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MEMORANDUM

To: Energy Advisory Work Group Members

From: Janine Benner, Director

Date: June 10, 2026

Re: Materials for June 17, 2026 EAWG Meeting

We hope that your summer is off to an excellent start and look forward to seeing you virtually next week. We're planning to discuss ODOE's budget and a few key deliverables associated with the Oregon Energy Strategy and Executive Order 25-29.

Below and attached please find materials to help you prepare for the conversation.

- Meeting agenda (attached). For the EAWG Roundtable, we'd love to know what's happening in your world this summer. Also, we're excited to try out something new this meeting and add a personal question to the roundtable. If you're willing, please share a recent book that you read or show that you watched that you would like to recommend.
- The first item on the agenda is ODOE's budget. ODOE has submitted our Current Service Level budget to the Chief Financial Office and is now working on incorporating our policy option packages and analyzing impacts to various fund sources, like the Energy Supplier Assessment. Attached you will find one-pagers describing the legislative concepts and policy option packages that ODOE will pursue during the 2027 legislative session. Please come with any feedback or questions on these.
- We're continuing to work toward implementation of the [Oregon Energy Strategy](#) and [Executive Order 25-29](#). ODOE created a website that contains [highlights of our implementation efforts](#) and we'll be providing additional updates at the meeting. In particular, ODOE has recently released for public comment our [draft report on Reducing Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment](#). We are accepting public comments through July 2. The EAWG meeting will include a walkthrough of the report and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. The report provides an inventory of barriers being faced by proposed clean energy facilities with siting approval and recommendations to overcome these barriers. We'd be interested in hearing about your perspective on these or other barriers, if you have any thoughts on the specific recommendations in the draft, and anything else you'd like to offer.
- The meeting will also include a presentation on the Emerging Technologies Study that ODOE staff are drafting pursuant to the [Energy Strategy electricity action #6](#) and the Executive

Order. This report will be included in the Biennial Energy Report, to be published November 1, 2026. The report will include facility types described in the energy strategy, including long-duration energy storage, enhanced geothermal, floating offshore wind, marine energy, and advanced nuclear technologies. We're interested in hearing from EAWG members whether there are any resources specific to these emerging technologies that ODOE should consider in developing the report.

- ODOE has also been working with the [National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices](#) through an Energy Policy Academy to assist the state in increasing the pace and scale of electricity generation and transmission deployment for Oregon. These are areas that the Oregon Energy Strategy identified as critical to meet our state's energy needs, and that Executive Order 25-29 directs agencies to advance. On May 20 and 21, ODOE supported a retreat on transmission in Pendleton, OR with the National Governor's Association and the Office of Governor Kotek. This retreat was part of the Energy Policy Academy that Oregon was selected to participate in, alongside the states of Alaska, Colorado, and North Carolina. The retreat involved learning about issues and potential solutions within the "4Ps" of transmission expansion (Planning, Participation Permitting, and Paying) with a wide range of participants, such as state agencies, investor owned utilities, consumer owned utilities, Tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

Here are some other recent agency activities that you may be interested in – you're welcome to bring any comments or questions on these to the meeting as well. As always, please visit [ODOE's blog](#) for more information on our work.

- Tune in to hear Janine and Ruchi talk about the new strategic plan on [ODOE's podcast, Grounded](#). In [another recent episode](#), listen to ODOE host Katelyn interview members of ODOE's Natural Climate Solutions team talk about how Oregon's natural and working lands can help remove greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere.
- At the end of May, ODOE announced the [second round of grid resilience grants](#) to Oregon electric utilities. Nine utilities were selected to receive \$11.5 million in funds from the Federal program.
- Next week, on June 15, ODOE will [temporarily reopen the Oregon Solar and Storage Rebate program](#), providing up to \$1.1 million in rebates for solar and energy storage systems. While this program has been out of funding since 2024, thanks to administrative savings and canceled or incomplete rebate projects from prior rounds, ODOE is able to make this funding available for new projects.
- Last month ODOE began accepting applications for a second round of the [Early Compliance Action and Planning Program incentives](#) to help Oregon building owners meet the requirements of the state's new Building Performance Standard. ODOE has approximately \$1.2 million in General Fund for this program, authorized in 2023 by HB 3409. Applications are due from eligible building owners by July 10, 2026.

