



Notes: Oregon Environmental Quality Commission

Special Meeting, Nov. 24, 2025

Monday, Nov. 24, 2025

Welcome and Meeting Open

At 1:02 p.m., Chair Matt Donegan called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Attendees: Chair Matt Donegan, Commissioner Karen Moynahan, Commissioner Silvia Tanner and Commissioner Mark Webb. Also present were DEQ Director Leah Feldon and Department of Justice Counsel Gary Vrooman.

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Chair Donegan introduced the commission's new member Silvia Tanner who works for the Multnomah County's Office of Sustainability.

Item A: Variances for Air Quality Programs to Address Fuel Availability (Action)

DEQ presented a proposal for the commission to issue a variance from certain requirements as allowed by ORS 468A.075 to address disruptions to the fuel supply in Oregon.

There was a brief interruption due to audio issues.

Director Leah Feldon introduced DEQ's proposal for a variance to address fuel supply disruptions from the Nov. 21, 2025, Olympic Pipeline spill in Snohomish County. Colin McConnaha, Manager of the Office of Greenhouse Gas Programs, outlined the proposed order to exempt emissions from fuels imported outside the Olympic pipeline system, which would relieve companies from Clean Fuels Program regulations and prevent deficits under the Climate Protection Program. If approved, the order would take effect immediately and remain in place until Dec. 1, 2025, featuring a \$5 million import threshold to limit excessive fuel imports. He also highlighted that a recent pipeline spill impacted wholesale fuel deliveries, but retail supply remained stable, demonstrating the need for proactive measures.

Commissioner Moynahan asked for clarification about the measures' flexibility and compliance. McConnaha confirmed they are proactive and allow for variances to be extended if needed. Moynahan also expressed concerns about loopholes and compliance. McConnaha stated that fuel suppliers must report detailed information to DEQ to ensure compliance. Commissioner Tanner questioned the \$5 million threshold for variances, which McConnaha explained is based on how fuels enter the state and is designed to cover the immediate period and beyond due to pipeline repairs.

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Chair Donegan commended the team for their efforts and requested a motion to approve the proposed language.

Action: Approved the attached Order granting the Director authority to approve variances under ORS 468A.075 as described in the attached Order.

Move: Commissioner Karen Moynahan

Second: Commissioner Mark Webb

The commission approved the motion unanimously. Chair Matt Donegan, Commissioner Karen Moynahan, Commissioner Silvia Tanner and Commissioner Mark Webb in favor.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Matt Donegan adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Other Resources

- [Monday, Nov. 24 Zoom recording](#) – passcode: ak8#aqst
- [November 2025 EQC web page](#)

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