



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Frequently Asked Questions on the Delay of the Clean Fuels Program's 2024 Annual Report Deadline

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On April 25, the Environmental Quality Commission approved DEQ delaying the Annual Report deadlines for the Clean Fuels Program due to an ongoing system outage for the Oregon Fuels Reporting System. This FAQ document provides more information on that delay and what it means for regulated parties in the Clean Fuels Program.

What is the new deadline for my CFP Annual Report?

Friday, May 30, 2025.

Why is the deadline being delayed?

On Wednesday April 9, DEQ was struck with a cyberattack that crippled agency systems, including the Oregon Fuels Reporting System that is used by fuel suppliers to file their reporting for the CFP and Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, generate and trade Clean Fuels Program credits, and demonstrate compliance with the Clean Fuels Program.

DEQ staff have been working through the weekend and into the evenings to get our systems back up and running, but we have been unable to get OFRS back up and running. No data breach has been detected from the cyberattack, but in order to safely bring our systems back online we have determined that we must restore to a backup of the system that was taken over the weekend prior to the attack. This means many actions taken by participants on Monday and Tuesday of that week will be lost and must be redone.

April is the busiest month for the Clean Fuels Program's participants and staff due to the annual report deadline given that many companies must conduct credit transfers and file — sometimes extensive — corrections to their quarterly reporting prior to the deadline.

Given the duration of the system outage and the need for participants to correct their reports and conduct credit transfers, and in some cases redo those actions if they were lost, the agency has opted to propose delaying the Annual Report and compliance deadline.

Who gets to decide if the deadline will be delayed, and when did they decide?

The Environmental Quality Commission has the authority to grant variances to our air quality regulations under Oregon Revised Statute 468A.075. They approved that variance on the afternoon of April 25, 2025.

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Does this also affect the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program's annual report for fuel suppliers that I submit in the Oregon Fuels Reporting System?

The Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program has issued a separate delay of their reporting deadline for fuel suppliers to May 30. With the combined quarterly reporting for their program and the CFP, this allows for regulated parties to correct their data and submit accurate reports to both programs at the same time.

Can I purchase carry back credits in May?

Yes. The normal carry back credit period is being extended through to the new annual report deadline of May 30. Carry back credits is how we refer to credits purchased in the next compliance year and "carried back" to be used for the prior year. In this case, credits purchased in 2025 and used for 2024 compliance.

Do I need to wait until May 30 to submit my annual reports if I have them ready?

No. As soon as the Oregon Fuels Reporting System is back up, please feel free to submit your reporting early if you are sure that it is accurate, and you have enough credits to cover your 2024 compliance obligations.

Can I start my third-party verification before the annual report deadline?

Yes. You and your verifier can start the verification as soon as your annual reports are submitted, your Notice of Verification Services is submitted, and the Conflict of Interest Analysis is approved.

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