



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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## Department of Environmental Quality

### Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340

### OREGON CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRAM

**340-271-0010**

#### **Purpose and Scope**

(1) This division establishes rules and requirements for the Climate Protection Program for certain air contamination sources that emit greenhouse gases or that cause greenhouse gases to be emitted.

(2) Climate change caused by anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions has detrimental effects on the overall public welfare of the State of Oregon. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change will improve the overall public welfare of Oregon. In particular, reducing greenhouse gas emissions will improve the welfare of environmental justice communities.

(a) Fuel combustion and industrial processes result in emissions of greenhouse gases, which are air contaminants that cause climate change;

(b) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions may also reduce emissions of other air contaminants, which may improve air quality for Oregon communities; and

(c) Environmental justice communities in Oregon are disproportionately burdened by air contamination, including through disproportionate risk of the impacts of climate change.

(3) The purposes of the Climate Protection Program are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from sources in Oregon, achieve co-benefits from reduced emissions of other air contaminants, and enhance public welfare for Oregon communities, particularly environmental justice communities disproportionately burdened by the effects of climate change and air contamination. To support these purposes, this division:

(a) Requires that covered entities reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

(b) Supports reduction of emissions of other air contaminants that are not greenhouse gases;

(c) Prioritizes reduction of greenhouse gases and other air contaminants in environmental justice communities;

(d) Provides covered entities with compliance options to minimize disproportionate business and consumer economic impacts associated with meeting the Climate Protection Program requirements; and

(e) Allows covered fuel suppliers to comply with the Climate Protection Program requirements in part through contributing community climate investment funds to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prioritize benefits for environmental justice communities in Oregon.

(4) DEQ administers this division in all areas of the State of Oregon and subject to the requirements in this division and OAR 340-200-0010(3), LRAPA is designated by the EQC to implement OAR 340-271-0150(3) of this division within its area of jurisdiction.

(5)(a) Whenever the DEQ Director has good cause to believe that any person is engaged or is about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute a violation of this division, the Director may authorize DEQ to institute actions or proceedings for legal or equitable remedies to enforce compliance thereto or to restrain further violations.

(b) The proceedings authorized by subsection (a) may be instituted without the necessity of prior DEQ notice, hearing and order.

(c) The provisions of this section are in addition to and not in substitution of any other civil or criminal enforcement provisions available to DEQ. This includes, without limitation, the authority to impose civil penalties and issue orders according to ORS Chapter 468.090 to 468.140 and OAR chapter 340, divisions 11 and 12.

(6) If any dates under this division occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or a state holiday, the deadline is extended to the following business day.

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**Definitions**

The definitions in OAR 340-200-0020, OAR 340-215-0020, and this rule apply to this division. If the same term is defined in this rule and either or both OAR 340-200-0020 and OAR 340-215-0020, the definition in this rule applies to this division. If the same term is defined in OAR 340-200-0020 and OAR 340-215-0020, but not in this rule, then the definition in OAR 340-215-0020 applies to this division.

(1) “Air contamination source” has the meaning given the term in ORS 468A.005. Air contamination sources include, without limitation, stationary sources, fuel suppliers, in-state producers, and local distribution companies.

(2) “Best available emissions reduction order” or “BAER order” means a DEQ order establishing required actions the owner or operator of a covered stationary source must take to limit covered emissions from the covered stationary source.

(3) “Biomass-derived fuels” has the meaning given the term in OAR 340-215-0020. Biomass-derived fuels include, without limitation, biomethane, biodiesel, renewable diesel, renewable propane, woody biomass, and ethanol.

(4) “Cap” means the total number of compliance instruments generated by DEQ for each calendar year.

- (5) “Climate Protection Program permit addendum” or “CPP permit addendum” means written authorization that incorporates the requirements of this division into a permit by amending an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or a Title V Operating Permit.
- (6) “Climate Protection Program permit” or “CPP permit” means a permit issued to a covered fuel supplier according to this division.
- (7) “Community climate investment credit” or “CCI credit” or “credit” means an instrument issued by DEQ to track a covered fuel supplier’s payment of community climate investment funds, and which may be used in lieu of a compliance instrument, as further provided and limited in this division.
- (8) “Community climate investments,” “community climate investment funds” or “CCI funds” means money paid by a covered fuel supplier to a community climate investment entity to support implementation of community climate investment projects and any interest that accrues on the money while it is held by a CCI entity or subcontractor.
- (9) “Community climate investment entity” or “CCI entity” means a nonprofit organization that has been approved by DEQ as a CCI entity and that has entered into a written agreement with DEQ consistent with OAR 340-271-0920 to implement projects supported by community climate investment funds.
- (10) “Compliance instrument” means an instrument issued by DEQ that authorizes the emission of one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e of greenhouse gases. Compliance instruments may not be divided into fractions.
- (11) “Compliance obligation” means the total quantity of covered emissions from a covered fuel supplier rounded to the nearest metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e.
- (12) “Compliance period” means a period of multiple consecutive calendar years, as described in OAR 340-271-0440.
- (13) “Covered emissions” means the greenhouse gas emissions described in any of subsections OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b), (4)(b) and (5)(b), for which covered entities may be subject to the requirements of this division.
- (14) “Covered entity” means an air contamination source subject to the requirements of this division. A covered entity may be either a covered fuel supplier, a covered stationary source, or both.
- (15) “Covered fuel supplier” means an air contamination source that is either:
- (a) A fuel supplier or in-state producer as described in OAR 340-271-0110(3); or
  - (b) A local distribution company as described in OAR 340-271-0110(4).
- (16) “Covered stationary source” means an air contamination source described in OAR 340-271-0110(5).
- (17) “Designated representative” means the person responsible for certifying, signing, and submitting any registration, report, or form required to be submitted according to this division, on behalf of a covered entity. For the owner or operator of a covered stationary source with an Oregon Title V Operating Permit, the designated representative is the responsible official and certification must be consistent with OAR 340-218-0040(5).
- (18) “Environmental justice communities” means communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited

infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.

(19) “Existing source” means a source that is operating under the authority of either a current Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit or, when the term of an issued permit has expired, under the authority of OAR 340-216-0082(1) or OAR 340-218-0120(2) and 340-218-0130(2).

(20) “New source” means a source that is not operating under the authority of either a current Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit or, when the term of an issued permit has expired, under the authority of OAR 340-216-0082(1) or OAR 340-218-0120(2) and 340-218-0130(2).

(21) “Nominal electric generating capacity” has the meaning given in ORS 469.300.

(22) “Shut down” means that all operations of a covered entity are permanently shut down, including but not limited to decommissioning and cancelling air permits. Permanent shutdown may include continued operations of space heaters and water heaters as necessary to support decommissioning activities.

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**Acronyms**

(1) “BAER” means best available emissions reduction.

(2) “CCI” means community climate investment.

(3) “CFR” means Code of Federal Regulations.

(4) “CPI-U West” means the US Bureau of Labor and Statistics West Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all Items.

(5) “CPP” means Oregon Climate Protection Program established in this division.

(6) “DEQ” means Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

(7) “EQC” means Environmental Quality Commission.

(8) “EPA” means US Environmental Protection Agency.

(9) “IRS” means US Internal Revenue Service.

(10) “LRAPA” means Lane Regional Air Pollution Agency.

(11) “Metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e” or “MT CO<sub>2</sub>e” means metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

(12) “US” means United States.

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**340-271-0090****Overview of Program Provisions for Covered Entities and CCI Entities**

- (1) OAR 340-271-0100 describes general requirements for covered entities.
- (2) OAR 340-271-0110 describes which air contamination sources are covered entities subject to the requirements of the CPP.
- (3) OAR 340-271-0120, OAR 340-271-0130, and 340-271-0150 describe covered entity requirements including notifying DEQ of changes in ownership, operational control, and related entities; cessation of applicability; and requirements to obtain CPP permits and CPP permit addendums, respectively.
- (4) OAR 340-271-0310 through OAR 340-271-0390 describe the provisions that apply to covered stationary sources.
- (5) OAR 340-271-0410 through OAR 340-271-0890 and OAR 340-271-9000 describe the provisions that apply to covered fuel suppliers.
- (6) OAR 340-271-0900 through OAR 340-271-0990 describe the provisions for how DEQ will approve CCI entities and how CCI entities will implement eligible projects supported by CCI funds.

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**340-271-0100****Oregon Climate Protection Program Requirements**

- (1) A person who owns or operates a covered entity must comply with the rules in this division. Compliance with this division does not relieve a person who owns or operates a covered entity of the obligation to comply with any other provisions of OAR chapter 340, as applicable.
- (2) CPP permit or CPP permit addendum. A person who owns or operates a covered entity identified in OAR 340-271-0110 must apply for and hold a CPP permit or CPP permit addendum according to OAR 340-271-0150 that authorizes the person's covered emissions and subjects the person to the requirements of this division.
- (3) Reporting. A person who owns or operates a covered entity must submit reports and attestations required in this division, as applicable.
- (4) Recordkeeping. A person who owns or operates a covered entity must develop and retain all records required in this division, as applicable.

(5) A person who owns or operates a covered entity must use forms and reporting tools approved and issued by DEQ for all certifications, attestations and submissions. All submissions must be made electronically unless otherwise requested or approved by DEQ.

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**340-271-0110**

**Covered Entity and Covered Emissions Applicability**

(1) Calculations of covered emissions, compliance obligations and distribution of compliance instruments will be based on emissions data and information in emissions data reports submitted by a person described in this rule and required according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, which may be subject to verification according to OAR chapter 340, division 272. For any person that does not submit sufficient information in compliance with OAR chapter 340, divisions 215 and 272, calculations will be informed by additional best data available to DEQ. For any person that has not registered and reported according to division 215, such calculations will be based on the best data available to DEQ, following all reporting requirements and assumptions that would be applicable had the person reported according to that division.

(2) A covered entity is subject to the requirements of this division for its covered emissions described in this rule. A person remains a covered entity until cessation is met according to OAR 340-271-0130.

(3) Applicability for fuel suppliers and in-state producers. A person is a covered fuel supplier if the person is described in subsection (a) and has annual covered emissions described in subsection (b) in any applicability determination calendar year that equal or exceed the threshold for applicability listed in Table 1 in OAR 340-271-9000. All persons that are related entities must aggregate their emissions together to determine applicability and each becomes a covered fuel supplier if applicability is met. When applicability is met, each person is a covered fuel supplier beginning with the calendar year a person becomes a covered fuel supplier, as provided in Table 1 in OAR 340-271-9000. Once a person is a covered fuel supplier, the person remains a covered fuel supplier until the person has met the cessation requirements according to OAR 340-271-0130.

(a) The person is a fuel supplier or in-state producer that imports, sells, or distributes fuel for use in Oregon, and is one or more of the following:

(A) A dealer, as that term is defined in ORS 319.010 that is subject to the Oregon Motor Vehicle and Aircraft Fuel Dealer License Tax in OAR chapter 735, division 170;

(B) A seller, as that term is defined in ORS 319.520, that is subject to the Oregon Use Fuel Tax in OAR chapter 735, division 176;

(C) A person that produces, imports, sells, or distributes gasoline or distillate fuel oil for use in Oregon and that is not subject to the Oregon Motor Vehicle and Aircraft Fuel Dealer License Tax or the Oregon Use Fuel Tax in OAR chapter 735, divisions 170 and 176; or

(D) A person that either produces propane in Oregon or imports propane for use in the state.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (B), covered emissions include emissions described in paragraph (A).

(A) Covered emissions include emissions of anthropogenic greenhouse gases in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e that would result from the complete combustion or oxidation of the annual quantity of propane and liquid fuels (including, for example and without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products) imported, sold, or distributed for use in this state.

(B) Covered emissions do not include:

(i) Emissions that are from the combustion of biomass-derived fuels;

(ii) Emissions that are from the combustion of fuels used for aviation including, for example and without limitation, aviation gasoline, kerosene-type jet fuel, and alternative jet fuel; and

(iii) Emissions described in 40 CFR part 98 subpart W – Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems.

(4) Applicability for local distribution companies. A person is a covered fuel supplier if the person is described in subsection (a) and has annual covered emissions described in subsection (b) in 2018 or any subsequent calendar year, unless the person has met the cessation requirements according to OAR 340-271-0130.

(a) The person is a local distribution company that either produces natural gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas in Oregon, or that imports, sells, or distributes natural gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas to end users in the state.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (B), covered emissions include emissions described in paragraph (A).

