



### Upcoming meetings:

- **July 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** | Technical Workgroup on Materials Lists Meeting #4  
([Register in advance](#))
- **July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting #1  
([Register in advance](#))
- **Aug. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** | Technical Workgroup on Materials Lists Meeting #5  
([Register in advance](#))
- **Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** | Technical Workgroup on Materials Lists Meeting #6  
([Register in advance](#))

### General updates:

#### Truth In Labeling Task Force shares recommendations

On June 1, the Truth In Labeling Task Force submitted their [final report and recommendations for legislation](#) to the Oregon Legislature. The recommendations include: determining situations when an item can be labeled as recyclable, mandating brands to use smart labeling to provide accurate recycling information, directing DEQ to work with other West Coast states on recycling acceptance lists, and supporting labeling improvements at the federal level.

Although the Recycling Modernization Act only required the Task Force to produce a final report and recommendations for legislation, members felt it necessary to make two

recommendations to producer responsibility organizations. These recommendations include encouraging PROs to run statewide label advertising campaigns and to use eco-modulation of membership fees to support recycling labeling best practices such as QR codes.

The submission marks the end of the Task Force, one of the first outcomes of the Recycling Modernization Act. DEQ wants to thank Chair Dylan de Thomas, Vice-Chair Dr. Anja Brandon, and all Task Force members for their hard work and dedication.

### **DEQ Convenes Rulemaking Advisory Committee and sets first meeting date**

DEQ is preparing to undertake rulemaking to clarify and implement the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act and convened a Rulemaking Advisory Committee to give DEQ input on the development of proposed rules.

The Recycling Modernization Act requires producers of packaging, paper products and food serveware to support and expand recycling services in Oregon for their products. This is the first of two anticipated rulemakings related to the Act. For this first rulemaking, DEQ plans to propose rules related to topics including producer responsibility program plan content; DEQ's administrative fees; the funding and reimbursement of local governments for eligible recycling-related expenses; and the materials suitable for recycling collection in Oregon. DEQ plans to undertake the second rulemaking in 2023.

In convening this advisory committee, DEQ appointed members to represent the diverse interests of persons and communities likely to be affected by proposed rules. Members include producers, prospective producer responsibility organizations, local governments, local solid waste service providers, and community-based organizations.

The first meeting will be on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. [Register in advance to attend the meeting.](#)

To learn more about this rulemaking and the advisory committee, visit [the rulemaking webpage.](#)

To stay updated about this rulemaking, [sign up for text or email updates via GovDelivery.](#)

### **Commingled Processing RFI closes June 17**

The [Request for Information](#) to solicit information related to studies that will evaluate current and potential future costs involved with processing commingled recyclables closes on June 17, 2022.

DEQ will use responses to this RFI to inform its development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) that DEQ plans to publish in July 2022.

### **Local government compensation project update**

Local governments and their service providers will have new opportunities to receive funding from producer responsibility organizations beginning July 1, 2025 under [ORS 459A.890](#) (Section 13 of the Recycling Modernization Act). To prepare for an [upcoming rulemaking](#) to implement ORS 459A.890, DEQ is having several conversations with a small sample of stakeholders around the state in June 2022 including local governments and their service providers and several existing PROs in Canada. This information will be used to develop a rules concept or summary of the draft rules. Stakeholders not selected as part of the sample are welcome to submit responses to the same questions before June 30, 2022. DEQ anticipates sharing a draft rules concept with a Rules Advisory Committee in September 2022, at a public meeting, with draft rules prepared in early 2023. The public will have opportunities to comment on draft rules as part of the [rulemaking process](#). More information including the questions is available on the [project webpage](#).

### **Local government recycling collection expansion needs assessment project update**

Local governments will be eligible to receive funding for new expansion of on-route collection, depot collection or both for covered recycling products under ORS 459A.890. Eligible covered [recycling materials](#) that will be collected on-route or at depots will be determined by rule in an [upcoming rulemaking](#). DEQ is preparing to execute a contract at the beginning of July to plan and conduct outreach to all local governments (including those with populations under 4,000) to better understand their needs related to recycling expansion. Expansion would occur after July 1, 2025, when the first DEQ-approved PRO program plans are to be implemented. More information is available on the [project webpage](#).

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

More information is available at the following resources:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) | [Preguntas y respuestas frecuentes](#)
- [Fact sheet](#) | [Hoja informativa](#)
- [Implementation Timeline](#) | [Cronograma de implementación](#)
- [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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