- On June 15, ODOE will open a second round of our other Building Performance Standard incentive program, the Building Energy Reduction Incentive. More information will be available [on ODOE's website](#).
- Also attached, please find three letters of support that ODOE submitted for projects in Oregon:
 - A letter to Oregon State University's Oregon Climate Service program indicating ODOE's intention to support regional collaboration on research around threats, hazards, and energy resilience.
 - A letter to the U.S. Department of Energy in support of the Oregon Solar Consumer Protection Project.
 - A letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in support of the proposed NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon facility in Columbia County. ODOE's letter highlights how the project would advance the low carbon fuels pathway of the Oregon Energy Strategy.



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AGENDA

Energy Advisory Work Group ([Virtual](#))

June 17, 2026 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Time	Topic	Lead
1:30 p.m.	Director's Update	Janine Benner, Director
1:40 p.m.	EAWG Roundtable	EAWG Members
2:15 p.m.	Budget/Policy Option Packages	Janine Benner
2:35 p.m.	Legislative Concepts	Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator
2:45 p.m.	Energy Strategy and Executive Order 25-29 Implementation	Edith Bayer, Energy Policy Team Lead
2:55 p.m.	Reducing Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment Report	Joni Sliger, Senior Clean Energy Policy Analyst
3:10 p.m.	Emerging Technologies Study	Rob Del Mar, Senior Policy Analyst
3:20 p.m.	Q&A/Closing Comments	All

Proposed Legislative Concept

Placeholders for Possible Executive Order Recommendations

Background and Potential Need for Legislation

On November 19, 2025, Gov. Kotek signed [Executive Order 25-29](#) to increase the pace and scale of Oregon's response to reducing carbon pollution while strengthening grid reliability and energy affordability. This Executive Order was issued following the release of the [Oregon Energy Strategy](#), released in November 2025.

As part of that order, the Oregon Department of Energy and the Department of Land Conservation and Development were directed to develop and implement a coordinated, proactive approach to streamline land use and environmental reviews, siting and permitting, and interconnection processes for clean energy projects, energy storage, and associated infrastructure. ODOE and the Public Utility Commission will develop a strategic framework for the Legislature to designate transmission corridors, streamline approvals, and target financial support for projects serving the public interest. This work is all due to be completed in summer and fall of 2026.

Specifically, ODOE is working on reports that are expected to include recommendations on [reducing barriers to clean energy development](#) and [siting and permitting of large-scale electricity infrastructure](#), as well as developing a framework for strategic transmission siting. It may be that recommendations from these work streams will require statutory changes to be implemented. The Oregon Department of Energy has requested placeholder legislative concepts so that there are possible vehicles to move such recommendations forward during the 2027 session. After completion of the work referenced above and if the agency chooses to move these placeholders forward, there will be opportunities for public input at that time.

For more information on ODOE's work to implement the Oregon Energy Strategy and EO 25-29, please visit the interactive [Implementing the Oregon Energy Strategy website](#).

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Proposed Legislative Concept

Incentive Program Changes

Background and Need for Legislation

In 2021, the legislature passed [House Bill 2021](#), which included a \$50 million fund at ODOE to establish the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program and provide grants for planning and developing community renewable energy projects and energy resilience projects with a renewable energy component. An additional \$20 million was deposited into the fund by Senate Bill 5506 following the 2023 legislative session.

The program is open to Tribes, public bodies, and consumer-owned utilities. Priority is given to projects that support program equity goals, demonstrate community energy resilience, and support economic development and jobs. At least half of the grant funds are awarded for projects that serve environmental justice communities and at least half of the grant funds are awarded to projects that support community energy resilience. After awarding grants to 118 projects, ODOE is exploring opportunities to further prioritize how the remaining grant funds are used.