(A) Covered emissions include emissions of anthropogenic greenhouse gases in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e that would result from the complete combustion or oxidation of the annual quantity of natural gas imported, sold, or distributed for use in this state.

(B) Covered emissions do not include:

(i) Emissions that are from the combustion of biomass-derived fuels;

(ii) Emissions described in 40 CFR part 98 subpart W – Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems;

(iii); Emissions avoided where the use of natural gas results in greenhouse gas emissions captured and stored, if sufficiently documented by information provided to DEQ; and

(iv) Emissions from natural gas delivered to an air contamination source that is an electric power generating plant with a total nominal electric generating capacity greater than or equal to 25 megawatts.

(5) Applicability for stationary sources. A person is a covered stationary source if the person is described in subsection (a), unless the person has met the cessation requirements according to OAR 340-271-0130.

(a) The person is one or more of the following:

(A) The person owns or operates an existing source that has actual covered emissions described in subsection (b) that equal or exceed 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2018 or in any subsequent calendar year;

(B) The person owns or operates a new source, or proposes to own or operate a new source, that has a potential to emit covered emissions described in subsection (b) that will equal or exceed 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per calendar year; or

(C) The person owns or operates an existing source that is not a covered stationary source under (A), proposes to make a modification under OAR 340-216-0040(3), OAR 340-218-0170, OAR 340-218-0180, or OAR 340-218-0190, or a Type 2, 3 or 4 change under OAR 340-210-0225 to their source and:

(i) The modification would increase the source's potential to emit covered emissions described in subsection (b) by 10,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per calendar year or more, and;

(ii) After the modification, the source's potential to emit covered emissions described in subsection (b) would equal or exceed 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per calendar year.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (B), covered emissions include emissions described in paragraph (A).

(A) Covered emissions include emissions of anthropogenic greenhouse gases in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e that are from either or both processes or the combustion of solid or gaseous fuels, including emissions from combustion for both energy production and processes.

(B) Covered emissions do not include:

(i) Emissions that are from the combustion of biomass-derived fuels;

(ii) Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from solid fuels;

(iii) Emissions that are from the combustion of liquid fuels or propane;

(iv) Emissions from natural gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas used on-site that was delivered by a local distribution company;

(v) Emissions described in 40 CFR part 98 subpart HH – Municipal Solid Waste Landfills;

(vi) Emissions described in 40 CFR part 98 subpart TT – Industrial Waste Landfills;

(vii) Emissions from an air contamination source that is owned or operated by an interstate natural gas pipeline that is operating under authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

(viii) Emissions from an air contamination source that is an electric power generating plant with a total nominal electric generating capacity greater than or equal to 25 megawatts.

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**Changes in Covered Entity Ownership and Changes to Related Entities**

(1) Changes in ownership or operational control.

(a) If a covered entity undergoes a change in ownership or operational control, the new person that owns or operates the covered entity must notify DEQ in writing within 30 days of the ownership or operational



control change. The person must submit a complete and accurate notification, including providing the following information:

(A) The name of the previous owner or operator;

(B) The name of the new owner or operator;

(C) The date of ownership or operator change;

(D) Name of the designated representative;

(E) If the covered entity is a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company information about each person that was a related entity prior to the change in ownership or operational control and that was required to report emissions according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, including legal name, full mailing address, and whether each is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit; and

(F) If the covered entity is a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company, information about each person that is a related entity after the change in ownership or operational control and that is required to report emissions according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, including legal name, full mailing address, and whether each is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit.

(b) The covered entity continues to be a covered entity following a change in ownership or operational control, until it meets the cessation requirements in OAR 340-271-0130. Any other covered entity that was a related entity also continues to be a covered entity following the change in ownership or operational control, until it meets the cessation according to OAR 340-271-0130.

(c) Following a change in ownership or operational control, a covered fuel supplier that holds a compliance instrument or CCI credit according to OAR 340-271-0430 or OAR 340-271-0830 continues to hold the compliance instrument or CCI credit according to each rule, as applicable.

(2) Changes to related entities of covered fuel suppliers.

(a) If a person subject to any regulations in OAR chapter 340, division 215, becomes a new related entity to a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company due to a change in ownership or operational control, the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier must notify DEQ in writing, on a form approved by DEQ, within 30 days of the ownership or operational control change. The designated representative must submit a complete and accurate notification, including providing the following information:

(A) Information about the new related entity, including legal name, full mailing address, and whether the person is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit;

(B) The name of the previous owner or operator of the new related entity;

(C) The name of the new owner or operator of the new related entity;

(D) The date of ownership or operator change for the new related entity; and

(E) Information about all other related entities subject to any regulations in OAR chapter 340, including legal names, full mailing addresses, and whether each is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit.

(b) If the person that is the new related entity to a covered fuel supplier identified in paragraph (a)(A) is not already a covered fuel supplier, the person:

- (A) Becomes a covered fuel supplier beginning with the date of ownership or operator change;
- (B) Must apply to DEQ for a CPP permit according to OAR 340-271-0150(1)(a)(B); and
- (C) If the person is a covered fuel supplier, the person will have compliance obligations beginning with covered emissions from the calendar year in which the ownership or operator change occurred.

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**Cessation of Covered Entity Applicability**

(1) Cessation for covered fuel suppliers.

(a) A person that is a covered fuel supplier as described in OAR 340-271-0110 remains a covered fuel supplier until the person receives written notification from DEQ after either or both:

(A) The person's annual covered emissions are 0 (zero) MT CO<sub>2</sub>e for six consecutive calendar years. If the person is not a local distribution company, the covered emissions of the person's related entities must also be 0 (zero) MT CO<sub>2</sub>e for the same six consecutive calendar years; or

(B) The person was designated a covered fuel supplier in OAR 340-271-0110(3), the sum of its annual covered emissions and the annual covered emissions of its related entities are less than 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e for six consecutive calendar years and the person applies to DEQ according to subsection (c).

(b) After a covered fuel supplier identified according to paragraph (a)(A) demonstrates compliance with compliance obligations for the years up to and including the years described in paragraph (a)(A), DEQ will notify the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier in writing that cessation is met.

(c) In order for cessation according to paragraph (a)(B) to take effect, a covered fuel supplier must apply to cease being a covered fuel supplier by submitting the following information to DEQ on a form approved by DEQ:

(A) Information about the covered fuel supplier, including:

(i) Name and full mailing address, and website; and

(ii) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(B) If the person is not a local distribution company information about each related entity required to report emissions according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, for each of the six consecutive calendar years, including legal name, full mailing address, and whether each is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit;

(C) Information about remaining requirements that must be met according to this division at the time the application is submitted to DEQ; and

(D) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered fuel supplier] meets the eligibility for cessation as a covered fuel supplier according to Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 340, division 271. I understand that ceasing to be a covered fuel supplier means that [covered fuel supplier] will also cease to hold any compliance instruments and CCI credits.

(d) After the covered fuel supplier applying for cessation according to paragraph (a)(B) and subsection (c) demonstrates compliance with compliance obligations for the years up to and including the years described in paragraph (a)(B), DEQ will notify the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier in writing that the application for cessation is approved and that cessation is met.

(e) A person that ceases to be a covered fuel supplier according to this section must comply with all remaining applicable recordkeeping requirements of this division from the last date on which the person was a covered fuel supplier.

(f) When a person ceases to be a covered fuel supplier:

(A) The cessation does not change the compliance obligation for any year for which the person has already demonstrated compliance;

(B) Any remaining compliance instruments held by the person will be retired, held in reserve, or distributed by DEQ according to OAR 340-271-0430(3); and

(C) Any remaining community climate investment credits held by the person will be canceled according to OAR 340-271-0830(1)(c).

(2) Cessation for covered stationary sources.

(a) A person that is a covered stationary source as described in OAR 340-271-0110 remains a covered stationary source until either of the following occur:

(A) The person's operations are changed such that all greenhouse gas emitting processes and operations cease to operate or are shut down. In order for cessation to take effect, the person must submit a written notification to DEQ certifying the cessation of all greenhouse gas emitting processes and operations; or

(B) The person's covered emissions are less than 25,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e for five consecutive calendar years and the person has fully complied with any applicable BAER order and any related reporting requirements and has submitted any remaining required BAER assessment and five-year BAER report. In order for cessation to take effect, DEQ will notify the covered stationary source that cessation is met.

(b) This section does not apply to seasonal operational cessations or other temporary cessation of operations.

(c) A person that ceases to be a covered stationary source according to this section must comply with all remaining applicable recordkeeping requirements of this division from the last date on which the person was a covered stationary source.

(3) Any person that ceases to be a covered entity according to this rule must resume meeting the requirements of this division for any future year in which applicability is met.

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**340-271-0150****Covered Entity Permit Requirements**

(1) A person described in either or both OAR 340-271-0110(3) or (4) must apply for a CPP permit as provided in this section.

(a) The person must apply for a CPP permit according to subsections (b) and (c) by the following deadlines:

(A) If DEQ notifies the person in writing that the person is a covered fuel supplier, then the person must apply to DEQ for a CPP permit within 30 days of the notification or by another date DEQ specifies in the notification that is at least 30 days after the date of the notification;

(B) If DEQ does not provide a notification according to paragraph (A), then the person must apply to DEQ for a CPP permit by April 15 of the year after the calendar year that the person becomes a covered fuel supplier; or

(C) If there was a change in ownership or operational control according to OAR 340-271-0120(2), then the person must apply to DEQ for a CPP permit within 45 days of the change in ownership or operational control.

(b) A person that submits a CPP permit application to DEQ must submit a complete and accurate application. The application for a CPP permit must be submitted to DEQ using a form approved by DEQ and include:

(A) Identifying information about the covered fuel supplier including name, full mailing address, and website, and designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(B) If the person is a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company, information about each related entity required to report emissions according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, including legal name, full mailing address, and whether each is a covered fuel supplier and holds a CPP permit; and

(C) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the person considered a covered fuel supplier;

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered entity] meets the Climate Protection Program applicability requirements described in OAR 340-271-0110 and requests a permit with the understanding that [covered entity] must comply with such permit as provided in Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 340, division 271.

(c) DEQ may issue a CPP permit to a covered fuel supplier that submits a complete and accurate application. The permit may contain all applicable provisions of this division and such other conditions as DEQ determines are necessary to implement, monitor and ensure compliance with this division.

(2) New and modified stationary sources

(a) The owner or operator of a new source that is a covered stationary source may not emit any covered emissions prior to being issued a BAER order and a permit as described in subsection (3)(c).

(b) The owner or operator of an existing source that is proposing a modification and is required to complete a BAER assessment under OAR 340-271-0310(1)(c) may not construct the modification or emit any covered emissions from the modification prior to being issued a BAER order and approved permit modification as described in subsection (3)(d).

(3)(a) The owner or operator of an existing covered stationary source required to apply for a CPP permit addendum according to OAR 340-271-0330(1) must submit a complete and accurate application to DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, that complies with and includes information identified in this section. The application must include the following:

(A) Identifying information about the covered stationary source, including name and the name of the person that owns or operates the covered stationary source, full mailing address, the physical address of the covered stationary source, and a description of the nature of business being operated, the name, phone number and email address of the designated representative who is responsible for compliance with the permit, the permit number for an existing source, and the SIC or NAICS code of the covered stationary source;

(B) The name of a person authorized to receive requests from DEQ for additional data and information;

(C) The date DEQ notified the owner or operator of the covered stationary source of the BAER order established according to OAR 340-271-0320;

(D) A BAER implementation plan that includes the following:

(i) Identification of the actions that the owner or operator of the covered stationary source will take to comply with the BAER order; and

(ii) The schedule for implementing the requirements in the BAER order, consistent with any deadlines provided by DEQ in the BAER order, if applicable, and including an estimate of when all requirements from the BAER order will be completed;

(E) Any other information requested by DEQ; and

(F) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the covered stationary source;

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered entity] meets the Climate Protection Program applicability requirements described in OAR 340-271-0110 and requests a permit with the understanding that [covered entity] must comply with such permit as provided in Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 340, division 271.

(b) DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, may issue a CPP permit addendum to the owner or operator of a covered stationary source that submits a complete and accurate permit modification application under subsection (a), consistent with the requirements of OAR chapter 340, divisions 216 and 218, as applicable. The CPP permit addendum will be issued as a Category II permit action according to OAR chapter 340, division 209. A CPP permit addendum will amend the covered stationary source's Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit. The CPP permit addendum will contain all applicable provisions of this division and such other conditions as DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, determines are necessary to implement, monitor and ensure compliance with the permit and this division.

