



Upcoming meetings:

- May 16 from 1 – 4 p.m. | [Truth in Labeling](#) Task Force Meeting 7 ([Agenda](#), [Task Force's Proposal](#), [Register in Advance](#))
- May 23 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. | [Truth in Labeling](#) Task Force Meeting 8: Final meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- May 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Technical Workgroup on [Materials Lists](#) Meeting #3 ([Register in advance](#))
- June 1 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Public meeting to answer questions about the [Request for Information](#): Commingled Recycling Processing Facility Financial and Permitting Evaluation ([Register in advance](#))

General updates:

DEQ hosts first Recycling Council meeting

On Wednesday, May 11, the implementation of the Recycling Modernization Act took a big step forward with the first meeting of the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council. The 19 Recycling Council members met via Zoom and spent the time getting to know each other, learning the background of the RMA and developing Council rules. The council elected Pam Peck from Metro as Chair and Elizabeth Start from Start Consulting Group as Vice-Chair. The Recycling Council will meet at least quarterly to advise DEQ and the Producer Responsibility Organizations on key recycling system elements, including the uniform statewide collection list, PRO program plans, and more.

Members of the Council represent local governments, community-based organizations representing the interests of historically underserved groups, small business,

environmental nonprofit organizations, the recycling industry, service providers, processors or material end-users and producers of covered products or producer trade associations or suppliers.

Stay up to date with the Recycling Council at their [website](#).

DEQ hires new Recycling Program Analyst

DEQ is excited to announce that Roxy Nayar will join the Recycling Modernization Act team to manage implementation projects and lead the first rulemaking process. Roxy has been working at DEQ for nearly 10 years in the Northwest Region office, first in the Air Quality program, and then holding several technical positions in the Water Quality program. Prior to coming to DEQ, she worked as a Natural Resource Advisor on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response, and in air quality policy development in Dallas-Fort Worth. Roxy begins her role with the Recycling Modernization Act team on June 13.

Local government informational sessions

DEQ is planning a series of informational meetings this summer for local governments. The meetings will include an overview of the Recycling Modernization Act and topics that most impact local governments. Planning is underway and DEQ will send out meeting invitations in the coming weeks.

Want to learn more about the Recycling Modernization Act and find opportunities for engagement?

More information is available at the following resources:

- [Implementation Timeline \(Cronograma de implementación\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(Preguntas y respuestas frecuentes\)](#)
- [Fact sheet \(Hoja informativa\)](#)
- [Public Involvement Timeline \(Ley de modernización del reciclaje: cronograma de participación pública\)](#)

Interested in being considered for participation in rules advisory committees or other advisory groups? Complete our [Stakeholder Interest Form](#).

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