



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

# DEQ's Comments on 2018 Oregon Paint Stewardship Program Annual Report

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## Comments and Suggested Changes

Below are DEQ's comments to PaintCare on the 2018 Annual Report.

- 1) The legend for the GIS maps appears to be missing a label for the circle placed around PaintCare and HHW Events. The only circle label is for drop-off sites.
- 2) There is a minor error on page 10 Section B.2 (copied below). In the copied statement, *or event* should be deleted. An area is considered underserved if a permanent collection site does not serve the population within 15 miles; the absence of a collection site is the reason a collection event should be held in the underserved area.
  - a. "An area is defined as underserved if it is not within 15 miles of a paint drop-off site ~~or event.~~"
- 3) On page 15 in section C about Container Recycling, it is also important to understand whether all metal cans are recycled and what is happening to the plastic containers. The report should describe the amounts going to all disposition methods - 459A.842(1)(d).
- 4) Some additional information describing the evaluation of the operation of the program's funding mechanism is needed. For an evaluation, we are looking to understand steps taken by the program to ensure all sales are properly reported and the corresponding assessment is remitted.
- 5) As it relates to an evaluation of the methods used to disseminate education materials and an assessment of the effectiveness of the education and outreach, we recognize this is related to the public awareness goal and implementation plan still being developed. When the implementation plan is finalized, it should describe not only methods for assessing public awareness, but also methods that will determine the best techniques for disseminating the education materials. We look forward to the completion of the program plan, goals, and the inclusion of the evaluation in upcoming annual reports.
- 6) Please double check the financial summary in section A3; it differs slightly from the independent audit on page 55.

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