

Presiding Officer's Report

Date: May 1, 2007

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Sarah Armitage

Subject: Presiding Officer's Report for Rulemaking Hearings
Title of Proposal: Air Quality Permit Program Streamlining and Updates

1. Hearing Date and Time: April 23, 2007, 6:37 p.m.
Hearing Location: Jackson County Courthouse, Medford

The Department convened the rulemaking hearing on the proposal referenced above at 6:37 p.m. and closed it at 6:42 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.

Four people attended the hearing; one person provided an oral comment.

Before convening the formal rulemaking hearing, Sarah Armitage and John Becker briefly explained the rulemaking proposal and procedures for the hearing.

The following is a summary of the oral comment received at the hearing. The Department will include these comments in the Summary of Comments and Agency Responses for this rulemaking.

Commenter: Dr. David Gilmour, Jackson County Commissioner

Commissioner Gilmour recommended that language should be added to 340-209-0040 to require additional information in public notices of permit actions for Air Contaminant Discharge Permits and Title V Permits. This language would require a description of expected health impacts of emissions from the facilities, using current, pertinent epidemiological data. It would apply to all sources, including major sources required to perform dispersion modeling in attainment areas.

2. Hearing Date and Time: April 24, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

Hearing Location: Department of Environmental Quality Bend Office, 300 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

The Department prepared the room for the public hearing for a 6:00 p.m. start time. No one attended. Presiding Officer Linda Hayes-Gorman closed the hearing at 6:30 p.m.

3. Hearing Date and Time: April 25, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Hearing Location: Department of Environmental Quality Bend Office, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland

The Department prepared the room for the public hearing for a 6:30 p.m. start time. One person attended but did not wish to present an oral comment. Presiding Officer William Knight closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.