

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Oct. 12, 2015

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item K, Informational and discussion item: Federal Clean Power Plan and DEQ's role
Oct. 14-15, 2015, EQC meeting

Why this is important DEQ is the lead agency for Oregon in response to the federal Clean Power Plan. Staff will present an overview of what EPA has proposed, any initial plans or analysis from the coordinated state agency planning process and an outline of potential next steps.

Background The federal Clean Power Plan, under section 111(d) of the U.S. Clean Air Act, is intended to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel power plants. DEQ does not yet know the full scope of this rulemaking or the exact measures it will propose at the federal level.

DEQ is the lead state agency for Oregon's rules and staff have been working closely with the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Energy to analyze EPA's draft rule language and plan for solutions that meet the federal standards and work for Oregon.

EQC involvement There is no commission action requested at this time. DEQ is preparing rulemaking for late 2016, following EPA's release of the final rules and federal plan, and will bring proposed rules for commission consideration at that time.

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