

Clean Fuels Program 2026

Rulemaking Advisory Committee Charter

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Objectives and scope

Policy objectives

The [Clean Fuels Program](#), or CFP, has made significant strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from Oregon's transportation fuels, such as fossil gasoline and diesel. The program works by creating a market demand to make low-carbon fuels as clean as possible and use them to replace fossil fuels in Oregon.

The focus of this rulemaking is to examine the following CFP policy areas:

- The status of the clean fuels market, including proposing carbon intensity standards to target at least a 50% reduction through 2040, and assessing if adjustments to the existing standards should be made.
- The low-carbon fuel standard programs of neighboring jurisdictions and if additional revisions to CFP would improve alignment.
- The program's existing transportation electrification provisions and opportunities to increase the strategic electrification of vehicles in a cost-effective way while supporting affordable and reliable energy for Oregonians.
- The program's off-site renewable electricity provisions and how to accommodate changes in electricity carbon accounting and policies since the 2021 rulemaking.

The rulemaking may also consider additional minor changes to the program to clarify its regulations and procedures, based on the department's experience implementing the program.

Fiscal, economic, environmental justice 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 183.335 (2)(b)(F) requires agencies to provide a statement identifying how adoption of the rule(s) will affect racial equity in Oregon. ORS 182.545 requires natural resource agencies, like DEQ, to consider how its actions will have effects on environmental justice in Oregon.

DEQ will ask the committee to provide input on these topics and questions.

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. If the primary member is not able to attend a meeting, an assigned alternate may take their place if needed. However, it is each committee member's responsibility to fully brief their alternate on all relevant issues and prior committee discussions in order to meet the meeting objectives and keep the project on schedule. The primary and alternate members of the committee cannot both participate at the same time in a formal RAC capacity, however, the alternate may observe the meeting as a member of the public. 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 their 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 will 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, (e.g., allowing time for committee members to meet individually with DEQ staff to discuss topics related to the rulemaking)
- 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 of each meeting. 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 [LINK](#).

Committee meetings

All committee meetings will be:

- Open to the public, with time provided for public comment
- Advertised on DEQ's [online Events Calendar](#) two weeks before the meeting
- Noticed by email to the Clean Fuels Program GovDelivery list
- Held virtually, or in a hybrid format that is accessible via a call-in number or webinar

The committee is expected to meet four to five times, with most of the meetings being virtual but one or two may be held at or near DEQ Headquarters at 700 NE Multnomah St. Portland, Oregon. The meeting duration times may vary depending on topics and committee progress. Meeting materials and agenda will be posted to the advisory committee web page prior to the meetings, with any written comments received being posted later.

Decision making

DEQ will use the committee’s discussions in forming its draft rules, which will then be proposed for broader public review and comment as part of DEQ’s rulemaking process.

When DEQ shares information with the committee, DEQ will provide 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	Affiliation
Brian Urquidez	HF Sinclair
Jim Verburg	BP
Marc Ventura	Phillips 66
Antonio Machado	Western States Petroleum Association
Mackenzie Springer	Neighbors for Clean Air
Kristopher Fortin Grijalva	Oregon Environmental Council
Brett Morgan	Climate Solutions
Danelle Romain	Oregon Fuels Association
Blake Woodbury	Carson
Nick Staub	Ed Staub and Sons
Mitch Byrnes	Byrnes Oil
Cory-Ann Wind	Clean Fuels Alliance America
Jessica Hoffman	RPMG
Yanni Psareas	RNG Coalition
Lucas Grimes	Center for Resource Solutions
Theresa Keith	3 Degrees
Thomas Elzinga	Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Kelly Yearick	Portland General Electric
Juan J Serpa Muñoz	Eugene Water & Electric Board
Jana Jarvis	Oregon Trucking Association
Tom Van Heeke	Rivian
Stu Green	Forth
Jamie Johnson	Lewis & Clark Law School’s Green Energy Institute
Donald Williams	From The Light Consulting

Travel expenses

DEQ is able to reimburse any in-state, out-of-town committee members for travel expenses to in-person committee meetings, 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 will set aside time for the public to provide input on this rulemaking during these meetings.

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

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