

**Presiding Officer's Report**

Date: April 3, 2006

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Kathleen Cochrun

Subject: Presiding Officer's Report for Rulemaking Hearing  
*Title of Proposal:* Oregon Title V Operation Permit Program, Consumer Price Index Fee Increase  
*Hearing Date and Time:* March 20, 2006; 3:00 p.m.  
*Hearing Location:* Portland, Oregon

The Department convened the rulemaking hearing on the proposal referenced above at 3:00 p.m. and closed it at 3:40 p.m. People were asked to sign registration forms if they wished to present comments. People were also advised that the hearing was being recorded.

No one attended the hearing and there were no written and/or oral comments received at the hearing.

The Department received written comments by two organizations via postal mail, email, and fax. Written comments were received by the end of the comment period for this rulemaking, before 5:00 pm on March 31, 2006.

The written comments were submitted by Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) and the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association. Comments by both organizations support the 3.4% increase in Title V permitting fees by the 2005 Consumer Price Index (CPI). In addition to the initiated support, Northwest Pulp and Paper Association requested budgetary information from the Department for the past three biennia on the Title V permitting program to use in evaluating future fee increase proposals. The Department is currently working with the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association to provide the requested budget data.