(c) If DEQ or LRAPA approves an application for an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit submitted by the owner or operator of a new source, then DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, will incorporate the CPP conditions into the new Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit and will not issue a separate CPP permit addendum. Such CPP conditions will include all applicable provisions of this division and such other conditions as DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, determines are necessary to implement, monitor and ensure compliance with the permit and this division.

(d) If DEQ or LRAPA approves an application for a modification of an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit submitted by the owner or operator of an existing source that is required to undertake a BAER assessment described in OAR 340-271-0310(1)(c), then DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, will incorporate the CPP conditions into the modified Air Contaminant Discharge Permit or Title V Operating Permit and will not issue a separate CPP permit addendum. Such CPP conditions will include all applicable provisions of this division and such other conditions as DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, determines are necessary to implement, monitor and ensure compliance with the permit and this division.

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**Best Available Emissions Reduction Assessments for Covered Stationary Sources**

(1) Requirement to conduct a BAER assessment.

(a) When notified in writing by DEQ, the owner or operator of a covered stationary source described in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(a)(A) must submit a complete and accurate BAER assessment according to this rule. The owner or operator of the covered stationary source must submit a complete BAER assessment to DEQ not later than nine months following the date of DEQ's notice, unless DEQ has identified a later deadline in its notice or DEQ approves an extension according to section (6).

(b) The owner or operator of a new source described in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(a)(B) must submit a complete and accurate BAER assessment completed according to this rule with its permit application submitted according to OAR chapter 340, division 216, or its notice of construction application submitted according to OAR chapter 340, division 210.

(c) Modifications.

(A) A source that is a covered stationary source described in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(a)(C) must complete a BAER assessment if notified in writing by DEQ. DEQ will require a BAER assessment at the time of the modification only if DEQ determines that the modification represents a significant change to the equipment or processes that emit covered emissions at the source.

(B) If the modification described in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(a)(C) is a notice of construction for a Type 2 change required under OAR 340-210-0230, DEQ will notify the source not later than 60 days after submittal of the notice of construction if a BAER assessment is required. Upon receipt of that notification, the owner or operator of the source must submit a complete and accurate BAER assessment completed according to this rule and an application for a permit modification submitted according to OAR chapter

340, division 216 or 218, as applicable. Notwithstanding OAR 340-210-0225(2) and (3), such permit modification application is a Type 3 change as described in OAR chapter 340, division 210.

(2) BAER assessment requirements. BAER assessments submitted to DEQ must include the following:

(a) A description of the covered stationary source's production processes and a flow chart of each process;

(b) Identification of all fuels, processes, equipment, and operations that contribute to the covered stationary source's covered emissions, including:

(A) Estimates of annual average covered emissions identified in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(b). For existing covered stationary sources, estimates must be of current annual average covered emissions. For new sources and existing sources proposing a modification, estimates must be of annual potential to emit covered emissions. Emissions must be identified in MT CO<sub>2</sub>e, following methodologies identified in OAR chapter 340, division 215. This must also include and distinguish quantities and covered emissions of each fuel used to control air contaminants that are not greenhouse gases; and

(B) Estimates of current and anticipated type and annual quantity of all fuels used or proposed to be used by the covered stationary source;

(c) Identification and description of all available fuels, processes, equipment, technology, systems, actions, and other strategies, methods and techniques for reducing covered emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(5)(b). Strategies considered must include but are not limited to the strategies used by other sources in this state or in other jurisdictions that produce goods of comparable type, quantity, and quality; and

(d) An assessment of each of the following for each strategy identified in subsection (c):

(A) An estimate of annual average covered emissions reductions achieved if the strategy were implemented compared to the emissions estimated in paragraph (b)(A);

(B) Environmental and health impacts, both positive and negative, if the strategy were implemented, including any impacts on air contaminants that are not greenhouse gases and impacts to nearby communities;

(C) Energy impacts if the strategy were implemented, including whether and how the strategy would change energy consumption at the covered stationary source, including impacts related to any fuel use that results in anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Any energy-related costs must be included in the economic impacts assessment in paragraph (D), not the energy impacts assessment;

(D) Economic impacts if the strategy were implemented, including operating costs and the costs of changing existing processes or equipment or adding to existing processes and equipment. Any energy-related costs must be included in the economic impacts assessment, not the energy impacts assessment in paragraph (C). The economic impacts assessment must include both costs and cost savings (benefits);

(E) An estimate of the time needed to fully implement the strategy at the covered stationary source; and

(F) A list of the information, resources, and documents used to support development of the BAER assessment, including, if available, links to webpages that provide public access to supporting documents.

(3) Upon receipt of a BAER assessment described in section (2), DEQ will review the submittal and if DEQ determines that any additional information, corrections, or updates are required then DEQ may provide the owner or operator of the covered stationary source with a written request to provide such

information by a certain date or DEQ may issue the BAER order based on the information it has available. If DEQ requests that the owner or operator of the covered stationary source revise its BAER assessment according to this section, the owner or operator must provide such information no later than the deadline provided by DEQ.

(4) Five year BAER reports.

(a) Every five years following the date that DEQ issued a BAER order, the owner or operator of a covered stationary source must submit to DEQ a five year BAER report that includes an update of the information described in subsections (2)(a) through (c).

(b) If one or more new strategies are identified in a five year BAER report required in subsection (a) that have not previously been evaluated in a BAER assessment, DEQ may notify the owner or operator of the covered stationary source and require that it conduct a complete BAER assessment according to section (2) and submit it to DEQ. Such complete BAER assessment must also include:

(A) Evaluation of any new strategies identified and any previously identified strategies using any new information available at the time the assessment is being conducted; and

(B) Current status and analysis of the implementation of requirements in any prior BAER order(s).

(5) When notified in writing by DEQ, the owner or operator of a covered stationary source identified in section (1) may be required to conduct and submit an updated complete BAER assessment conducted according to this rule, in accordance with the following:

(a) DEQ may not require the owner or operator of a covered stationary source to complete an updated BAER assessment within five years of the date of submission of the most recently completed BAER assessment unless the source is proposing a modification and is required to complete a new BAER assessment under OAR 340-271-0310(1)(c). However, if DEQ determines the owner or operator of a covered stationary source submitted information that it knew or should have known was false, inaccurate, or incomplete to DEQ, then DEQ may require the owner or operator of the covered stationary source to complete an updated BAER assessment within five years of the date of submission of the most recently completed BAER assessment;

(b) The updated BAER assessment must include assessment of new strategies and previously identified strategies and any new information available at the time the assessment is being conducted;

(c) The owner or operator of the covered stationary source must include current status and analysis of the implementation of requirements in any prior BAER order; and

(d) The owner or operator of the covered stationary source must submit the updated BAER assessment to DEQ not later than nine months following the date of DEQ's notice, unless DEQ has identified a later deadline in the notice or DEQ approves an extension according to section (6).

(6) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source required to conduct a BAER assessment as described in sections (1) or (5) may request an extension of time to complete the BAER assessment by providing DEQ with a written request no fewer than 30 days prior to the submittal deadline. DEQ may grant an extension based on the following criteria:

(a) The owner or operator of the covered stationary source has demonstrated progress in completing the submittal; and



(b) A delay is necessary, for good cause shown by the owner or operator of the covered stationary source, related to obtaining more accurate or new data, performing additional analyses, or addressing changes in operations or other key parameters, any of which are likely to have a substantive impact on the outcomes of the BAER assessment.

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**Best Available Emissions Reduction Order**

(1) DEQ may issue a BAER order for each owner or operator of a covered stationary source that must submit a BAER assessment as provided in OAR 340-271-0310. A BAER order will establish the actions that the owner or operator of a covered stationary source must take to reduce covered emissions and the timeline on which the actions must be taken.

(2) In establishing the requirements in a BAER order for a covered stationary source, DEQ may consider any information it deems relevant, and must consider the following:

(a) Information submitted in a BAER assessment;

(b) The fuels, processes, equipment, technology, systems, actions, and other strategies, methods and techniques that maximize covered emissions reductions;

(c) The fuels, processes, equipment, technology, systems, actions, and other strategies, methods and techniques for reducing covered emissions used by sources in this state or in other jurisdictions that produce goods of comparable type, quantity, and quality;

(d) A reasonable schedule and amount of time necessary to implement a strategy under consideration by DEQ to reduce covered emissions;

(e) Environmental, public health, and energy impacts of a strategy under consideration by DEQ to reduce covered emissions, including but not limited to air quality impacts for nearby communities and impacts related to switching to cleaner energy resources, zero-emissions energy resources, or renewable fuels;

(f) Economic impacts of a strategy under consideration by DEQ to reduce covered emissions including, but not limited to, costs so great that a new source could not be built or an existing source could not be operated, and cost-effectiveness of different strategies that would achieve similar covered emissions reductions;

(g) Processes and operations currently in use by and at the covered stationary source and the remaining useful life of the covered stationary source;

(h) Whether a strategy under consideration by DEQ to reduce covered emissions is achievable, technically feasible, commercially available, and cost-effective;

(i) Whether a strategy under consideration by DEQ to reduce covered emissions has an impact on the type or quality of good(s) produced by and at the covered stationary source, if applicable; and

(j) Input from the public and community organizations from nearby the covered stationary source. Upon receipt of a BAER assessment, DEQ will provide public notice with a copy of the BAER assessment and a minimum of 30 days to submit written comments. DEQ also will provide public notice with a copy of DEQ's draft BAER order and a minimum of 30 days to submit written comments.

(3) For the owner or operator of a covered stationary source required to register and report according to OAR chapter 340, division 215, DEQ will consider emissions data reports to assess whether covered emissions reductions are being achieved when establishing the requirements in a BAER order or for determining when to notify the owner or operator of a covered stationary source to conduct and submit an updated complete BAER assessment as described in OAR 340-271-0310(5).

(4) DEQ may verify information submitted in a BAER assessment.

(5) DEQ may consult with industry experts and third-party organizations before issuing a BAER order.

(6) DEQ will notify the owner or operator of a covered stationary source of a BAER order in writing. A BAER order is effective 30 days from the date of the notification unless, within that time, DEQ receives a written request for a hearing from the owner or operator of the covered stationary source according to section (7).

(7) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source may file with DEQ a written request for a contested case hearing to challenge a BAER order issued according to section (6). The request must be filed in writing within 30 days of the date that DEQ issued the BAER order and must state the grounds for the request. The hearing will be conducted as a contested case hearing in accordance with ORS 183.413 through 183.470 and OAR chapter 340, division 11.

(8) DEQ will provide a public status update if DEQ has not yet issued a BAER order after 18 months of the date on which DEQ notified the owner or operator of a covered stationary source that it must conduct a BAER assessment.

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**Compliance with a BAER Order**

(1) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source for which DEQ has issued a BAER order according to OAR 340-271-0320 must:

(a) Comply with the requirements in the BAER order; and

(b) For an existing source that is required to complete a BAER assessment under OAR 340-271-0310(1)(a), submit to DEQ or LRAPA, as applicable, a complete permit modification application for a CPP permit addendum according to OAR 340-271-0150(3) not later than 90 days after the date that the BAER order is final and effective, or a later date specified in the BAER order.

(2) Reporting requirements.

(a) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source that has been issued a CPP permit addendum or operating permit that includes provisions related to a BAER order must submit an annual progress report to DEQ describing the progress in implementing the requirements in the BAER order. The annual progress reports are due to DEQ on or before February 15 of each year following the date that the notice of the BAER order is final and effective. The annual progress report must include:

(A) A description of the progress achieved in implementing the requirements in any BAER order;

(B) A schedule indicating dates for future increments of progress;

(C) A description of any increases or decreases in covered emissions that have occurred at the covered stationary source since the submission date of the most recently conducted complete BAER assessment; and

(D) An estimate of when all implementation of requirements of the BAER order will be complete.

(b) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source must submit a BAER order completion report to DEQ no later than 60 days after implementation of all requirements in the BAER order are complete, except for items related to continuous and ongoing requirements. The report must include:

(A) The final increments of progress achieved in fully implementing the requirements in the BAER order and the date the final increments of progress were achieved;

(B) A summary of the actions taken to fully implement the requirements in the BAER order; and

(C) An estimate of the resulting covered emissions reductions that will be achieved now that the requirements in the BAER order are being implemented.

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**Recordkeeping Requirements Related to BAER**

(1) Recordkeeping requirements related to BAER assessments and five year BAER reports.

