



Upcoming meetings and reminders

- Nov. 16, 2023, 8:00 a.m. | Life cycle impact evaluation Request for Information webinar ([Register in advance](#))
- Nov. 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m. | Environmental Quality Commission [Meeting](#)
- Dec. 4, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Commingled Recycling Processing Facilities Technical Workgroup meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- Dec. 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Recycling Council ([Register in advance](#))
- Jan. 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m. | Fourth Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting ([Register in advance](#))

First Rulemaking Process

DEQ will present proposed rules for consideration by the Environmental Quality Commission on Thursday, Nov. 16. The proposed rules relate to the obligations of producer responsibility organizations, local government compensation, and recycling acceptance lists. Please note that 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. Meeting information, including the Zoom meeting link, proposed rule language, a summary of public comments and a response to those comments, can be found on the [Environmental Quality Commission's website](#). Information about the process to develop the rules is posted on the [Recycling Updates 2023 rulemaking website](#).

Second Rulemaking Process

The second rulemaking to clarify aspects of the Recycling Modernization Act is well underway. At its next meeting on Jan. 31, 2024, the Rulemaking Advisory Committee will discuss the fees the producer responsibility organizations will pay to recycling processors, covered product exemptions, and a few topics related to producer responsibilities. For more information and to register to attend Rulemaking Advisory Committee meetings, visit the [Recycling 2024 Rulemaking website](#).

Recycling processing facilities

The technical workgroup related to commingled recycling processing facilities will meet on Dec. 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to continue discussions about details related to the permitting and certification program as well as the two fees that the producer responsibility organizations will pay to the processors. To register to attend the meeting, visit the [workgroup website](#).

Life cycle impact evaluation standards and methods

The Recycling Modernization Act requires producers to evaluate and disclose the life cycle impacts of covered products in some cases. Large producers, as well as all producers seeking to qualify for eco-modulated fee bonuses, will conduct life cycle evaluations.

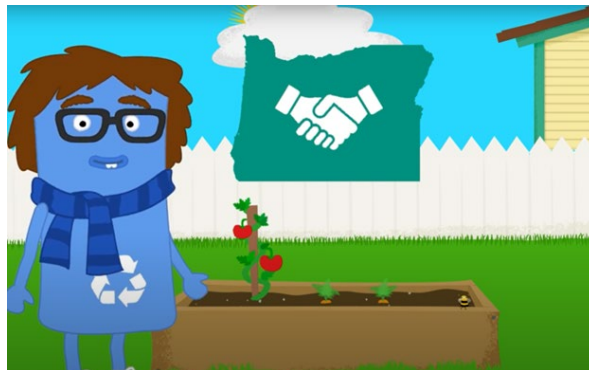
DEQ is currently drafting standards and methods for producer life cycle impact evaluation. To seek additional input, DEQ is posting a second Request for Information, which will be open Nov. 16 through Dec. 15. DEQ will host an informational webinar for interested parties to ask questions directly of staff on Nov. 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information and to register to attend the webinar, visit the [Life Cycle Impact Evaluation website](#).

Recycling Council

The next meeting of Oregon's Recycling Council is Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Council agenda will include several topics, including the equity study, the program plan review process, specifically identified materials, and covered product exemptions. Public input is welcome during Recycling Council meetings! Please visit the [Recycling Council website](#) to register for meetings and view the agenda.

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](#).



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