ gallons annual throughput
 # Sources: ~450
- GDF 5: facility with 1,000,000+ gallons annual throughput
 # Sources: ~550





Proposed Rules: Controls and Applicability

GDF 3 (120k – 599k/yr)

New tank install requires Stage 1 Vapor Balance

All new tanks must be dualpoint Existing tanks: No equipment changes



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Public Comments

- 26 public comments received
 - 18 did not suggest changes to the rules
- 19 opposed the rulemaking
 - 8 appear to misunderstand the proposed rules
 - -7 took issue with cost
- 3 supported the rulemaking



Proposed Rules: Changes from Comment

- Stage II vapor recovery. Incompatible must change to S2 compatible or S1 EVR
 - Extend due date for changes one year: 12/31/2025
 - Decommissioning must follow set procedures
- Stage 2 equipment repair timelines to mirror current Stage 1 requirements
- Update fiscal impacts: station staff review rules/permits
 from \$18/hr to \$28



Proposed Rules: Changes from Comment

- Clarify SIP areas not to expand
- Remove various 'DEQ approval' of alternatives to align with SIP/EPA guidance
- Update definitions for clarity and consistency: Stage 1, VB, VR, EVR, dual point S1 VB
- Various typos and clarifications
- Add PEI RP300 vapor installation to the existing note
- Add requirement for all components to be compatible with gasoline



Rulemaking Process and Timeline



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DEQ Recommendation

"I move that the commission adopt the proposed rules in Attachment A and D as part of chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules; And

Approve incorporating these rule amendments into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040; And

Direct DEQ to submit the State Implementation Plan revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval."



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