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Re: Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus Rule – One-year Implementation Delay

To All Engine Manufacturers,

This letter is to inform you that on November 16, 2023, Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission approved a temporary rule delaying implementation of the Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus rule by one year. Oregon adopted the California [Heavy Duty Low NOx Omnibus rule](#) by reference in 2021. This rule now requires heavy-duty vehicle and engine manufacturers selling engines and vehicles in Oregon to meet tougher NOx and particulate matter emission standards beginning with the 2025 engine model year.

California is in the process of updating their Heavy-Duty Low NOx rulemaking to provide additional compliance flexibilities for manufacturers, due to issues about the lack of new compliant engines available for sale starting in 2024. DEQ will follow up the adoption of the temporary rule with a formal rulemaking in early 2024 to make the delayed implementation change permanent and adopt California amendments to the rule that we anticipate becoming final prior to the end of this year. This rulemaking process includes the formation of a rule advisory committee to advise DEQ on proposed rule changes and a public comment process.

As we transition to newer, less polluting engines in the months and years ahead we look forward to working with you to ensure product availability while ensuring Oregon's air quality is protected. Please feel free to reach out to me or the lead rule writer, Eric Feeley, eric.feeley@deq.oregon.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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