(a) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source that submits any information to DEQ related to a complete BAER assessment or five year BAER report conducted according to OAR 340-271-0310 must retain the following records, in paper or electronic format, for a period of at least ten years from the date the information is submitted to DEQ:

(A) A copy of the assessment or report submitted to DEQ;

(B) Any contract(s) with any independent third-party(ies) in relation to developing the assessment or report; and

(C) All other information and documentation used to support and inform development of the assessment or report.

(b) The owner or operator of the covered stationary source must make available to DEQ upon request all of the records it is required to retain according to this section. DEQ will specify the date by which the owner or operator of the covered stationary source must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

(2) Recordkeeping requirements related to compliance with a BAER order.

(a) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source issued a BAER order must retain the following records, in paper or electronic format, for a period of at least ten years from the applicable date specified below:

(A) All records and information related to a BAER order including but not limited to a copy of the most recently submitted complete BAER assessment and a copy of DEQ's written BAER order from the effective date of the BAER order;

(B) A copy of the permit modification application for the CPP permit addendum or the applicable permit application from the date it is submitted to DEQ;

(C) A copy of each progress report from the date it is submitted to DEQ; and

(D) All other information and documentation related to actions taken to comply with requirements in a BAER order from the effective date of the BAER order.

(b) The owner or operator of a covered stationary source issued a BAER order must make available to DEQ upon request all of the records it is required to retain according to this section. DEQ will specify the date by which the owner or operator of the covered stationary source must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

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**Generation of Compliance Instruments**

(1) Each year, DEQ will generate the number of compliance instruments equal to the cap for the calendar year identified in Table 2 in OAR 340-271-9000.

(2) A compliance instrument is a regulatory instrument and does not constitute personal property, a security or any other form of property.

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**Distribution of Compliance Instruments to Covered Fuel Suppliers**

(1) DEQ will distribute compliance instruments according to this rule. DEQ will distribute compliance instruments from a cap according to sections (2), (3), (4), and (6) no later than June 30 of the calendar year of that cap.

(2) Annual distribution of compliance instruments to covered fuel suppliers that are local distribution companies. DEQ will annually distribute to each local distribution company, or to its successor(s) due to a change in ownership or operation, the number of compliance instruments from the calendar year's cap stated in Table 4 in OAR 340-271-9000.

(3) DEQ will establish a compliance instrument reserve for covered fuel suppliers that are new to the program and are not local distribution companies. DEQ will hold, according to subsection (4)(a), a subset of compliance instruments in the reserve from the caps identified in Table 2 in OAR 340-271-9000. Once a compliance instrument is held in the reserve, it remains in the reserve until DEQ determines, at its discretion, to undertake one of the following actions:

(a) DEQ distributes the compliance instrument according to section (5) to a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company;

(b) DEQ retires the compliance instrument because the compliance instrument reserve exceeds the size described in Table 3 OAR 340-271-9000, provided that after such retirement the size of the compliance instrument reserve will equal or exceed the reserve size described in Table 3; or

(c) DEQ distributes the compliance instrument to a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company because the size of the compliance instrument reserve exceeds the reserve size described in Table 3 in OAR 340-271-9000. DEQ will only distribute compliance instruments from the reserve according to this subsection if there are at least 10,000 compliance instruments to distribute and if the remaining size of the reserve after this distribution will equal or exceed the reserve size described in Table 3 in OAR 340-271-9000. DEQ will calculate the number of compliance instruments to distribute to each covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company according to subsection (4)(b), except "total compliance instruments to distribute" means the total number of compliance instruments DEQ is distributing from the reserve according to this subsection.

(4) Annual distribution of compliance instruments to covered fuel suppliers that are not local distribution companies. DEQ will annually distribute compliance instruments from the applicable calendar year's cap to covered fuel suppliers that are not local distribution companies as follows:

(a) If the size of the compliance instrument reserve is less than the reserve size described in Table 3 in OAR 340-271-9000 for the calendar year, then DEQ will calculate the difference and hold in the compliance instrument reserve that quantity of compliance instruments. Otherwise, the number of compliance instruments in the reserve will not be changed.

(b) Except for compliance instruments identified in Table 4 in OAR 340-271-9000 for distribution according to section (2) and the compliance instruments held in the reserve according to section (3) and subsection (4)(a), DEQ will calculate the number of compliance instruments to distribute to each covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company as described in this subsection, including paragraphs (A) through (E), based on emissions data from the prior calendar year as reported by each covered fuel supplier as required by OAR chapter 340, division 215, and subject to DEQ's initial review for errors, but prior to completion of third-party verification as required by OAR chapter 340, division 272. A person that becomes a covered fuel supplier after DEQ has distributed the compliance instruments for that year will not receive a distribution under this subsection.

(A) Beginning with the 2026 annual distribution of compliance instruments, Prior to each calculation of compliance instrument distribution described in paragraph (B), DEQ will apply a “Verified emissions data correction factor” to the annual compliance instrument distribution of each covered fuel supplier. DEQ will recalculate the compliance instrument distribution from the previous year using third-party verified emissions data. If DEQ determines that the reported emission data used for the previous year’s compliance instrument distribution resulted in a lesser or greater number of compliance instruments being distributed to a covered fuel supplier, when compared to the recalculation using the third-party verified data, DEQ will increase or reduce, respectively, the number of compliance instruments distributed to the covered fuel supplier by an equal amount in the current compliance instrument distribution.

(B) DEQ will use the following formula to calculate the number of compliance instruments to distribute to each covered fuel supplier:

Number of Compliance Instruments = (Total compliance instruments to distribute \* ([Covered fuel supplier covered emissions + covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions] / Total emissions)) ± Verified emissions data correction factor – Compliance instrument holding limit reduction

(C) As used in the formula in paragraph (B):

(i) “Total compliance instruments to distribute” means the cap for the calendar year, according to Table 2 in OAR 340-271-9000, minus the number of compliance instruments identified in Table 4 in OAR 340-271-9000; and minus the number of compliance instruments held in the compliance instrument reserve;

(ii) ~~(I) For the 2025 and all subsequent annual distributions,~~ “Covered fuel supplier covered emissions” means the sum of a covered fuel supplier’s covered emissions for the prior calendar year;

~~(II) For the 2024 annual distribution of compliance instruments, each covered fuel supplier’s “covered fuel supplier covered emissions” will be either the sum of the covered fuel supplier’s verified covered emissions for the 2022 calendar year or the sum of the covered fuel supplier’s unverified covered emissions for the 2023 calendar year. The verified 2022 data will be used if the sum of a covered fuel supplier’s verified 2022 covered emissions plus the verified emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b)(B)(i) that result from the complete combustion or oxidation of all biomass-derived fuels that the covered fuel supplier imported, sold, or distributed for use in the state in 2022 is greater than the sum of a covered fuel supplier’s unverified 2023 covered emissions plus the unverified emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b)(B)(i) that result from the complete combustion or oxidation of all biomass-derived fuels that the covered fuel supplier imported, sold, or distributed for use in the state in 2023. The unverified 2023 data will be used if the sum of a covered fuel supplier’s unverified 2023 covered emissions plus the unverified emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b)(B)(i) that result from the complete combustion or oxidation of all biomass-derived fuels that the covered fuel supplier imported, sold, or distributed for use in the state in 2023 is greater than the sum of a covered fuel supplier’s verified 2022 covered emissions plus the verified emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b)(B)(i) that result from the complete combustion or oxidation of all biomass-derived fuels that the covered fuel supplier imported, sold, or distributed for use in the state in 2022;~~

(iii) ~~(I) For the 2025 and all subsequent annual distributions,~~ “Covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions” means emissions described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)(b)(B)(i) that result from the complete combustion or oxidation of the annual quantity of biomass-derived fuels that the covered fuel supplier imported, sold, or distributed for use in the state for the prior calendar year;

~~(H) For the 2024 annual distribution of compliance instruments, if a covered fuel supplier's covered fuel supplier covered emissions, as determined under sub-subparagraph (ii)(H), are its verified 2022 calendar year emissions, then its "covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions" will be based on verified 2022 calendar year emissions data, but if a covered fuel supplier's covered fuel supplier covered emissions, as determined under sub-subparagraph (ii)(H), are its unverified 2023 calendar year emissions, then its "covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions" will be based on unverified 2023 calendar year emissions data;~~

(iv) "Total emissions" means the sum of "covered fuel supplier covered emissions" and "covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions" for the prior calendar year for all covered fuel suppliers whose compliance instrument distribution is calculated according to this section. ~~For the 2024 annual distribution of compliance instruments, "Total emissions" means the sum of "covered fuel supplier covered emissions" and "covered fuel supplier biofuel emissions" used for that year's calculation, as described in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii); and~~

(v) "Verified emissions data correction factor" means a correction applied as a result of changes to reported data since the previous distribution of compliance instruments, as described in paragraph (A); and

(vi) "Compliance instrument holding limit reduction" means the number of compliance instruments described in OAR 340-271-0430(2). If the compliance instrument holding limit reduction exceeds the number of compliance instruments that a covered fuel supplier would have received in the distribution before subtracting the compliance instrument holding limit reduction, then the covered fuel supplier will not receive any compliance instruments in the distribution, and a compliance instrument holding limit reduction equal to the amount by which it exceeded the number of compliance instruments that a covered fuel supplier would have received in the distribution before subtracting the compliance instrument holding limit will be applied in the following year.

(D) DEQ will distribute a number of compliance instruments to each covered fuel supplier using the formula in paragraph (B) and rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(E) Any remaining compliance instruments not distributed due to rounding as described in paragraph (D) will be held in the compliance instrument reserve.

(5) Distribution from compliance instrument reserve for new covered fuel suppliers that are not local distribution companies.

(a) A covered fuel supplier is eligible for a distribution from the compliance instrument reserve if it is not a local distribution company and if the person was not included in the distribution of compliance instruments for that year according to section (4).

~~(b) For all calendar years after 2024, a~~ covered fuel supplier meeting the requirements of subsection (a) is not eligible for a distribution of compliance instruments from the reserve if the person is a related entity to a covered fuel supplier that received a distribution of compliance instruments under section (4).

(c) A covered fuel supplier identified according to subsection (a) and not ineligible under subsection (b) may request a distribution of compliance instruments from the reserve by submitting an application to DEQ, on a form approved by DEQ, that includes the information described in paragraphs (A) through (D), no later than June 1 of the year after the calendar year of the annual distribution of compliance instruments from which the covered fuel supplier was not included. The covered fuel supplier must submit a separate application for each year for which it is seeking distribution of compliance instruments from the reserve.

(A) Information about the covered fuel supplier, including:

(i) Name and full mailing address; and

(ii) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(B) The calendar year of covered emissions for which compliance instruments are requested;

(C) The reason for the request, including description of eligibility according to subsection (a); and

(D) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that I am a representative of [covered fuel supplier], am authorized to submit this application on its behalf, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered fuel supplier] is a covered fuel supplier in the year indicated in this application and requests compliance instruments from the reserve according to the information included in this application.

(d) DEQ will review an application submitted according to subsection (b) to ensure that it meets the requirements of this section. DEQ will inform the applicant either that the submitted application is complete or that additional specific information is required to make the application complete. If the application is incomplete, DEQ will not consider the application further until the applicant provides the additional information requested by DEQ.

(e) If DEQ approves an application, DEQ will distribute one or more compliance instruments to the covered fuel supplier from the reserve no later than June 15 of the year after the calendar year of the annual distribution of compliance instruments from which the covered fuel supplier was not included. DEQ will distribute compliance instruments from the reserve to the covered fuel supplier, as follows:

(A) A maximum distribution amount that will not exceed the covered fuel supplier's covered emissions in that calendar year using emissions data from the prior calendar year as reported by each covered fuel supplier as required by OAR 340, division 215, and subject to DEQ's initial review for errors, but prior to completion of third-party verification as required by OAR 340, division 272; and

(B) If there are fewer compliance instruments in the reserve at the time of distribution than have been requested by all covered fuel suppliers who are approved for a reserve distribution for a calendar year, DEQ shall allocate compliance instruments in the reserve according to the ratio of each covered fuel supplier's covered emissions in that calendar year to the total covered emissions from all covered fuel suppliers in that calendar year.