As well as looking at how grant funds are spent, ODOE has reviewed the costs to administer the program. By statute, ODOE is allowed to use no more than 10 percent of the program's funds to administer the program. As the program continues to award new grants and administer previously awarded grants without the addition of new funding, the same amount of funds is required to stretch across an increasing amount of time. At the current rate, ODOE is projected to exhaust the program's administrative funds during the 2027-2029 biennium, while the workload for the program is anticipated to last at least four more years.

The Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program was established by the Oregon Department of Energy at the direction of [House Bill 2618](#), passed by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019. The legislation directed the department to develop a program to provide rebates for the purchase, construction, or installation of solar electric systems and paired solar and storage systems. The program will currently sunset January 2, 2029. There may be projects that are still in the process of being completed when the program statute terminates.

Proposed Solution

This legislative concept increases the maximum percentage allowed to be used by ODOE to administer the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program from 10 to 15 percent. This amount is consistent with other grant programs run by ODOE and other agencies. Additionally, a concept aimed at prioritizing the remaining grant funds would allow ODOE to only offer grants for certain project types, allow ODOE to limit by rule the number of active grants an eligible entity can have at a time, and increase the duration of planning grants from 6 to 12 months to accommodate more ambitious planning projects. The legislative concept would also extend the sunset date in the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program to January 2, 2031.



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Expected Fiscal Impact

None.

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Proposed Legislative Concept

Optimizing Agency Reports

Background and Need for Legislation

The Oregon Department of Energy is responsible for developing and publishing 29 statutorily directed reports on a continuous four-year cycle. These reports range from years-long efforts like the Oregon Energy Strategy or the Biennial Energy Report to simple annual or biennial program updates, and are a crucial part of the agency's role in providing energy data and analysis to decision-makers and meeting our mission to help Oregonians make informed decisions.

These reports have been added to the list of agency responsibilities over the course of multiple sessions and across many bills. ODOE's strategic plan includes a commitment to assess agency programs and activities, and in that vein, we undertook a review of our reports. In some cases, multiple reports are due on or near the same date and in other cases, reports happen in an order that does not make sense. This can strain staff capacity. Some reports do not have clear deadlines, creating issues with planning and budgeting.

Proposed Solution

This LC would change or establish report deadlines, and in one case, merge most of one report into another. Reorganizing due dates for some reports will even out workload and make more efficient use of staff time.

Specifically, the LC would propose the following changes:

- Change the due date the biennial report on the Oregon Rental Home Heat Pump Program from November 30 of even-numbered years to November 30 of odd-numbered years
- Change the due date for the Energy Security Plan from September 15 to December 15 of each even-numbered year
- Clarify that the Oregon Energy Strategy will be updated every four years
- Clarify that the detailed forecast of expected greenhouse gas reductions from the Climate Action Commission will be prepared every four years
- Move most elements of the Biennial Zero Emission Vehicle Report into the Biennial Energy Report
- Agency staff are evaluating one other potential change regarding two reports relating to the Natural and Working Lands Fund.

Expected Fiscal Impact

None.

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Proposed Legislative Concept

Protecting Sensitive Data

Background and Need for Legislation

Several ODOE programs could benefit from further or clarified protections for sensitive information and data to avoid disclosure through public records laws.

Staff working on policy analysis and reports that require industry information have had issues with industry being unwilling to provide data that might be proprietary or could risk their market competitiveness; this is particularly an issue for emerging energy technologies. For example, as a part of the renewable hydrogen study, ODOE worked on an inventory of existing consumption of hydrogen in the state as directed by legislation. While many industries traditionally use hydrogen across sectors in Oregon, when ODOE attempted to discuss their usage, only one company was willing to share this information with the department. Relying only on information that can be shared with the public limits ODOE's ability to use the best data to inform the programs and policy development.

Also, ODOE's incentive programs currently use a tax credit-related public records exemption to limit disclosure of information about rebate and grant recipients; ODOE no longer administers tax credits and updating this language will help the agency protect the data it holds.

