

CLIMATE EMERGENCY ALERT!

Dear Global Warming Coalition Supporters;

As a follow up to our earlier Climate Emergency Alert, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has extended its comment period on the proposed rules for the Climate Protection Program — AT THE REQUEST OF OREGON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY! We need to be sure our voices of the climate are heard over theirs. The new deadline for comments is October 25th. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to let them know we must keep this program AND improve it consistent with the best science.

Before I list the messages we need to send, here is the way to contact them:

Email: ghgcr2021@deq.state.or.us

Subject: Climate Protection Program Public Comment

In your own words, please send one or more of the following messages to the Department of Environmental Quality:

1. You must reduce climate pollution 80% below 1990 levels. Instead, you have chosen the emissions of the year 2010. This will result in fewer emission reductions and failure to meet the mandate of the Executive Order. If you use the year 2010 emissions level, increase the percentage of emissions reductions above 80% sufficiently so it meets the 1990 level mandate.
2. Under the proposed rules, most industries have their emissions capped and reduced over time. But an exception has been made for stationary sources. All they have to do is use what they consider to be the best technology available, irrespective of whether it reduces emissions. This is an unacceptable loophole which could actually result in an increase in emissions. All sources of industrial emissions must be subject to a cap and reduced over time.
3. Industry is allowed to pollute as long as they invest in underserved communities in a way that offsets their emissions. But under the rules, the amount they must invest is based on a concept called 'The Social Cost of Carbon' which has nothing to do with the actual cost of offsetting their emissions. This is another loophole which can result in greater climate pollution. The charge to industry must reflect the actual cost of these investments.
4. Natural gas companies are allowed to continue to pollute by using so-called 'Renewable Natural Gas' (RNG). This is nothing more than a dirty fossil fuel that relies on methane from landfills. By allowing RNG, an incentive is provided for expanding landfills to increase the supply of RNG. DEQ should limit the use of RNG to those consumers who have no other source of alternative energy.

THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT THE PLANET.

Sincerely,

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