



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Hazardous Waste Rules 2022
Advisory Committee Member Job Description

Position Title: Advisory Committee Member Department: DEQ Hazardous Waste

Reports To: Advisory Committee Facilitator, Other members of committee, DEQ. Salary Range: Volunteer Position

Position Summary

Members will:

- Serve on a five to seven person committee to advise the DEQ 2022 Hazardous Waste Rules Team.
 - Participate in a scheduled meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour break.
 - Learn about two rules the program is considering for adoption: federal amendments to the Definition of Solid Waste and a follow-up rulemaking to the 2021 legislative passage of SB57.
 - Help review the potential fiscal impacts and make recommendations on program incorporation.
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Essential Job Functions (listing most important first)

Members must agree to:

1. Fully attend and participate in the advisory committee process.
 2. Actively represent and communicate their interests in, or perspectives on, the rules being considered for incorporation into the Hazardous Waste Program. This includes networking and communicating with others outside of the advisory committee in your organization or interest group during the committee process to obtain feedback and representative views.
 3. Carefully consider and analyze technical and policy issues necessary to develop committee recommendations.
 4. Consistently and candidly communicate their thoughts, ideas, opinions and recommendations on the potential impacts to the state.
 5. Commit sufficient time outside of the meeting to read materials, think about questions, and develop responses and discussion ideas.
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Job Requirements

INTERESTS Environmental and public health – especially as related to waste management and recycling, local business interests, government or public administration, community welfare and livability, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

HELPFUL EXPERIENCE	Some relevant experience with communications, providing input to state or local government, community work, public participation process or an advisory committee. One need not be a hazardous waste or RCRA expert.
REQUIRED SKILLS	Ability to listen to and consider environmental impacts, environmental justice implications, fiscal information, environmental goals/regulations, and the diverse opinions of other committee participants. Ability to effectively communicate and discuss issues in a group setting.
PREFERRED ATTRIBUTES	Patience. Tolerance. Sense of humor. Ability to think flexibly and critically. An interest in creative problem solving. An understanding of environmental justice issues. Belief in the value of stakeholder/advisory committees.
PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT	Physical tolerance for long, but facilitated and interesting, full day virtual meeting.

Background Information for Advisory Committee

The Environmental Protection Agency authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to operate the federal Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste program in lieu of EPA. Oregon must periodically review and adopt new or amended federal rules to retain this delegated federal authority.

In this rulemaking, DEQ proposes to align its hazardous waste rules with the federal rules. DEQ will do this by incorporating a previously adopted, but subsequently amended federal rule, the Definition of Solid Waste Rule. These changes will enable Oregon to ask EPA to continue authorizing Oregon to operate its RCRA hazardous waste program in-lieu of EPA.

In this rulemaking, DEQ also proposes to align its hazardous waste rules with statutory changes made during the 2021 state legislative session. DEQ will do this by defining hazardous waste disposal fees in rule.

Appreciation

DEQ is immensely appreciative of the time and effort contributed by advisory committees. The benefits of advisory committees include:

- Better communication between DEQ and representatives of regulated interest, environmental, and community groups and individuals;
- Advisory committee participants develop new relationships and shared knowledge that aids in future environmental problem solving;
- Creative problem solving through interacting with people with different backgrounds, expertise and interests; and
- Developing rules, programs and policy recommendations that are less likely to face opposition in implementation than policies developed without meaningful public involvement.

DEQ is committed to making the most effective use of volunteers' time by:

- Establishing clear committee goals and objectives;
- Giving committee members access to staff;
- Encouraging all members to take part in discussions;
- Providing clear understandings of members' roles, the committee timeline, the level of agreement expected and feedback on how members' input is used.