

It is essential, after nearly two years of the rule making process to establish health based standards for industrial air permits, that DEQ is provided the funds to implement the Cleaner Air Oregon program. The Secretary of State's audit of DEQ's air program reached the conclusion that the agency was failing to protect the public because of the chronic underfunding by the state legislature. It is time for our elected leaders to step up and put the agency back on the right track to protecting our environment and the health of our communities.

Thank you.

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