Proposed Solution

This legislative concept will amend and clarify public records exemption ORS 192.355(17)(b) specific to ODOE for a broader set of incentives at the agency. Proposed statute changes would allow for incentives-related protections by amending ORS 192.35517(b) to add rebates, loans, or other incentives to the existing language.

Second, the LC will create a means to protect proprietary information for emerging energy technologies and to protect certain data shared by utility and fuel companies. Providing ODOE with the authority to develop "data management and sharing agreements" to outline how ODOE could protect sensitive data would help increase data holders' confidence in the security of the data they share with ODOE.

A data sharing agreement would allow for a legal contract to outline the purpose and scope of data sharing, control access to who can view the data, define confidentiality obligations for ODOE as the recipient of the data, and outline data handling and security safeguards.

Oregon revised statutes have two specific exemptions in place to protect sensitive data submitted to the agency, specifically: *data submitted in confidence*, and information that falls under *trade secret or proprietary information* status. A data sharing agreement would be used to document that specific data is being shared under strict confidentiality terms, require ODOE to maintain confidentiality, limit and outline how and when the data will be used, and support compliance with public records laws in Oregon.



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Expected Fiscal Impact

None.

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Proposed Legislative Concept

Protecting Appliance Efficiency Standards

Background and Need for Legislation

The federal government has proposed to rescind or roll back multiple national product efficiency standards, sometimes referred to as “appliance standards.” These efficiency standards are an important tool for cost-effective energy savings for products that Oregonians use every day. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, “a typical household save[s] about \$576 per year off their energy and water bills as a result of standards.” Existing national product standards have been established through comprehensive stakeholder processes and are generally well-supported by industry and consumers. State legislation could prevent the elimination of these standards in Oregon and help ensure that Oregonians continue to benefit from the cost savings associated with product standards.

Under federal rule there are many products that have a national standard and for which states are preempted from having a separate local standard. If the federal government were to roll back to a previous version of a standard, or simply stop moving forward with planned updates, states like Oregon would still be preempted. However, if a federal standard is rescinded, this would allow states to adopt a state standard.

ODOE has authority under ORS 469.229-261 (and accompanying rule OAR 330-92) to administer state-level product efficiency standards. There have been multiple bills in the past to adopt new or updated Oregon standards, but there is not currently an automatic state-level backstop of the federal standards. Other states have adopted such a backstop.

Currently, if there ceases to be a federal standard for a product, ODOE could act through the agency’s authority to adopt a standard for that product by rule and then work with the Governor’s Office and Legislature to propose and pass the required follow-on legislation. This process would involve agency and legislative staff resources and would likely take 1-2 years to complete. This involves many steps with no guarantee for the outcome of agency rulemaking and legislative action, leading to a potential gap in state coverage for a rescinded product efficiency standard.

Proposed Solution

This LC would amend statute to automatically adopt, as a state standard, a federal product efficiency standard as in-effect at a certain date if that national standard is rescinded. While it is unknown if and when certain national standards would be rescinded, this LC would ensure that the energy efficient standards remain in effect in Oregon. Oregon would join other states, including California, that already have similar backstops on the books. The measure would also provide ODOE with the option for not adopting a rescinded federal standard at its discretion.



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This LC would streamline the process for automatically maintaining the status quo for product standards in Oregon, should they be abandoned at the federal level, and provide important signaling to manufacturers and industry about the importance of consistent efficiency standards.

Expected Fiscal Impact

None

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Proposed Policy Option Packages

2027-2029 Budget

Incentive Programs Rollover

The following Oregon Department of Energy programs will have ongoing work or unspent funds at the close of the 2025-2027 biennium: Community Renewable Investment Fund (HB 2021), Grid Resilience (IIJA), Heat Pump Purchase Program (IRA), Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program (HB 5204A), Home Energy Rebate programs (IRA), Community Heat Pump Deployment Program (HB 5204A), the Oregon Rental Home Heat Pump Program (HB 5204A), and Solar for All (IRA).

