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CONFORMITY PROCESS

The transportation conformity process for Oregon is contained in OAR 340-252-0010 through 340-252-0290. The transportation conformity rules were adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission on March 3, 1995 and became effective on March 23, 1995. EPA approved the transportation conformity rules as a SIP revision on May 15, 1996. The state rules are more effective, more efficient and more equitable than the federal regulations because:

1. they require all transportation control measures to be implemented in a timely manner regardless of their eligibility for federal funding;
2. they require consistency with emissions budgets while EPA reviews maintenance plans for approval;
3. they require analysis of localized air quality impacts for some state and locally funded projects.

The conformity rules also establish interagency consultation procedures for making conformity determinations for Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, and for developing transportation related provisions of the maintenance plan.