

Landfill, Crematory and Non-Technical Updates

Advisory Committee Charter

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Objectives and scope

Policy objectives

This rulemaking aims to align Oregon Administrative Rules with recent statutory changes, and secondarily, to make non-technical revisions in DEQ's air quality rules that are needed to clarify requirements for regulated entities. In 2025, the Oregon legislature enrolled two separate bills that require rulemaking by DEQ to implement. Specifically, HB 3729 addressed crematory incinerators and SB 726 addressed municipal solid waste landfills in Benton County. Updates to air quality rules are needed to reflect requirements in both of those bills. As part of this rulemaking, DEQ is also proposing non-technical revisions to clarify several air quality rule divisions. These revisions are being packaged together in this rulemaking because they result in only minor changes and clarifications, with no substantive revisions to the content or structure of the rules.

Fiscal, economic and racial equity impacts

[ORS 183.333](#) requires that DEQ ask the committee to consider the fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rules including:

- Whether the rules will have a fiscal impact, and if so, what the extent of that impact will be
- Whether the rules will have a significant adverse impact on small businesses, and if so, how DEQ can reduce the rules' negative fiscal impact on small businesses

ORS [183.333 \(a\)\(F\)](#) requires agencies to provide a statement identifying how adoption of the rule(s) will affect racial equity in Oregon. To aide in crafting this statement DEQ will ask the committee to provide input on this question.

[ORS 182.545](#) requires that natural resource agencies, like DEQ, consider how its actions affect environmental justice in the state. DEQ will ask the committee to provide input on environmental justice considerations.

Roles

DEQ facilitator

The facilitator:

- Encourages open, candid and robust dialogue
- Starts and ends the meetings and agenda items on time
- Encourages innovation by listening to all ideas
- Tries not to lose good ideas to the consensus process

- Recognizes when the discussion is outside the scope of the meeting and steers the discussion back to the focus of the meeting

Committee members

Advisory committee members must attend each meeting to ensure continuity throughout the process. An alternate may be assigned if needed. However, it is each committee member's responsibility to fully brief their alternate on all relevant issues and prior committee discussions to meet the meeting objectives and keep the project on schedule. The primary and alternate members of the committee cannot participate in the same meeting. If a member's absence is unavoidable, please notify the DEQ project manager.

The committee member:

- Prepares for and sets aside time for the meetings
- Provides DEQ staff with copies of relevant research and documentation cited during the meeting
- Stays focused on the specific agenda topics for each meeting
- Comments constructively and in good faith
- Consults regularly with constituencies to inform them on the process and gather their input
- Treats everyone and his or her opinions with respect
- Allows one person to speak at a time
- Is courteous by not engaging in sidebar discussions
- Avoids representing to the public or media the views of any other committee member or the committee as a whole

Non-committee member attendees

Those who attend the committee meetings but are not members of the committee are there only to observe and not to actively participate. If non-committee members are present at a meeting, DEQ may allow time during the meeting for their comments.

DEQ staff

DEQ is committed to making the most effective use of committee member's time by:

- Establishing clear committee goals, meeting objectives and agendas
- Giving committee members reasonable access to staff
- Encouraging all members to take part in discussions
- Providing a clear description of members' roles, the committee timeline, the level of agreement expected and feedback on how members' input is used

DEQ support and website

DEQ will post agenda and meeting materials on the advisory committee website at least one week in advance. DEQ administrative staff will provide meeting summaries that highlight committee discussions, different perspectives and input of committee members. DEQ will not prepare a formal committee report. DEQ will send draft meeting summaries to the advisory committee for review and input. Final meeting minutes will be posted to the advisory committee website and will be part of the public record.

The advisory committee charter, a full roster of the committee, meeting agendas and minutes, and background materials will all be located on the [advisory committee web page](#).

Committee meetings

1. All committee meetings will be:
 - Open to the public, although the committee can choose whether the public can actively participate in committee meetings
 - Advertised on DEQ's [online Events Calendar](#) two weeks before the meeting.
 - Noticed by email to the Air Quality Permits GovDelivery list
 - Held online via Zoom Workplace
 - Accessible via a call-in number or webinar
2. The committee is expected to meet one time at the following online via [Zoom Workplace](#) <https://deq-oregon-gov.zoom.us/j/82975848200>
3. Meeting materials and agenda will be posted to the [advisory committee web page](#)

Decision making

The committee's discussions will be used by DEQ in forming its draft rule, which will then be proposed for broader public review and comment as part of DEQ's rulemaking process.

When DEQ shares information with the group, DEQ will allow a reasonable timeframe for comments.

Membership

In convening this committee, DEQ selected members that reflect the range of stakeholders the proposed rules affect, both directly and indirectly. Representatives should be able to consider the policy, fiscal and economic impact of the proposed standard on the business or organization they represent.

Committee members

Name	Organization	Background or Title or Role	Interest or Group Represented
Mason Leavitt	Beyond Toxics	GIS Analyst and Programs Coordinator	Environment/Community
Paul Koster	Valley Landfills	Environmental Manager	Landfill
Marc Lund	Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium	Funeral Home Owner	Crematory
Bailey Payne	Benton County	Solid Waste Program Coordinator	Landfill
Sarah Gelser Blouin	Oregon State Legislature	Oregon Senator	SB 726 Landfill Bill
Emily McIntire	Oregon State Legislature	State Representative	HB 3729 Crematory Bill
Bill Tennant	Sniffer Robotics	3 rd Party Contractor	Landfill
Chad Darby	Maul Foster & Alongi	Environmental Consultant	Non-technical updates
William Conway	Forest River	ACDP small permittee	Non-technical updates
Becky Kim	Microchip Technology	ACDP large permittee	Non-technical updates

Travel expenses

DEQ can reimburse any in-state out-of-town committee members for travel expenses, if DEQ approves them in advance.

Public records and confidentiality

Committee communications and records, such as formal documents, discussion drafts, meeting summaries and exhibits are public records and are available for public inspection and copying. DEQ does not assume responsibility for protecting proprietary or confidential business information shared during committee or subcommittee meetings. However, the private documents of individual committee members generally are not considered public records if DEQ does not have copies.

Information exchange

Committee members will provide information as much in advance as possible of the meeting at which such information is used. The members will also share all relevant information with DEQ to the maximum extent possible which DEQ will then share with the rest of the committee members where appropriate. If a member believes the relevant information is proprietary in nature, the member will provide a general description of the information and the reason for not providing it. Committee members should only send emails (and other communications) to DEQ and not the committee because including all members on an email could constitute a violation of Oregon's Public Meetings Law.

Public involvement

All meetings will be open to the public. DEQ may set aside time for the public to speak.

Once the committee process is complete, DEQ will develop draft rules and conduct a public rulemaking process. That process will include a specified period during which the public can submit comments on the proposed rules. DEQ will also hold a public hearing during which any member of the public can submit written or verbal comments. Individual committee members may provide comments to DEQ on the full draft rule at this time. DEQ may modify the final proposed rules based on public comment. DEQ intends to take a final proposed rule to the EQC for consideration at its meeting.

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