(6) Each year, the sum of all compliance instruments that are not distributed to fuel suppliers in the distribution under section (4) as a result of compliance instrument holding limit reductions will be distributed to all covered fuel suppliers that did not have any compliance instrument holding limit reduction using the formula described in paragraph OAR 340-271-0420(4)(b)(B), except that, for purposes of such redistribution, "total compliance instruments to distribute" means the total number of compliance instruments that DEQ did not distribute to fuel suppliers in the general distribution under section (4) as a result of compliance instrument holding limit reductions. Such additional distribution of compliance instruments shall be made at the same time as the distribution described in section (4). Any remaining compliance instruments not distributed due to rounding will be held in the compliance instrument reserve.



(7) Upon distribution of compliance instruments according to sections (2), (4), (5), and (6), DEQ will notify the designated representative of each covered fuel supplier in writing of the availability of compliance instruments.

(8) DEQ will track distributed compliance instruments.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025, 468A.040, 468.035, 468A.010, 468A.015 & 468A.045

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**340-271-0430**

**Holding Compliance Instruments**

(1) When DEQ distributes a compliance instrument to a covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0420 or when a covered fuel supplier acquires a compliance instrument according to OAR 340-271-0500, the covered fuel supplier may continue to hold the compliance instrument until any of the following apply:

(a) The covered fuel supplier uses the compliance instrument toward its demonstration of compliance with a compliance obligation according to OAR 340-271-0450;

(b) The covered fuel supplier transfers the compliance instrument to another covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0500; or

(c) The covered fuel supplier has ceased being a covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0130. When this occurs, DEQ may, at its discretion:

(i) Retire the compliance instrument; or

(ii) If the covered fuel supplier is not a local distribution company:

(A) Hold the compliance instrument in the compliance instrument reserve described in OAR 340-271-0420(3); or

(B) Distribute the compliance instrument to a covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company. DEQ will only distribute the compliance instrument if there are at least 10,000 compliance instruments to distribute. DEQ will calculate the number of compliance instruments to distribute to each covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0420(4)(b), except “total compliance instruments to distribute” means the total number of compliance instruments DEQ is distributing according to this paragraph.

(2) For each covered fuel supplier that is not a local distribution company, a compliance instrument holding limit reduction will be calculated on November 22 of the year following the end of each compliance period, or 25 days after DEQ’s notification in OAR 340-271-0450(1), whichever is later. A covered fuel supplier’s compliance instrument holding limit reduction is the number of compliance instruments from any prior year held by the covered fuel supplier on that date that exceeds one and a half times the sum of the covered fuel supplier’s annual compliance obligation(s) for each year of the prior compliance period. In the year subsequent to the year after the end of a compliance period, if a fuel

supplier did not receive any compliance instruments in the distribution under section OAR 340-271-0420(4) in the prior year because its compliance instrument holding limit reduction exceeded the number of compliance instruments that it otherwise would have been distributed, then the fuel supplier's compliance instrument holding limit reduction will be reduced as provided in subparagraph OAR 340-271-0420(4)(b)(B)(vi), and such reduced compliance instrument holding limit reduction will be used in the subsequent year's compliance instrument distribution calculation under section OAR 340-271-0420(4).

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

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**340-271-0440**

**Compliance Periods**

- (1) Each compliance period is three consecutive calendar years.
- (2) The first compliance period begins with calendar year 2025~~2~~, and includes calendar years 2026~~3~~ and 2027~~4~~.
- (3) A new compliance period begins with the calendar year following the last calendar year of the preceding compliance period.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

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**340-271-0450**

**Demonstration of Compliance**

- (1) DEQ will determine a covered fuel supplier's total compliance obligation for a compliance period as the sum of the covered fuel supplier's annual compliance obligation(s) for each year of the compliance period. DEQ will base its determinations on emissions calculated according to OAR 340-271-0110(1). DEQ will notify the covered fuel supplier of its determination.
- (2) A covered fuel supplier must demonstrate compliance according to this rule by December 9 of the year following the end of each compliance period, or 40 days after DEQ's notification described in section (1), whichever is later.
- (3) To demonstrate compliance for a compliance period, a covered fuel supplier must submit the following to DEQ:
  - (a) For each metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e of the total compliance obligation, either a compliance instrument or a CCI credit, subject to the following limitations:

(A) A covered fuel supplier may only submit compliance instruments that DEQ distributed from the caps for the calendar years of the applicable compliance period or from caps for earlier compliance periods; and

(B) The quantity of CCI credits used to demonstrate compliance as a percentage of the total compliance obligation for the applicable compliance period may not exceed the allowable percentage specified in Table 6 in OAR 340-271-9000.

(b) A demonstration of compliance form, approved by DEQ that includes:

(A) Name and full mailing address of the covered fuel supplier;

(B) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(C) Identification of the compliance period and calendar year(s) for which the covered fuel supplier is demonstrating compliance;

(D) The total compliance obligations in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e for the compliance period and listed separately for each calendar year in the compliance period;

(E) The total number of compliance instruments the covered fuel supplier is submitting to DEQ to demonstrate compliance, and separately the total number submitted from each calendar year's cap;

(F) The total number of CCI credits the covered fuel supplier is submitting to DEQ to demonstrate compliance; and

(G) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that I am a representative of [covered fuel supplier], am authorized to submit this report on its behalf, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete. It is the intent of [covered fuel supplier] to use the quantity of compliance instruments and credits listed on this form and submitted to DEQ for the demonstration of compliance. I certify that [covered fuel supplier] has not exceeded the allowable use of CCI credits. If any portion of these compliance obligations remain unmet after this submission, I understand that [covered fuel supplier] must still demonstrate compliance with the remaining portion and may be subject to enforcement action.

(4) Each metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e of a compliance obligation for which a covered fuel supplier does not demonstrate compliance according to this rule is a separate violation of this division.

(5) If a change in ownership of a covered fuel supplier occurs, the person that owns or operates the covered fuel supplier as of December 31 in the final year of a compliance period is responsible for demonstration of compliance according to this rule for each annual compliance obligation during the compliance period. Compliance obligations may not be split or subdivided based on ownership changes during the compliance period or during any year within the compliance period.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

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### **340-271-0490**

#### **Recordkeeping Requirements Related to Demonstration of Compliance**

(1) A person must retain the following records necessary for determining compliance obligations, in paper or electronic format, for a period of at least seven years beginning September 30 of the year following a year in which covered emissions occurred:

(a) Records according to the recordkeeping requirements of OAR chapter 340, divisions 215 and 272, as applicable;

(b) Copies of reports and forms submitted to DEQ related to determination of compliance obligations according to this division and OAR chapter 340, divisions 215 and 272, including but not limited to:

(A) Applicable emissions data reports submitted according to OAR chapter 340, division 215; and

(B) Applicable verification statements submitted according to OAR chapter 340, division 272; and

(c) All other information and documentation used to calculate and report emissions and used to determine emissions and compliance obligations according to this division.

(2) A person must retain the following records necessary for supporting demonstration of compliance, according to OAR 340-271-0450, in paper or electronic format for a period of at least seven years following the deadline for demonstration of compliance in OAR 340-271-0450:

(a) Copies of reports and forms submitted to DEQ related to demonstration of compliance, including but not limited to demonstration of compliance forms; and

(b) All other information and documentation used to support demonstration of compliance.

(3) A covered fuel supplier must make available to DEQ upon request all of the records it is required to retain according to this rule. DEQ will specify the date by which the covered fuel supplier must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025, 468A.040 & 468A.050

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### **340-271-0500**

#### **Trading of Compliance Instruments**

(1) A covered fuel supplier may trade one or more compliance instruments only according to this rule. A covered fuel supplier may transfer one or more compliance instruments to another covered fuel supplier up to the amount that it has available and has not used to demonstrate compliance. A covered fuel supplier may acquire one or more compliance instruments from another covered fuel supplier.

(2) A covered fuel supplier may not engage in a trade of a compliance instrument involving, related to, in service of, or associated with any of the following:

(a) Fraud, or an attempt to defraud or deceive using any device, scheme or artifice;

- (b) Use of any unconscionable tactic in connection with the transfer, by any person;
- (c) Any false report, record, or untrue statement of material fact or omission of a material fact related to the transfer or conditions that would relate to the price of the compliance instrument being sold. A fact is material if it is reasonably likely to influence a decision by another person or by DEQ;
- (d) Any activity intended to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly, or to injure, destroy or prevent competition in the market for compliance instruments;
- (e) A conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce; or
- (f) An attempt to monopolize holding of compliance instruments, or to combine, collude, or conspire with any other person or persons to monopolize.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025, 468A.040, 468.035, 468A.010, 468A.015 & 468A.045

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**340-271-0510**

**Compliance Instrument Trade Notifications and Process**

(1) Covered fuel suppliers that trade one or more compliance instruments must notify DEQ of the trade. The designated representatives of both the covered fuel supplier transferring the compliance instrument and the covered fuel supplier acquiring the compliance instrument must sign and submit a compliance instrument trade form that meets the requirements of this section, using a form approved by DEQ.

- (a) The covered fuel supplier transferring one or more compliance instruments must sign first; and
- (b) The covered fuel supplier acquiring the compliance instrument(s) must sign the same form and submit it to DEQ no later than one week after the transferring covered fuel supplier signs the form.
- (c) All of the following must be included on a compliance instrument trade form:
  - (A) The agreed upon date of the trade.
  - (B) The total number of compliance instruments traded, and separately the total number traded from each calendar year's cap.
  - (C) The total price per compliance instrument (in US dollars), excluding any fees. If a specific dollar value is not paid for the compliance instrument, an estimate must be provided.
  - (D) As applicable, other information about the trade that DEQ determines is necessary to support DEQ's monitoring of trades and that DEQ includes on the form;
  - (E) The following information about the covered fuel supplier transferring the compliance instrument(s):
    - (i) Name and full mailing address of the covered fuel supplier.
    - (ii) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address.
    - (iii) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative:

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered fuel supplier] is transferring these compliance instruments to [covered fuel supplier that is acquiring] for the price described in this form.*

(F) The following information about the covered fuel supplier acquiring the compliance instrument(s):

(i) Name and full mailing address of the covered fuel supplier.

(i) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address.

(iii) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative:

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information in this form is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered fuel supplier] is acquiring compliance instruments from [covered fuel supplier that is transferring] for the price described in this form.*

(2) When DEQ receives a compliance instrument trade form for one or more compliance instruments as described in section (1), DEQ will inform the applicant either that the submitted form is complete or that additional specific information is required to make the form complete. Upon receipt of a complete form signed by both covered fuel suppliers involved in a trade, DEQ will track traded compliance instruments. DEQ will notify the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier acquiring compliance instrument(s) in writing of availability of these compliance instruments. DEQ will notify the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier transferring compliance instrument(s) in writing that the covered fuel supplier no longer holds the compliance instruments. If DEQ determines that the form is incomplete, DEQ will not track the requested trade unless and until the applicant provides the additional information requested by DEQ to make the form complete, and such instruments will not be available to the covered fuel supplier acquiring the instruments.

(3) A covered fuel supplier acquiring one or more compliance instrument(s) in a trade may not use the compliance instrument(s) in other trades or toward demonstration of compliance with any compliance obligation until the trade has been reported to DEQ and DEQ has tracked the traded compliance instrument(s). Trades may only be reported to DEQ after DEQ has made the compliance instrument trade form available. DEQ will notify covered fuel suppliers when the compliance instrument trade form is available.

