



**Rules Governing  
Agricultural Activities in the Lower Umatilla  
Groundwater Management Area**

**Rules Advisory Committee Meeting #7**

**September 30, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

- A. Significant changes to draft rules since last RAC meeting to address RAC comments
  - 1. Added rule in OAR 603-XX-XX02 (Programmatic Scope) to clarify that the rules include lands not in current productive agricultural use.
  - 2. Edited the definition of “agricultural activities” to align with definition of “agricultural use” in OAR 603-95-0010(4)(Definitions).
  - 3. Deleted the definition of “management unit” in light of decision to limit testing to fields.
  - 4. Edited definition of “Synthetic Nitrogen” to match fertilizer program’s suggestion
    - a. Clarified OAR 603-XX-XX05(6)(Land Application Rates and Restrictions) to specify that a landowner may not apply synthetic nitrogen to fields that are bare unless within 30 days of planting.
  - 5. Edited OAR 603-XX-XX08 (Irrigated Agriculture on Large Acreages) describing large irrigated acreage program to refer to 500 acres plus.
  - 6. Edited OAR 603-XX-XX15(Residual Soil Nitrate Levels) rule to specify that landowners would test 10% of fields and that they sample in the same location each time.
  - 7. Edited OAR 603-XX-16 (Large acreage evaluation) to specify that ODA would not evaluate acreages with 1,000 irrigated acres + for 3 calendar years after effective date of rule.
  - 8. Edited OAR 603-XX-16 to specify that ODA would not evaluate acreages with 500 – 999 acres for 5 calendar years after effective date of rule.
  - 9. OAR 603-XX-XX14 (Soil Sampling Protocol) clarified that a landowner using post harvest soil samples to evaluate annual nitrogen plan shall collect samples before October 31 (as opposed to September).
- B. Go through any other rules sections RAC suggests
- C. Final RAC questions and comments

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