



## Upcoming meetings:

- November 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 3 ([Agenda](#), [Register in Advance](#))
- December 15 from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Recycling Council Meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- January 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 4 ([Register in advance](#))

## General updates:

### Recycling Acceptance Lists

The Materials List Technical Workgroup has concluded its six meeting series. DEQ extends a tremendous thank you to the workgroup members for their time and input on this important topic. For more information on what the workgroup discussed, please review the Meeting Summaries available on the [website](#).

Feedback from workgroup members informed DEQ's proposal to the Rulemaking Advisory Council of a first set of materials for inclusion on the Local Government Recycling Acceptance List and Producer Responsibility Organization Recycling Acceptance List. DEQ is continuing evaluation of a second batch of materials.

### Local government informational sessions

During the first two weeks in November, DEQ is holding six informational meetings for local governments. A presentation covers how the Act will impact local communities, including

opportunities for expanding recycling services in their jurisdictions. There is an opportunity for discussion, and presenters will provide additional resources for information and contact information for DEQ's Regional Specialists. If you are a local government official, service provider, or wasteshed representative, please register in advance for the session that best fits your schedule on the [website](#). The presentation slides are also posted on the website.

## **Rulemaking Advisory Committee**

The first two meetings of the Rulemaking Advisory Committee have been completed. Topics discussed included rule concepts addressing PRO fees, market share, coordination between producer responsibility organizations, responsible end markets, program plan timelines, and PRO compensation of local governments for contamination reduction programming and expansion of recycling collection services.

The third rulemaking meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9 from 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m. This meeting will focus on PRO compensation of local governments for transportation of recyclables, and material acceptance lists. Register in advance at the link above.

## **Recycling Council**

Oregon's Recycling Council met on August 18 and October 20, 2022. During the August meeting, the Council reviewed roles and rules and received updates on Recycling Modernization Act implementation. DEQ staff provided an overview of the July 2022 Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting and Council approved the first [biennial legislative report](#).

During most of the October meeting, the Council heard background information and provided feedback on [recycling acceptance lists](#). A new Vice-chair was also announced after an online vote of the membership.

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

## **MRF Fees and Permit and Certification Programs**

DEQ has begun the project work of the combined MRF fees and permit and certification programs, which is scheduled to be addressed in a second rulemaking period (2023-2024). During this project DEQ will develop recommendations related to the Contamination Management and Processor Commodity Risk Fees and the permit and certification programs for commingled recycling processing facilities handling commingled recyclables from Oregon.

The Act requires that DEQ hire a third-party contractor to conduct the assessments required to set fees producer responsibility organizations will pay to facilities handling commingled recyclables. DEQ selected Crowe LLP to perform this work. Crowe will also be responsible for providing DEQ with a fiscal evaluation of the proposed standards/requirements associated with the permit and certification requirements.

DEQ is convening a technical workgroup to review information and provide technical feedback to DEQ on these topics. Formal invites to proposed members will be sent shortly.

### **Our Team is Growing!**

DEQ welcomes Arianne Sperry to the Materials Management Product Stewardship team as a Recycling Program Implementation Lead! Arianne brings over a decade of experience in the materials management field and a deep understanding of Oregon's recycling system. In her new role she will conduct complex research and analysis and coordinate teams to implement the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act.



### **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 \(Ley de modernización del reciclaje: cronograma de participación pública\)](#)

For all other inquires, contact [RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us](mailto:RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us).