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**340-271-0590**

### **Recordkeeping Requirements Related to Trading**

(1) A person who transfers one or more compliance instruments in a trade according to OAR 340-271-0510 must retain the following records related to each trade, in paper or electronic format for a period of at least seven years following the submission date of a complete compliance instrument trade form:

(a) A copy of each compliance instrument trade form submitted to DEQ;

- (b) A copy of any invoice or documentation of monetary payment received related to the trade;
  - (c) A statement from a financial institution showing receipt of any payment for the compliance instrument;
  - (d) Documentation of any service or other qualitative compensation received related to the trade; and
  - (e) A copy of all other data, reports, or other information related to the trade.
- (2) A person who acquires one or more compliance instruments in a trade according to OAR 340-271-0510 must retain the following records related to each trade, in paper or electronic format for a period of at least seven years following the submission date of a complete compliance instrument trade form:
- (a) A copy of each compliance instrument trade form submitted to DEQ;
  - (b) A copy of any invoice or documentation of monetary payment related to the trade;
  - (c) A statement from a financial institution showing any payment for the compliance instrument;
  - (d) Documentation of any service or other qualitative compensation provided related to the trade; and
  - (e) A copy of all other data, reports, or other information related to the trade.
- (3) Covered fuel suppliers must make the records retained according to this rule available to DEQ upon request. DEQ will specify the date by which the covered fuel supplier must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025, 468A.040 & 468A.050

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**340-271-0810**

**Covered Fuel Supplier Application for Community Climate Investment Credits**

- (1) A covered fuel supplier is eligible to receive one or more CCI credits if it contributes CCI funds according to this rule.
  - (a) The covered fuel supplier may receive CCI credits only for contributions to a CCI entity that has been approved by DEQ according to OAR 340-271-0920(1) and has entered into a written agreement with DEQ to accept and administer CCI funds according to OAR 340-271-0920(2).
  - ~~(b) A covered fuel supplier is not eligible to receive a CCI credit for any contribution made to a CCI entity prior to March 1, 2023.~~
  - ~~(e)~~ If more than one CCI entity is approved to accept funds according to subsection (a) the covered fuel supplier must contribute an equal amount of CCI funds to each CCI entity that may receive funds consistent with its agreement with DEQ according to OAR 340-271-0920(2). The contribution amount to each CCI entity may vary by up to one US dollar.
- (2) A covered fuel supplier must apply to receive CCI credits by submitting an application to DEQ, on a form approved by DEQ that includes the information described in section (3). A covered fuel supplier may not submit an application to request CCI credits on behalf of another person.

(3) A covered fuel supplier that submits an application to DEQ to request CCI credits must submit a complete and accurate application. The application must include:

(a) Information about the covered fuel supplier, including:

(A) Name and full mailing address; and

(B) Designated representative's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(b) The name of each CCI entity that received CCI funds from the covered fuel supplier;

(c) A copy of the receipt(s) described in OAR 340-271-0930(1)(a) received from each CCI entity;

(d) The total CCI funds (in US dollars) contributed to each CCI entity, excluding any fees; and

(e) The following attestation, signed by the designated representative of the covered fuel supplier:

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information in this application is true, accurate, and complete. [Covered fuel supplier] contributed the community climate investment funds noted in this application to each community climate investment entity listed for the purposes of supporting eligible projects as described in OAR 340-271-0900.*

(4)(a) A covered fuel supplier seeking to receive CCI credits in order to use them to demonstrate compliance for a particular compliance period must submit its application to DEQ no later than November 14 of the year it will demonstrate compliance according to OAR 340-271-0450, or 11 days after DEQ's notice described in OAR 340-271-0450(1), whichever is later.

(b) DEQ's determination of the quantity of CCI credits to generate and distribute is based on the amount of the covered fuel supplier's contribution to CCI entities, as documented in its application and the CCI credit contribution amount described in Table 7 in OAR 340-271-9000 that was in effect on the date the contribution was made, adjusted for inflation according to OAR 340-271-0820(3).

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

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### **340-271-0820**

#### **Generation and Distribution of Community Climate Investment Credits**

(1) DEQ will review an application submitted according to OAR 340-271-0810 to ensure that it meets the requirements of that rule. DEQ will inform the applicant either that the submitted application is complete or that additional specific information is required to make the application complete. If DEQ determines that the application is incomplete or does not meet the requirements of OAR 340-271-0810, DEQ will not consider the application further until the applicant provides the additional information requested by DEQ.

(2) DEQ will approve an application for CCI credits submitted by a covered fuel supplier if DEQ determines that the application is accurate and complete according to the requirements of OAR 340-271-0810, and DEQ determines that the CCI funds have been provided to an approved CCI entity that is in good standing according to OAR 340-271-0910 through OAR 340-271-0990.



(3) Approval of an application for CCI credits.

(a) Upon approval of an application for CCI credits, DEQ will notify the covered fuel supplier in writing that DEQ has approved the application and will generate and distribute to the covered fuel supplier the quantity of CCI credits approved according to subsection (b).

(b) The amount of CCI credits that DEQ will generate and distribute to the covered fuel supplier is one CCI credit for every verified contribution of the CCI credit contribution amount that a covered fuel supplier provides to a CCI entity, rounded down to the nearest whole number. The CCI credit contribution amount is the applicable amount in Table 7 in OAR 340-271-9000 for the date the contribution was made, with the CCI credit contribution amount adjusted for inflation and rounded to the nearest dollar using the inflation rate since January ~~2021~~2024, as provided by the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics West Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all Items. DEQ will post the current, inflation adjusted CCI credit contribution amount on its website effective March 1 of each year. The formula for the adjustment is as follows:

*CCI Credit Contribution Amount = CCI Credit Contribution Amount in Table 7 in OAR 340-271-9000 \* (CPI-U West for January of the calendar year for the price in Table 7 in OAR 340-271-9000 that is currently in effect / CPI-U West for January ~~2021~~2024)*

(4) A CCI credit is a regulatory instrument and does not constitute personal property, a security or any other form of property.

(5) DEQ will track distributed CCI credits.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468A.025 & 468A.040

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### **340-271-0830**

#### **Holding Community Climate Investment Credits**

(1) When DEQ distributes a CCI credit to a covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0820, the covered fuel supplier may continue to hold the CCI credit until any of the following apply:

(a) The covered fuel supplier uses the CCI credit toward its demonstration of compliance according to OAR 340-271-0450;

(b) Two demonstration of compliance deadlines described in OAR 340-271-0450(2) have passed since the date DEQ provided written notice of its approval of the CCI credit to the covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0820 and the covered fuel supplier has not used the CCI credit in its demonstration(s) of compliance. In such a case, DEQ will cancel the CCI credit. A cancelled CCI credit may not be used toward demonstration of compliance; or

(c) The covered fuel supplier has ceased being a covered fuel supplier according to OAR 340-271-0130. When a covered fuel supplier ceases to be a covered fuel supplier, DEQ will cancel the CCI credit at the time of such cessation. A cancelled CCI credit may not be used toward any demonstration of compliance.

(2) Only a covered fuel supplier that receives a CCI credit from DEQ may hold the CCI credit. The covered fuel supplier may not trade the CCI credit.

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**340-271-0890**

**Recordkeeping Requirements Related to Community Climate Investment Funds**

(1) A covered fuel supplier that provides CCI funds to a CCI entity must retain the following records, in paper or electronic format, for a period of time that begins with the date it provides the CCI funds and lasts seven years after all resulting CCI credits are submitted to demonstrate compliance or are cancelled:

- (a) A copy of any invoice or documentation of monetary payment related to CCI funds;
- (b) A statement from a financial institution showing any payments related to CCI funds;
- (c) A copy of any receipt received from a CCI entity; and
- (d) All other information and documentation related to the CCI funds provided to a CCI entity.

(2) A covered fuel supplier must retain the following records, in paper or electronic format, for a period that begins the date it applies for a CCI credit and lasts seven years after the CCI credit is used to demonstrate compliance or is cancelled:

- (a) A copy of each application submitted to DEQ to request CCI credits; and
- (b) All other information and documentation related to CCI credit(s) received from DEQ.

(3) A covered fuel supplier must make available to DEQ upon request all of the records it is required to retain according to this rule. DEQ will specify the date by which the covered fuel supplier must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

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**340-271-0900**

**Purposes of Community Climate Investments and Eligible Uses of CCI Funds**

(1) The purposes of community climate investments are to:

- (a) Provide covered entities with an optional means of meeting part of their compliance obligation for one or more compliance periods;
- (b) Reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by an average of at least one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per CCI credit distributed by DEQ;
- (c) Reduce emissions of other air contaminants that are not greenhouse gases, particularly in or near environmental justice communities in Oregon;

(d) Promote public health, environmental, and economic benefits for environmental justice communities throughout Oregon to mitigate impacts from climate change, air contamination, energy costs, or any combination of these; and

(e) Accelerate the transition of residential, commercial, industrial and transportation-related uses of fossil fuels in or near environmental justice communities in Oregon to zero or to other lower greenhouse gas emissions sources of energy in order to protect people, communities and businesses from increases in the prices of fossil fuels.

(2) A CCI entity may use CCI funds only for:

(a) Implementing eligible projects in Oregon, which are actions that reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise occur in Oregon. Eligible projects include, without limitation, actions that reduce emissions in Oregon resulting from:

(A) Transportation of people, freight, or both;

(B) An existing or new residential use or structure;

(C) An existing or new industrial process or structure; and

(D) An existing or new commercial use or structure.

(b) The costs of administering CCI funds and eligible projects, including costs of reporting and other requirements included in OAR 340-271-0930 and costs of capacity-building for implementation of eligible projects.

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### **340-271-0910**

#### **Application to DEQ for Approval as a Community Climate Investment Entity**

(1) To be eligible for DEQ approval as a community climate investment entity, an entity must demonstrate that it:

(a) Is authorized to do business in Oregon, and that it is exempt from federal taxation according to Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3);

(b) Has the capacity to administer and spend CCI funds to carry out eligible projects as specified in OAR 340-271-0900(2);

(c) Has or will have staff capable of conducting work associated with being a CCI entity according to this division;

(d) Has or will have staff or subcontractors capable of implementing eligible projects throughout Oregon; and

(e) Is not a covered entity or a related entity of a covered entity.

(2) An eligible entity described in section (1) may apply to be approved as a CCI entity to implement eligible projects directly or by agreement with one or more subcontractors, or both. Subcontractors are not CCI entities, and do not need to meet the eligibility requirements of section (1). However, a CCI entity may not use CCI funds to pay a subcontractor that is a covered entity or a related entity of a covered entity.

(3) An entity that seeks approval as a CCI entity must submit an application to DEQ, ~~on a form~~ in a format approved by DEQ that includes the following:

(a) Information about the entity, including:

(A) Name, full mailing address, and website address;

(B) Contact person's information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(C) Information to describe how the entity meets the eligibility criteria in section (1);

(D) A copy of the entity's current articles of incorporation and bylaws, and a description of the mission of the entity and how being a CCI entity supports the mission;

(E) A description of the experience and expertise of key individuals, ~~if known~~, who would be working to implement eligible projects with CCI funds or assigned work associated with the requirements of a CCI entity described in OAR 340-271-0930;

(F) A description of experience implementing or supporting implementation of eligible projects or project types, particularly in environmental justice communities in Oregon. This may include the experience of the key individuals described in paragraph (E) whether or not that prior experience occurred while working with the entity;

(G) Information regarding any violation by the entity related to federal or state labor laws within the preceding five years;

(H) The entity's IRS Form 990 for each of the three most recent years, if available; and

(I) Proof that the IRS has certified the entity as qualifying as an exempt organization according to Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3);

(b) Information about each known or planned subcontractors, as available, including:

(A) Name, full mailing address, and website address;

(B) Contact person's contact information including name, title or position, phone number, and email address;

(C) Confirmation that the subcontractor is not a covered entity or any of its related entities;

(D) If applicable, a description of the mission of the subcontractor and how being a subcontractor of a CCI entity supports the mission;

(E) A description of the experience and expertise of key individuals who would be working to implement eligible projects with CCI funds;

(F) A description of the subcontractor's prior experience implementing or supporting implementation of eligible projects and a description of prior experience serving communities in Oregon; and

(G) Information regarding any violation by the proposed subcontractor related to federal or state labor laws within the preceding five years;

(c) Information about how any subcontractor(s) may be selected during project implementation if there are none listed in the application or if the entity expects to select one or more additional subcontractors during project implementation;

(d) If known, a general description of either or both of the following:

(A) Anticipated eligible project(s) or project type(s) that support the purposes of CCIs described in OAR 340-271-0900(1) and that are eligible projects as defined in OAR 340-271-0900(2) that the entity plans to implement if approved as a CCI entity; and

(B) The communities in Oregon that are anticipated to benefit if the entity is approved as a CCI entity;

(e) Description of the administrative processes and financial controls the entity will use to ensure all CCI funds are held separately from the entity's other funds. This must detail how the entity will manage and invest funds in a manner consistent with ORS 128.318(2), (3), and (5)(a) through (f); [and](#)

~~(f) The anticipated annual total amount of CCI funds the entity would be able to receive and spend, including a description of why that annual amount is anticipated; and~~

(g) The following attestation, signed by the entity's contact person:

*I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information in this application is true, accurate, and complete. [Entity] seeks to become a community climate investment entity and, if approved, will comply with the applicable requirements in Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 340, division 271.*

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### **340-271-0920**

#### **DEQ Review and Approval of Community Climate Investment Entities and Agreements for Approved CCI Entities**

(1) DEQ will review and may approve applications from entities proposing to be approved as CCI entities according to subsections (a) through (d).

