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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 of DEQ's intent to delay implementation of the Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus rule until Jan. 2, 2025. The [Heavy Duty Low NOx Omnibus rule](#), a California rule that Oregon adopted by reference in 2021, requires heavy-duty vehicle and engine manufacturers to meet tougher NOx and particulate matter emission standards beginning with the 2024 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 Jan. 2, 2024. Because of the uncertainty of when California will finalize their rulemaking, DEQ is bringing a temporary emergency rule to the Environmental Quality Commission in November 2024 to delay implementation until 2025. DEQ will then follow up with a formal rulemaking in early 2024 to make the change permanent. This latter 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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