

Klamath Air Quality

Advisory Committee Charter

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Klamath Air Quality Advisory Committee Charter

The members of the Klamath Air Quality Advisory Committee agree to operate under this Charter.

Purpose

Review and confirm air quality strategies to maintain the attainment status of Klamath Falls with the PM_{2.5} standard and complete the 10-year maintenance plan. Develop additional emissions reduction strategies and contingency measure implementation strategies as needed.

Background

In December 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated Klamath Falls, Oregon as a nonattainment area for PM_{2.5}, also known as fine particulate air pollution. Consequences of nonattainment include enhanced regulatory oversight and loss of economic development opportunities. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) developed an attainment plan in December 2012 outlining how Klamath Falls attained the federal standard by 2014 through reducing PM_{2.5} emissions.

DEQ, in collaboration with Klamath County, convened this advisory committee to review strategies to maintain and continue to reduce PM 2.5 emissions to maintain the attainment status of Klamath Falls with the PM_{2.5} standard. The committee will review control and contingency measures and issue a report to the Board of Klamath County Commissioners and DEQ to be incorporated in a maintenance plan. At the end of this process, DEQ will propose rules and develop a PM 2.5 redesignation request and maintenance plan for consideration by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission and subsequently, EPA.

Advisory Committee Membership

The Advisory Committee will be chaired by Addie Clark.

The Chair will be responsible for:

- Keeping members focused on the issues and objectives;
- Ensuring that all members adhere to the process and ground rules;
- Representing the Advisory Committee to the media.
- Assisting with generation of the Committee Report.

The Advisory Committee members are:

Advisory Committee Membership	
Name	Affiliation
Addie Clark	Chair, Oregon Institute of Technology
Lance Lindow	Klamath County Environmental Health Manager
Scott McEnroe	Columbia Plywood Environmental Manger
Rick Coffman	Private Citizen
Mike Cook	Chiloquin Fire District Chief
Pam Ruddock	South Central Oregon Economic Development District
Ipo Ross	Pine Grove Catholic Cemetery Manager
Francisco Venegas	Oregon Human Development Corporation
Nikowa Mendez	Klamath Tribes Health & Family Services
Randall Baley Jebediah Koons, <i>alternate</i>	Oregon Department of Forestry

Advisory Committee Charge

- A. The Advisory Committee is charged with evaluating emission contributions and effectiveness of reductions from all emission source categories, including residential wood heating, residential open burning, motor vehicles, major industry, and other sources. The Committee will evaluate the effectiveness of such measures against compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard with a margin of safety accounting for the likelihood of future lower standards.
- B. The Advisory Committee is charged with:
1. Determining whether existing control measures are sufficient to maintain NAAQS compliance with a margin of safety to account for likely future reductions to the standard.
 2. Reviewing strategies to maintain and continue to reduce PM 2.5 emissions and maintain the Klamath airshed's compliance with the PM 2.5 Standard. This includes a review of the current Klamath County Air Quality Ordinance and proposing updates.
 3. Reviewing effectiveness of contingency measures and determining whether updates are necessary, as well as developing implementation strategies for contingency measures.

The Advisory Committee may also want to look into developing strategies that are not necessary to reach attainment with the PM2.5 standard, but are beneficial to protect overall public health and welfare in Klamath Falls.

- C. The product of this Advisory Committee will be a report to DEQ and the Klamath County Board of Commissioners that provides recommended strategies to bring Klamath Falls into attainment. DEQ staff will draft the report in collaboration with the Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee members will review it for completeness.

Public Involvement

All meetings will be open to the public. The committee can choose whether to allow public input during a committee meeting. DEQ may set aside time for the public to speak.

Once the committee process is complete, DEQ will draft a Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan. That process will include a specified period during which the public can submit comments on the proposed Plan. DEQ will also hold a public hearing during which any member of the public can submit written or verbal comments. Individual committee members may provide comments to DEQ on the full draft rule at this time. DEQ may modify the final proposed Plan based on public comment.

Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule, Work Plan and Guidelines

Meeting Schedule and Key Meeting Topics

Item	Date
Advisory Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of Charge - Background on Clean Air Act, Regulatory Process - Review of Control Measures 	November 22, 2021
Advisory Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emissions Inventory (Brandy Albertson) - Monitoring Data: Then & Now (Anthony Barnack) 	January 2022
Advisory Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean Air Ordinance: Proposed Updates (Klamath Public Health) 	January 2022
Advisory Committee Meeting (TBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion: Changes to Control & Contingency Measures 	February 2022
Final Report to DEQ and Klamath County Board of Commissioners	March 2022

*Additional meetings may be scheduled for ordinance review.

Process Overview

All meetings will be open to the public. The committee can choose whether to allow public input during a committee meeting. DEQ may set aside time for the public to speak.

DEQ staff will prepare agendas, briefing materials, and committee presentations. DEQ will provide handouts for each meeting.

Once the committee process is complete, DEQ staff will prepare a report based on the Advisory Committee's recommendations. The committee will review, edit, approve, and submit the final report to DEQ and the Klamath County Board of Commissioners.

At the conclusion of this process, DEQ will develop a draft PM 2.5 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan and conduct a public rulemaking process. That process will include a specified period during which the public can submit comments on the proposed rules. DEQ will also hold a public hearing during which any member of the public can submit written or verbal comments. Individual committee members may provide comments to DEQ on the full draft Plan at this time. DEQ may modify the final proposed Plan based on public comment. DEQ intends to take a final proposed rule to the EQC for consideration at its meeting in November 2022.

Ground Rules

All Advisory Committee members commit to the following:

1. Virtually attend each meeting to ensure continuity throughout the process. If a member cannot attend the meeting they are responsible for keeping up with meeting materials.
2. Treat everyone and his or her opinions with respect;
3. Allow one person to speak at a time;
4. Comment constructively and specifically;
5. There will be consensus based decision making;
6. Engage in honest, constructive, and good faith discussions in all aspects of the discussion;
7. Use a name card to indicate you want to speak (or push a phone button);
8. Consult regularly with constituencies and provide their input. If you represent other views, attribute the source;
9. Stay focused on the Charge;
10. Not represent the views of any other member, group, or the Advisory Committee as a whole; and
11. No decision making outside meetings. Members of this Committee are public officials and must comply with public meeting law.

Information Exchange

Advisory Committee members will provide information as much in advance as possible of the meeting at which such information is used. The members will also share all relevant information with each other to the maximum extent possible. If a member believes the relevant information is proprietary in nature, the member will provide a general description of the information and the reason for not providing it.

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