To get remaining dollars for each of these programs out to Oregonians and ensure that ODOE serves as a responsible fiscal steward of public funds, this POP would roll over remaining incentive program dollars into the next biennium. Most of these funds will be reserved or obligated but not yet spent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0 new funds, rolled over remaining funds TBD; dollars are a mix of state and federal funds

Energy Facility Compliance Officer

The Siting Division is currently relying on consultants, in addition to full-time compliance officers on staff, to meet our statutory compliance obligations for existing energy facilities. Consultants cost much more per hour than ODOE staff. An additional compliance officer position will allow us to perform ORS 469.430 required compliance tasks with reduced reliance on consultants including: annual report review and associated site inspections; review of pre-construction conditions and associated site inspections; review of construction conditions and associated site inspections; review of decommissioning plans, decommission efforts and associated site inspections; incident review and response; non-compliance review and response; updates to the Energy Facility Siting Council; and assisting siting analysts in drafting clearer and easier-to-implement conditions of approval.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$246,239 Other Funds (annual compliance assessment and energy supplier assessment; the ESA piece will be offset by a reduction in other ESA spending within the Siting Division)

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May 27, 2026

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RE: Letter of Support for Pacific Northwest Threat, Hazard, and Energy Resilience Center Application

Dear Dr. O'Neill,

The Oregon Department of Energy is submitting this letter of support for your application seeking funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to support the proposed Pacific Northwest Threat, Hazard, and Energy Resilience Center.

The Oregon Department of Energy's mission is to help Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations. As part of our mission, the Oregon Department of Energy collects and analyzes data, and partners with utilities and other public and private organizations to bolster the resilience of energy infrastructure and communities throughout the state. It is especially timely and important to provide resources that advance research of precipitation patterns and extreme weather events, and the corresponding risks and vulnerabilities to energy supplies and infrastructure.

If your application, "Pacific Northwest Threat, Hazard, and Energy Resilience Center," is selected for funding under the FY 2026 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program, it is the Oregon Department of Energy's intent to collaborate in this research by providing data on risks to energy infrastructure and advising pilot applications of the research.

In 2025, the Oregon Department of Energy published its latest Energy Security Plan, which provides an overview of the state's energy infrastructure, quantifies the threats and hazards that could cause energy insecurity, and proposes mitigation measures that the state and its partners could implement to reduce risk. The Energy Security Plan also identifies strategies to increase diversity of fuel storage throughout the state, which would bolster community resilience and access to fuels in emergency situations. As part of this work, the Oregon Department of Energy conducted research and collected data on the electric, natural gas, and liquid fuels energy sub-sectors in Oregon and engaged closely with, among others, state utilities and the Oregon Public Utility Commission. The knowledge and data gained through this analysis

could inform the work being proposed as part of the Pacific Northwest Threat, Hazard, and Energy Resilience Center.

The Oregon Department of Energy's partnerships with utilities and private sector energy stakeholders are longstanding. We have engaged closely on a range of projects that address energy infrastructure security and resilience, including the Oregon Energy Strategy, which called for strengthening resilience across all levels of the energy system, including utilities, to enhance Oregon's ability to adapt to and mitigate risks. Should your application be selected, the Oregon Department of Energy could advise on partnering with utilities to better understand and address risks and vulnerabilities in the state's energy supply and infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Janine Benner, Director
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May 12, 2026

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Support for the Oregon Solar Consumer Protection Project

The Oregon Department of Energy is pleased to express our support for the Oregon Solar Consumer Protection Project application proposed for funding under the Building Solar Understanding and Risk Education (B-SURE) program.

ODOE supported the recent passage of HB 4029, which enacts robust solar consumer protections, supports our state's solar installation workforce in adopting best practices, and can improve outcomes for households considering rooftop solar. The legislation establishes clear requirements for disclosures, contracts, and sales practices. Effective implementation will depend on coordinated education and outreach to consumers, installers, and the organizations that support them, and B-SURE can help make that possible.