(a) DEQ will review an application submitted according to OAR 340-271-0910 to ensure that it meets the requirements of that rule. DEQ will inform the entity either that the submitted application is complete or that additional specific information is required to make the application complete. If the application is incomplete, DEQ will not consider the application further until the entity provides the additional information requested by DEQ.

(b) When evaluating complete applications submitted according to OAR 340-271-0910, DEQ will consult with the equity advisory committee described in OAR 340-271-0950 and may consult with any other relevant experts selected by DEQ.

(c) DEQ will consider the following when evaluating a complete application:

- (A) The content of the application;
  - (B) Whether the entity meets the eligibility criteria in OAR 340-271-0910(1);
  - (C) Whether each proposed subcontractor, if applicable, complies with the eligibility criteria in OAR 340-271-0910(1)(e);
  - (D) The overall ability of the entity and, if applicable, its subcontractor(s) to use CCI funds to complete eligible projects that advance the purposes set forth in OAR 340-271-0900(1) and that collectively reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by an average of at least one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per CCI credit distributed by DEQ based on CCI contributions to the entity;
  - (E) The overall ability of the entity and/or its subcontractor(s) to use CCI funds as described in paragraph (D) relative to the overall ability of other applicants and approved CCI entities; and
  - (F) Whether the applicant or any proposed subcontractors have violated any federal or state labor laws in the preceding five years.
- (d) DEQ will notify the applicant in writing whether provisional approval as a CCI entity is granted or denied.
- (2) If provisional approval as a CCI entity is granted, DEQ will then work with the CCI entity to complete a written agreement. The written agreement must be approved before an entity receives final approval as a CCI entity and is authorized to receive CCI funds. The written agreement will include, but is not limited to:
- (a) Agreement to use CCI funds only for the uses specified in OAR 340-271-0900(2);
  - (b) The initial term of the agreement and approval, which may not exceed ten years;
  - (c) Requirements for monitoring and reporting of project outcomes sufficient to document emissions reductions;
  - (d) Provisions for, and limitations on, the payment of administrative expenses;
  - (e) Provisions for extensions, amendments, or renewal of the agreement;
  - (f) Other conditions that DEQ determines are necessary to include in the agreement in order to meet the requirements of this division, such as a limit on the amount of CCI funds that a CCI entity may accept.
- (3) If DEQ finds that any of the events in subsections (a) through (c) occur, DEQ may suspend or revoke approval of a CCI entity completely or in part.
- (a) The CCI entity fraudulently obtained DEQ approval;
  - (b) The CCI entity is in violation of any applicable provisions of this division or any written agreement between the CCI entity and DEQ; or
  - (c) DEQ determines that the CCI entity is not in compliance with one or more of the eligibility criteria for approval in OAR 340-271-0910(1).
- (4) DEQ will maintain a current list of approved CCI entities on DEQ's website.

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**340-271-0930**

**Requirements for Community Climate Investment Entities**

(1) Acceptance of CCI funds.

(a) Once approved by DEQ, unless otherwise specified in the agreement between a CCI entity and DEQ, a CCI entity must accept CCI funds from any covered fuel supplier that seeks to contribute CCI funds. The CCI entity must provide a receipt to the covered fuel supplier upon receipt of CCI funds from the covered fuel supplier. The receipt must include:

- (A) The name of the covered fuel supplier;
- (B) The name of the CCI entity;
- (C) The US dollar amount of the CCI funds accepted;
- (D) The date the CCI entity accepted the CCI funds; and
- (E) The following attestation:

*I verify that [CCI Entity] received the contribution from [Covered fuel supplier] as described on this receipt and I affirm that I am a representative of [CCI entity] authorized to sign this receipt.*

(b) Unless otherwise specified in the agreement between the CCI entity and DEQ, a CCI entity must accept CCI funds transferred to it from another CCI entity according to section (8).

(2) Holding CCI funds.

(a) A CCI entity must hold all CCI funds in one or more accounts separate from any other funds. Additionally, prior to being spent in compliance with the provisions of this division and its agreement with DEQ, funds must be managed and invested in a manner consistent with ORS 128.318(2), (3), and (5)(a) through (f). A CCI entity may not encumber CCI funds or pledge CCI funds as a security for other purposes than completing one or more projects under a DEQ-approved work plan.

(b) A CCI entity must complete an independent financial audit of CCI funds for each year in which it holds CCI funds and review the auditor relationship every five years.

(3) Use of CCI funds. A CCI entity may only spend CCI funds for the uses specified in OAR 340-271-0900(2). The expenditures of CCI funds must conform to the CCI's work plan approved by DEQ under section (4) of this rule.

(4) Work Plan.

(a) A CCI entity must submit its proposed work plan to DEQ for review and approval. The period of the work plan will normally be a calendar year, unless otherwise specified in the agreement between DEQ and the CCI entity. A CCI entity must obtain DEQ approval of the work plan prior to committing or expending CCI funds for the period of the work plan. The first work plan must be submitted within ~~60~~90 days of the date on which the CCI entity has received at least \$5 million in CCI funds from covered fuel suppliers.~~entered into a written agreement with DEQ described in OAR 340-271-0920(2).~~ Each

subsequent work plan must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the end of the current work plan period.

(b) The work plan must include:

(A) A description of the project(s) or project type(s) the CCI entity expects to support with CCI funds during the period of the work plan, and how the project(s) or project type(s) support each of the purposes of CCIs described in OAR 340-271-0900(1)(b) through (e);

(B) A description of how the project(s) or project type(s) will benefit communities in Oregon, including description of the potential locations of communities or regions of Oregon in which projects may be implemented or a description of how locations may be selected;

(C) A description of how each project or project type would benefit environmental justice communities in Oregon;

(D) A description of the methodology that the CCI entity is using to estimate the reductions in anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the project(s) or project type(s) in the work plan, along with an estimate of the anticipated reductions during the period of the work plan. The methodology must be sufficient to allow DEQ to perform the necessary calculations in a program review according to OAR 340-271-8100;

(E) A description of the methodology that the CCI entity is using to estimate the reductions in other air contaminant emissions that will result from the project(s) or project type(s) in the work plan, along with an estimate of the anticipated reductions during the period of the work plan;

(F) The name and contact person's contact information of subcontractors that will be involved in any project activities during the period of the work plan; and

(G) The estimated total budget for the period of the work plan. CCI funds must be listed separately from any other funds, as applicable. This must separately include the following:

(i) All costs related to project implementation, listed separately for groups of project(s) or project type(s), including but not limited to personnel costs and materials costs; and

(ii) Administrative costs related to the project implementation and meeting the requirements of this rule.

(c) A CCI entity may request DEQ approval of modifications to a DEQ-approved work plan by submitting modifications to the information described in subsection (b). The CCI entity must obtain DEQ approval of any modification to a work plan prior to beginning work according to a modified work plan.

(d) DEQ will review each submitted work plan to ensure that it meets the requirements of this section. DEQ will inform the CCI entity either that the submitted work plan is complete or that additional specific information is required to make the work plan complete. If the work plan is incomplete, DEQ will not consider the work plan further until the CCI entity provides the additional information requested by DEQ. DEQ will consider the following in its review:

(A) The overall ability of the CCI entity to conduct work according to the work plan;

(B) Whether following the work plan is reasonably likely to reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by an average of at least one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per CCI credit distributed by DEQ based on CCI fund contributions to the CCI entity;



(C) Whether the work plan is consistent with the purposes of CCIs described in OAR 340-271-0900; and

(D) Input from the equity advisory committee described in OAR 340-271-0950 and from any other relevant experts selected by DEQ.

(5) Annual report. Date of submission of annual report to be determined in written agreement as described in OAR 340-271-0920 (2). A CCI entity must submit to DEQ an annual report ~~by March 31~~ each year that describes its CCI-related activities and finances for the preceding ~~calendar~~ year, including:

(a) The following information related to CCI funds received, held, or spent during the year:

(A) Each financial statement for the account(s) where CCI funds were held and the results of the CCI entity's most recent independent financial audit;

(B) The date, amount of CCI funds accepted, and as applicable, the name of the covered fuel supplier for each separate contribution received;

(C) Total CCI fund interest accrual;

(D) Total CCI funds spent, including separate totals of:

(i) CCI funds spent on each project, including but not limited to personnel costs and materials costs; and

(ii) Administrative costs related to the project, including project development, and implementation and meeting the requirements of this rule;

(E) Total CCI funds the CCI entity holds that remain unspent as of the end of the year; and

(F) Total non-CCI funds spent on implementation of each project or project type, as applicable;

(b) The following information related to implementation progress of project(s) or project type(s) during the year:

(A) Documentation of work completed or progress made on each project or project type, including the number of projects completed of each project type, as applicable;

(B) A summary of project outcomes. This must include estimated annual greenhouse gas emissions reductions in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e and non-greenhouse gas air contaminant emissions reductions in metric tons of the applicable air contaminant that are anticipated to be achieved from any project(s) completed during the year. Emissions reductions must be estimated using the methodology included in the applicable work plan. Emissions reductions may be reported by individual project or may be grouped by project type, if the CCI entity can provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the emissions reductions of multiple projects of the same type are comparable; and

(C) A description of work that occurred compared to the most recently approved work plan or modified work plan. If projects were not implemented as planned, the CCI entity must describe the reason for delay and must describe any steps that may be taken to work to remedy the delay or prevent similar delays in subsequent years; and

(c) A copy of the CCI entity's most recent IRS form 990.

(6) Establishing and maintaining efforts to engage and involve environmental justice communities in the design, administration, and implementation of the funds.

(7) Paying an annual fee to DEQ for CCI administration and oversight.

(a) A CCI entity must pay an annual fee by February 1 each year of 5% of all CCI funds received from covered fuel suppliers during the previous calendar year.

~~(86)~~ Maintaining CCI entity eligibility.

(a) A CCI entity must notify DEQ in writing as soon as possible, and not later than ~~30~~15 days after it no longer meets any of the eligibility criteria for approval in OAR 340-271-0910(1), or if it is in violation of any of the requirements of this rule.

(b) A CCI entity must notify DEQ in writing as soon as possible and not later than ~~30~~15 days after any changes are made to the administrative processes or financial controls that keep CCI funds separate from other funds;

(c) A CCI entity must notify DEQ in writing as soon as possible and not later than ~~30~~15 days after any changes related to key individuals or their assigned work associated with being a CCI entity.

(d) A CCI entity must notify DEQ in writing as soon as possible and not later than ~~30~~15 days after any finding of a violation related to federal or state labor laws by the CCI entity or by an approved subcontractor;

(e) Upon written request by DEQ, a CCI entity must provide to DEQ in a reasonably timely manner any and all information that DEQ reasonably requires for evaluating the CCI entity's continued compliance with the requirements of this division, including the criteria for approval as a CCI entity and eligible projects.

(7) Voluntary withdrawal from DEQ approval. An approved CCI entity may request to withdraw voluntarily its approval by providing a written notice to DEQ requesting such withdrawal.

(8) Rollover of CCI funds. If DEQ approval is suspended, revoked, or voluntarily withdrawn, DEQ may require the entity to transfer any ~~unspent-uncommitted~~ CCI funds to another CCI entity and provide proof to DEQ that the transfer has been made. If a transfer of funds is required, DEQ will determine allowable expenses for the transition of projects and the remaining funds.

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**Equity Advisory Committee and Environmental Justice Community Engagement**

(1) DEQ will appoint and convene an equity advisory committee to assist DEQ with:

(a) Review of:

(A) Applications to become a CCI entity;

(B) Requests for DEQ approval of work plans; and

(C) Other submittals by CCI entities that require DEQ review; and

(b) Outreach to environmental justice communities.

(2) Advisory committee member selection.

(a) DEQ may solicit applications from residents of the state of Oregon to be appointed to serve as members of the equity advisory committee and may select the committee from those applications.

(b) DEQ will prioritize convening an advisory committee that represents multiple areas of expertise, interest, or lived experience in the following areas:

(A) Environmental justice;

(B) Impacts of climate change on communities in Oregon;

(C) Impacts of air contamination on communities in Oregon; and

(D) Greenhouse gas emissions reductions and climate change.

(c) DEQ will prioritize convening an advisory committee that represents multiple regions across Oregon.

(d) DEQ may appoint each committee member to a term of up to three years.

