



Cleaner Air Oregon: Creating Health-Based Industrial Air Toxics Regulations

Request for Input on Advisory Committee Positions

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Deadline for input: 4 pm, May 27, 2016

As part of Cleaner Air Oregon, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will convene a Regulatory Reform Advisory Committee. This group, informed by public comment, will guide the reform of industrial air toxics regulation. DEQ and OHA welcome public input on how that committee will be created and who it will include. There will then be a call for committee member nominations this summer.

Background

On April 6, 2016, Governor Kate Brown announced the launch of Cleaner Air Oregon, a new initiative to reform industrial air toxics regulations and align them with public health. DEQ and OHA have begun a formal rulemaking process to engage the public in creating human health risk-based rules for industrial facilities, for consideration by the Environmental Quality Commission.

The Advisory Committee

This work will be informed by a Regulatory Reform Advisory Committee. Committee Members will reflect the diversity of Oregon backgrounds, experiences, interests and geographic perspectives. It will keep the process honest and transparent, ensuring that the regulations reflect input from experts and the public. Members of the Advisory Committee will be nominated by stakeholder groups that will be impacted by the regulations. DEQ and OHA have identified a starting list of 14 stakeholder groups and are seeking public input on which additional 5-7 stakeholder groups or individuals should be included. The input received will be used by DEQ and OHA to finalize the list of positions appointed to the advisory committee.

Purpose

The Advisory Committee will assist in the rulemaking process by considering policy recommendations that are based on input from the Technical Workgroup (an appointed group made up of science, health and air toxics regulation experts), public policy forums, and the stakeholder groups they represent. The advisory committee's input will be used by DEQ and OHA in developing draft rules, which will then be evaluated by a fiscal advisory committee and proposed for broader public review and comment as part of DEQ's rulemaking process.

Advisory Committee Schedule and Process

The advisory committee is tentatively scheduled to meet throughout October and November 2016, after technical research and public input has been gathered. Its meetings are public, with time specified for public feedback. This process provides the opportunity for Oregon to be part of transforming how

industrial air toxic emissions are regulated, to be visionary and future-thinking, and to do it consistent with the values of Oregon residents, engaging all our communities to create the solution. DEQ and OHA will not seek consensus positions from the Advisory Committee, nor will the Advisory Committee be asked to vote on specific issues. Instead, DEQ and OHA will seek input and recommendations from each individual committee member to help define new rules in order to create a safer, healthier Oregon for generations to come.

Positions:

DEQ and OHA will request nominations for participation on the Cleaner Air Oregon Regulatory Reform Advisory Committee from the following fourteen stakeholder organizations. That nomination process will be announced this summer. With this invitation, DEQ is seeking input from the public about which additional 5-7 positions should be included on the Advisory Committee.

Tribes

1. Tribes

Local government

2. League of Oregon Cities (LOC): small cities representative
3. League of Oregon Cities (LOC): large cities representative
4. Association of Oregon Counties: representative
5. Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO) – representative
6. Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO) – representative

Statewide environmental organizations

7. Oregon Environmental Council – representative
8. Neighbors for Clean Air – representative
9. Beyond Toxics – representative

Industry

10. Association of Oregon Industries – representative large business
11. Association of Oregon Industries – representative small business
12. Oregon Business Association – representative

Environmental Justice

13. Environmental Justice Task Force – representative
14. Organizing People/Activating Leaders – representative

Diverse and/or Impacted Communities

TBD based on public input

Other

TBD based on public input

How to Submit Comments

DEQ and OHA are seeking input on which 5-7 additional stakeholder positions should be included on the Advisory Committee by May 27 at 4 p.m.

To submit comments online please visit [DEQ's rulemaking advisory committee comment page](#)

Next Steps

DEQ and OHA will send out the final list of advisory committee seats along with an application to participate on the advisory committee this summer. Please visit [Cleaner Air Oregon](#) for a timeline and more information on the rulemaking process and on the Cleaner Air Oregon initiative. To receive updates, please sign up at: [DEQ Govdelivery](#).