



Hazardous Waste Federal Rules 2021

DEQ Hazardous Waste Rules Advisory Committee Member

Job Description

Position Title: Advisory Committee Member Department: DEQ Hazardous Waste

Reports To: Advisory Committee Facilitator,
Other members of committee, DEQ. Salary Range: Volunteer Position

Position Summary

Members will:

- Serve on a nine-person committee to advise the DEQ Hazardous Waste Rules Team.
- Participate in all scheduled meetings. Each meeting is set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour for lunch and two breaks. Actual meeting duration times may vary depending on topics and committee progress.
- Learn about nine federal rules the program is considering for adoption, with specific focus on new federal amendments to the Definition of Solid Waste, the new Generator Improvements Rule, and the new Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals and Amendment to the P075 Listing for Nicotine.
- Help review the potential fiscal impacts and make recommendations on program incorporation.

Essential Job Functions (listing most important first)

Members must agree to:

1. Fully attend and participate in the advisory committee process.
2. Actively represent and communicate interests in, or perspectives on, the rules considered for incorporation into existing Hazardous Waste Program rules. This includes networking and communicating with others outside of the advisory committee in their organization or interest group(s) during the committee process to obtain feedback and representative views.
3. Carefully consider and analyze technical and policy issues necessary to develop committee recommendations.
4. Consistently and candidly communicate thoughts, ideas, opinions and recommendations on the potential impacts to the state.
5. Commit sufficient time outside of meetings to read materials, think about questions, and develop responses and discussion ideas.

Job Requirements

INTERESTS Environmental and public health – especially as related to waste management and recycling, local business interests, government or public administration, community welfare and livability, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

HELPFUL EXPERIENCE	Some relevant experience with communications, providing input to state or local government, community work, public participation process or an advisory committee. One need not be a hazardous waste or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) expert.
REQUIRED SKILLS	Ability to listen to and consider environmental impacts, environmental justice implications, fiscal information, environmental goals and regulations, and the diverse opinions of other committee participants. Ability to effectively communicate and discuss issues in a group setting.
PREFERRED ATTRIBUTES	Patience. Tolerance. Sense of humor. Ability to think flexibly and critically. An interest in creative problem solving. An understanding of environmental justice issues. Belief in the value of stakeholder/advisory committees.
PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT	Physical tolerance for long, but facilitated and interesting full day virtual meetings.

Background Information for Advisory Committee

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency authorizes the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to operate the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste program in lieu of EPA. Oregon must periodically review and adopt new or amended federal rules to retain this delegated federal authority. DEQ last updated its rules in July 2017. In that rulemaking, DEQ incorporated by reference most federal rules enacted through June 30, 2015.

In this rulemaking, DEQ proposes to align its hazardous waste rules with the federal rules. DEQ will do this by incorporating a previously adopted, but subsequently amended federal rule, and incorporating new federal rules that have not been previously adopted into Oregon rules. These changes will enable Oregon to ask EPA to continue authorizing Oregon to operate its RCRA hazardous waste program in lieu of EPA.

Appreciation

DEQ is immensely appreciative of the time and effort contributed by advisory committees. The benefits of advisory committees include:

- Better communication between DEQ and representatives of regulated interest, environmental, and community groups and individuals;
- Advisory committee participants develop new relationships and shared knowledge that aids in future environmental problem solving;
- Creative problem solving through interacting with people with different backgrounds, expertise and interests; and
- Developing rules, programs and policy recommendations that are less likely to face opposition in implementation than policies developed without meaningful public involvement.

DEQ is committed to making the most effective use of volunteers' time by:

- Establishing clear committee goals and objectives;
- Giving committee members access to staff;
- Encouraging all members to take part in discussions;
- Providing clear understandings of members' roles, the committee timeline, the level of agreement expected and feedback on how we will use members' input.

Alternative formats

DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.