Helping Oregonians make informed energy decisions is part of our agency's mission. That includes supporting those interested in investing in renewable energy for their own home. They need accurate information as they navigate a major decision, and they need to know that contractors can be trusted. With Oregon's clean energy targets and an Oregon Energy Strategy that calls for more, not fewer, distributed resources, these protections are necessary to ensure a robust solar industry.

This project brings together a coalition of state agencies, consumer protection organizations, utilities, nonprofits, and industry partners that are well-positioned to deliver a broad and effective outreach and education program in support of solar consumer protections. Our effort combines contractor education, consumer-focused outreach, and collaboration with trusted community and public-facing organizations. This aligns with our understanding of what is needed to support high compliance and reduce consumer harm in the solar market. We value our participation in this coalition. We are eager to work together to strengthen consumer protections for solar customers in Oregon, and to demonstrate a replicable model for adoption elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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RE: Oregon Department of Energy Letter of Support for NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Department of Energy in support of the proposed NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon facility, located in Columbia County. The Department echoes the sentiments from Governor Kotek's December 30, 2025, letter of support.

The Oregon Department of Energy is the state's energy office with a mission of helping Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations. In the [Oregon Energy Strategy](#), which the Department released in 2025, low-carbon fuels are identified as a key pathway to meeting our state's energy objectives, which include clean, reliable, and affordable energy for Oregonians.

The NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon project's investment would advance the low-carbon fuel pathway and policies identified in the Oregon Energy Strategy by increasing the availability of low-carbon fuels and building the associated infrastructure in the state. Our understanding is that the facility would be capable of producing 50,000 barrels per day (2,100,000 gallons) of renewable low-carbon fuels, primarily renewable diesel (RD) and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Both RD and SAF are critical components of a low-carbon future in Oregon but are in short supply now. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Clean Fuels Program average carbon intensity of RD in 2024 was 36.22 grams of carbon dioxide equivalent per megajoule (CO₂e/MJ), 65 percent less than the 104.92 CO₂e/MJ attributed to petroleum diesel fuel. Oregon has no existing production capacity of these fuels and there are limited regional quantities of RD and no consistent supply of SAF to import into the state.

A significant benefit of renewable diesel and SAF is that they are 'drop-in' fuels that offer dramatically lower carbon footprints, and considerably lower emissions compared to fossil fuels, including reduced particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur oxides without the need to invest in new vehicles or equipment. In addition, for the airline industry, SAF is currently the only practical option to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals.

It is important to also recognize the energy security and resilience value of producing transportation fuels in Oregon. While we recognize that the NEXT facility will likely supply fuel to Washington, California, and possibly other markets, producing RD and SAF in Oregon from non-petroleum sources would decrease supply chain risk. Oregon imports 100 percent of the diesel and jet fuel it consumes, most of which comes from Washington State via a single aging pipeline and marine shipments into Portland's Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. In the past year, the pipeline has been partially or fully shut down at least [three times](#), limiting the supply of diesel, jet fuel, and gasoline. While none of these three incidents has led to an acute fuel supply shortage in Oregon, the incidents highlight our state's vulnerability to out-of-state resources.

If facilities such as the NEXT project are not built in Oregon, our transportation system will continue to rely on fuel produced out-of-state and moved to Oregon through long supply chains. The competition for low-carbon fuels that are in short supply but high demand will continue to increase, and this will lead to higher energy prices for Oregonians.

Renewable fuels provide a proven pathway to reduce emissions from diesel engines, complementing electrification in the near term, and play a critical role in aviation, where alternatives for achieving greenhouse gas reductions are more limited. Having a low-carbon fuel resource produced in Oregon will help the state reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide critical resources to support energy security. For these reasons, we urge support for the NEXT Renewable Fuels Oregon facility.

Please feel free to contact me or Maxwell Woods, Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety and Energy Security, maxwell.woods@energy.oregon.gov or 503-551-8209, if you have questions or would like to discuss this important project further.

Sincerely,

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Janine Benner, Director
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