



Upcoming meetings and reminders

- Oct. 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Commingled Recycling Processing Facilities TWG Meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- Nov. 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- Nov. 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m. | Environmental Quality Commission Meeting

First Rulemaking Process

DEQ will present proposed rules for consideration by the Environmental Quality Commission on Thursday, November 16. The proposed rules relate to the obligations of producer responsibility organizations, local government compensation, and materials acceptance lists. The public comment period is closed and the Commission will not accept any testimony on the proposed rules. The hybrid meeting will be held via Zoom and in-person at DEQ Headquarters in Portland.

Information about the process to develop the rules is posted on the [Recycling Updates 2023 rulemaking website](#). Proposed rule language, a summary of public comments and a response to those comments will be posted on the [Environmental Quality Commission's website](#) at least one week prior to the meeting. Sign up for the [EQC mailing list](#) to be notified when the proposed rules are posted.

Second Rulemaking Process

The second rulemaking to clarify aspects of the Recycling Modernization Act is well underway. At its next meeting, the Rulemaking Advisory Committee will discuss several

rule concepts related to commingled recycling processing facilities, including the permit program, obligations related to responsible end markets, and an updated concept related to living wage and supportive benefits. The next meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1. For more information and to register to attend Rulemaking Advisory Committee meetings, visit the [Recycling 2024 Rulemaking website](#).

Fees for recycling processing facilities

The technical workgroup for the commingled recycling processing facilities will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. At the meeting, DEQ's contractor, Crowe, LLP, will present a draft report on two fees the producer responsibility organizations will pay to the processors: the contamination management fee and the processor commodity risk fee. To view the draft report and register to attend the meeting, visit the [workgroup website](#).

Training session on inbound contamination evaluation

DEQ is developing a new approach to evaluate levels of inbound contamination at facilities receiving commingled recycling. In the future, all recycling processors and reload facilities will be required to periodically evaluate inbound contamination.

DEQ is seeking workers from recycling processors and reload facilities to help test the new evaluation procedures, forms, and instructions. Facilities that send workers will be compensated \$300 per participant.

During the four-hour session, participants will receive training on the procedure, practice assessing the contamination levels of incoming loads, and have the opportunity to share their feedback. Participants will also receive a meal and snacks.

The next training session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 in the Portland region. For more information and to register staff to participate, contact arianne.sperry@deq.oregon.gov.



RMA at the Association of Oregon Recyclers Conference

The Recycling Modernization Act was the focus of multiple sessions at the annual [Association of Oregon Recyclers](#) conference in September. RMA team members Arianne Sperry and Nicole Portley presented a plenary session about implementation activities. Another session featured representatives from two prospective producer responsibility organizations. RMA's mascot, Binny, also made an appearance!



Learn more

Want to understand how the Recycling Modernization Act will change the future of recycling in Oregon? Start by viewing the videos on the main RMA [web page](#).

Reach out

Still have questions? We're here to help! Email the RMA team at RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov.