

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2016
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Pete Shepherd, Interim Director
Subject: Agenda item M, Informational item: Updates on Cleaner Air Oregon
June 8-9, 2016, EQC meeting

Why this is important DEQ and the Oregon Health Authority jointly unveiled a new coordinated initiative called Cleaner Air Oregon in April. This update will provide information on some of the work done, to date, and next steps for the program.

Background At the April 2016 regular commission meeting, Interim Director Pete Shepherd and Oregon health Authority Director Lynn Saxton officially implemented Cleaner Air Oregon. The program, a joint effort between DEQ and OHA with other local partners, was implemented in April by Governor Brown in response to community health and environmental concerns associated with certain emissions in the Portland area.

Over the next 18 months, the program will develop proposed permanent rules for air toxics, air quality emissions and other related elements. Throughout this timeline, DEQ and OHA will provide updates to commissioners, including information about community involvement efforts and other program developments.

More program information is available online: <http://cleanerairoregon.org/>

EQC involvement There is no commission action associated with this item.

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