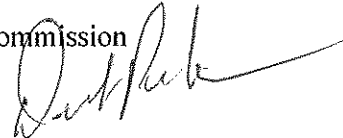


State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Nov. 16, 2012
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Dick Pedersen, Director 
Subject: Agenda item L, Annual EQC designation of involvement in DEQ rulemaking
Dec. 6-7, 2012, EQC meeting

Purpose of item Each December, the Environmental Quality Commission has an opportunity to tell DEQ how commissioners want to engage in upcoming rulemaking proceedings before amending, adopting or repealing the rule.

Background DEQ uses Oregon Administrative Rules under EQC jurisdiction to implement Oregon laws. When Oregon Administrative Rules no longer meet evolving needs, DEQ proposes changes. EQC is the policy and rulemaking board that considers DEQ proposed rules before making a final decision.

Commission members have expressed the desire for DEQ to provide a way for commissioners to plan how they individually and as a commission can keep updated on DEQ rule developments. Each year DEQ presents its anticipated rulemaking schedule and provides the opportunity for commissioners to request information in many forms, from briefings to director's dialogue items to informational items, and give commissioners the opportunity to be involved in advisory committees, public hearings or request a hearing before the commission.

Attachment A lists and describes potential rulemakings on the 2013 DEQ Rulemaking Plan. Attachment B is a worksheet for commissioners to designate their involvement with the rulemakings.

EQC involvement DEQ recommends EQC members complete attachment B during the staff presentation for each potential rulemaking, and give completed worksheets to the EQC assistant at the close of this agenda item.

Attachments A. 2013 DEQ Rulemaking Plan
B. 2013 EQC rulemaking involvement worksheet

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