(3) In addition to outreach conducted by CCI third party entities to environmental justice communities throughout Oregon, DEQ will conduct outreach to these communities to seek input on projects that may be of interest to those communities. The equity advisory committee will consider this input when assisting DEQ as described in section (1). DEQ will consider this input when making approval decisions regarding CCI entities, projects and project types, and work plans.

(4) DEQ will offer guidance and conduct outreach to support the equity advisory committee and environmental justice communities in Oregon in understanding the provisions related to CCIs.

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### **Recordkeeping Requirements for Community Climate Investment Entities**

(1) A CCI entity must retain the following records, in paper or electronic format, ~~for the duration of its approval as a CCI entity and~~ for a period of at least seven years following the date of transaction or submission to DEQ:~~end of its approval:~~

(a) A copy of each application submitted to DEQ for approval as a CCI entity;

(b) A copy of any invoice or documentation of monetary payment related to CCI funds;

(c) A statement from a financial institution showing any payments related to CCI funds;

(d) A copy of any receipt provided to a covered fuel supplier that makes a CCI payment to the CCI entity;

(e) A copy of any work plan submitted to DEQ by the CCI entity;

(f) A copy of any report or written request for approval submitted to DEQ by the CCI entity;

- (g) All other information and documentation related to CCI funds;
  - (h) All records related to any implemented projects; and
  - (i) All records and information supporting estimates of greenhouse gas emissions reductions and other air contaminant emissions reductions achieved from implemented projects or project types.
- (2) CCI entities must make records required to be retained in this rule available to DEQ upon request. DEQ will specify the date by which the CCI entity must fulfill a records request from DEQ.

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**Program Review**

(1) DEQ will report to the EQC on community climate investments. DEQ will submit the first report to the EQC by August 30, 2027<sup>4</sup> and every two years thereafter. DEQ will share each report with current members of the equity advisory committee after submission to the EQC. Each community climate investment report will include:

(a) A review of community climate investments, including:

(A) CCI credits distributed to covered fuel suppliers;

(B) CCI credits used by covered fuel suppliers to demonstrate compliance;

(C) Estimates of annual greenhouse gas emissions reductions that are anticipated to be achieved by completed projects that CCI entities have reported to DEQ by March 31 of the year DEQ is reporting to the EQC;

(D) Estimates of annual non-greenhouse gas air contaminant emissions reductions that are anticipated to be achieved by completed projects that CCI entities have reported to DEQ by March 31 of the year DEQ is reporting to the EQC;

(E) Calculation of the average anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved per CCI credit distributed based on (A) and (C) and whether reductions of approximately one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e or more of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions for the average CCI credit distributed by DEQ was achieved; and

(F) Description of community benefits achieved; and

(b) DEQ's recommendations regarding any necessary or desirable changes to the CPP provisions relating to CCIs, including, without limitation, recommendations on changes to the CCI credit contribution amounts described in Table 7 in OAR 340-271-9000 necessary to assure that the use of CCI funds is reducing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by an average of at least one MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per CCI credit distributed by DEQ, as well as recommendations on how to best achieve the purposes of CCIs described in OAR 340-271-0900, if applicable.

(2) DEQ will engage internal and external auditors if necessary to conduct an audit of CCI program and report to EQC on findings. If necessary, DEQ will consider recommending rule changes to the CCI program.

~~(3)~~ DEQ will report to the EQC on implementation of the Climate Protection Program. DEQ will submit the first report to the EQC five years after the date of adoption of this division and at least once every five years thereafter. Each program review report will include:

(a) A review of the Climate Protection Program, including:

(A) Summary of covered fuel suppliers' demonstrations of compliance for compliance periods that have occurred since program start, including:

(i) Caps for each year and compliance period;

(ii) Compliance obligations for each year and compliance period;

(iii) Compliance instruments submitted for each compliance period; and

(iv) CCI credits submitted for each compliance period;

(B) Summary of the distribution of compliance instruments, including the size of the compliance instrument reserve at the start and end of each program year that has occurred and compared to Table 3 in OAR 340-271-9000;

(C) Summary of activity relating to trading of compliance instruments for each program year that has occurred;

(D) Summary of covered stationary source requirement activities that have occurred since program start or since the most recently submitted report to the EQC, whichever is later, including:

(i) The number of existing stationary sources that DEQ has notified in writing that must complete a BAER assessment;

(ii) The number of BAER assessments received or anticipated to be received by DEQ;

(iii) A brief summary of any BAER order issued and the required actions that must be taken by the owner or operator of a covered stationary source that has been issued a BAER order;

(iv) A brief summary of the status of any covered stationary source activities regarding implementation of requirements in a BAER order; and

(v) Review of any changes in annual covered emissions from current covered stationary sources to assess whether covered emissions are being reduced;

(E) Whether emission reductions from covered stationary sources align with the priorities described in section (3). This will be assessed in program reviews beginning after 2029.

(F) A current list of covered entities by name and whether each is a covered fuel supplier or covered stationary source; and

(G) Description of any enforcement actions taken that involved civil penalties, if applicable; and

(b) DEQ's recommendations regarding any potential changes to the CPP including, for example and without limitation, recommendations regarding potential changes to best achieve the goals described in section (3) for covered stationary sources.

(3) CPP goals for covered stationary sources described in OAR 340-271-0110(5) are to:

(a) Reduce total covered emissions from covered stationary sources; and

(b) Reduce total covered emissions from covered stationary sources that are the result of use of solid or gaseous fuels by 50 percent by 2035 from the average of 2017 through 2019 emissions.

(4) If the average annual statewide retail cost of gasoline, diesel or natural gas in Oregon increases year-over-year by an amount that is more than 20 percent higher than the average change in cost for the same fuel over the same period in Washington, Idaho, and Nevada, DEQ will investigate the cause(s) of the increase and report to the EQC regarding whether changes to the rules in this division should be made that would ameliorate a relative increase in costs in Oregon. If necessary, DEQ will consider recommending rule changes, such as changes to caps and distribution of additional compliance instruments, changes to the compliance instrument reserve, or changes to the allowable usage of CCI credits.

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**Deferrals**

DEQ may extend reporting or demonstration of compliance deadlines as DEQ deems necessary or appropriate and will issue written notice of any extensions.

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**Severability**

Each requirement of this division is severable, and if any requirement of this division is held invalid, the remainder of the requirements of this division will continue in full force and effect.

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**Tables**

- (1) Table 1. Thresholds for applicability described in OAR 340-271-0110(3).
- (2) Table 2. Oregon Climate Protection Program caps.
- (3) Table 3. Compliance instrument reserve size.
- (4) Table 4. Compliance instrument distribution to covered fuel suppliers that are local distribution companies.
- (5) REPEALED effective November 16, 2023.
- (6) Table 6. Covered fuel supplier allowable usage of community climate investment credits to demonstrate compliance as described in OAR 340-271-0450(3).
- (7) Table 7. CCI credit contribution amount.

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<b>OAR 340-271-9000</b>  <b>Table 1</b> <b>Thresholds for applicability described in OAR 340-271-0110(3)</b>		
<b>Applicability determination calendar year(s)</b>	<b>Threshold for applicability to compare to annual covered emissions</b>	<b>Calendar year a person becomes a covered fuel supplier</b>
<del>Any year from 2018 through 2022</del>	<del>200,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e</del>	<del>2022</del>
<del>2023</del>	<del>200,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e</del>	<del>2023</del>
<del>2024</del>	<del>200,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e</del>	<del>2024</del>

Any year from <del>2018</del> <del>2021</del> through 2025	100,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2025
2026	100,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2026
2027	100,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2027
Any year from 2024 through 2028	50,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2028
2029	50,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2029
2030	50,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2030
Any year from 2027 through 2031	25,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2031
2032	25,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	2032
Each subsequent year	25,000 MT CO <sub>2</sub> e	Each subsequent year



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**Table 2  
Oregon Climate Protection Program caps**

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Cap</b>
<del>2022</del>	<del>28,081,335</del>
<del>2023</del>	<del>27,001,283</del>
<del>2024</del>	<del>25,921,232</del>
2025	25,763,209
2026	24,637,057
2027	23,510,904
2028	23,013,190
2029	21,842,149
2030	20,671,108
2031	19,910,424
2032	18,688,088
2033	17,465,752
2034	16,243,416
2035	15,021,080
2036	14,219,956
2037	13,418,831



2038	12,617,707
2039	11,816,583
2040	11,015,459
2041	10,214,334
2042	9,413,210
2043	8,612,086
2044	7,810,962
2045	7,009,837
2046	6,208,713
2047	5,407,589
2048	4,606,465
2049	3,805,340
2050 and each calendar year thereafter	3,004,216



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**Table 3  
Compliance instrument reserve size**

<b>Calendar year(s) of the cap</b>	<b>Reserve size</b>
<del>2022</del>	<del>400,000 compliance instruments</del>
2023 through 2030	800,000 compliance instruments
2031 through 2040	500,000 compliance instruments
2041 and each calendar year thereafter	250,000 compliance instruments



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**Table 4**  
**Compliance instrument distribution to covered fuel suppliers**  
**that are local distribution companies**

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Compliance instruments to distribute to Avista Utilities</b>	<b>Compliance instruments to distribute to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</b>	<b>Compliance instruments to distribute to Northwest Natural Gas Company</b>
<del>2022</del>	<del>703,373</del>	<del>743,707</del>	<del>5,759,972</del>
<del>2023</del>	<del>676,320</del>	<del>715,103</del>	<del>5,538,434</del>
<del>2024</del>	<del>649,267</del>	<del>686,499</del>	<del>5,316,897</del>
2025	622,214	657,895	5,095,359
2026	595,161	629,291	4,873,822
2027	568,109	600,687	4,652,285
2028	541,056	572,083	4,430,747
2029	514,003	543,478	4,209,210
2030	486,950	514,874	3,987,673
2031	459,897	486,270	3,766,135
2032	432,845	457,666	3,544,598
2033	405,792	429,062	3,323,061
2034	378,739	400,458	3,101,523
2035	351,686	371,854	2,879,986
2036	332,930	352,021	2,726,387
2037	314,173	332,189	2,572,787
2038	295,416	312,357	2,419,188
2039	276,660	292,525	2,265,589
2040	257,903	272,693	2,111,990
2041	239,147	252,860	1,958,390
2042	220,390	233,028	1,804,791
2043	201,633	213,196	1,651,192
2044	182,877	193,364	1,497,593
2045	164,120	173,532	1,343,993
2046	145,364	153,699	1,190,394
2047	126,607	133,867	1,036,795
2048	107,850	114,035	883,196
2049	89,094	94,203	729,596
2050 and each calendar year thereafter	70,337	74,371	575,997



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**Table 6  
Covered fuel supplier allowable usage of community climate investment credits to demonstrate compliance as described in OAR 340-271-0450(3)**

<b>Compliance period</b>	<b>Allowable percentage of total compliance obligation(s) for which compliance may be demonstrated with CCI credits</b>
Compliance period 1 (202 <del>5</del> <sup>2</sup> through 2024 <del>7</del> )	1 <del>5</del> <sup>0</sup> %
<del>Compliance period 2 (2025 through 2027)</del>	<del>15%</del>
Compliance period <del>3</del> <sup>2</sup> (2028 through 2030), and for each compliance period thereafter	20%



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**Table 7  
CCI credit contribution amount**

<b>Effective date</b>	<b>CCI credit contribution amount in <del>2021</del><sup>2024</sup> dollars, to be adjusted according to OAR 340-271-0820(3)</b>
<del>March 1, 2023</del>	<del>\$107</del>

March 1, 2024	\$108
March 1, 2025	\$109 <u>29</u>
March 1, 2026	\$140 <u>30</u>
March 1, 2027	\$144 <u>31</u>
March 1, 2028	\$142 <u>32</u>
March 1, 2029	\$143 <u>33</u>
March 1, 2030	\$144 <u>34</u>
March 1, 2031	\$145 <u>35</u>
March 1, 2032	\$146 <u>36</u>
March 1, 2033	\$147 <u>37</u>
March 1, 2034	\$148 <u>38</u>
March 1, 2035	\$149 <u>39</u>
March 1, 2036	\$1240
March 1, 2037	\$1241
March 1, 2038	\$1242
March 1, 2039	\$1243
March 1, 2040	\$1244
March 1, 2041	\$1245
March 1, 2042	\$1246
March 1, 2043	\$1247
March 1, 2044	\$1248
March 1, 2045	\$1249
March 1, 2046	\$1350
March 1, 2047	\$1351
March 1, 2048	\$1352
March 1, 2049	\$1353
March 1, 2050	\$1354

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