

Oregon Department of ENERGY

Fuel Emergency Planning and Energy Security

House Interim Committee on Emergency
Management and Veterans

January 14, 2026

Maxwell Woods, Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety and Energy Security





OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

Emergency Fuel Support and Energy Security

ODOE is lead for the State Emergency Support Function (ESF): Fuels

State Declared Emergency – Management of Resources (ORS 401.188) including fuel

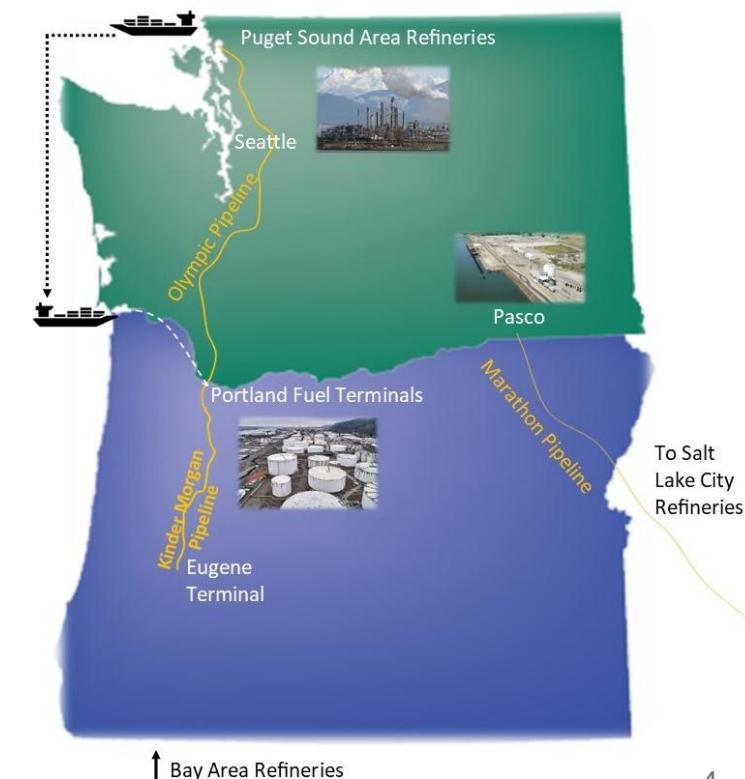
Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Authority – (ORS 176.750-785)

- Develop and maintain a statewide contingency plan in response to petroleum shortages that affect Oregon
- Provide adequate fuel supplies to maintain emergency services, transportation, and the operation of the economy to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Oregonians while an emergency exists

Develop and implement the Oregon Energy Security Plan

Liquid Fuel Distribution: Normal Operations

- Approximately 90% of refined petroleum products used in Oregon originate from four major refineries in Washington
- Fuel is shipped to Oregon via the Olympic pipeline, barge, and rail (ethanol)
- Fuel is stored and then distributed from Portland-area fuels terminals
 - AKA “the CEI Hub”
- From Portland:
 - Jet fuel via pipeline to PDX
 - Gasoline and diesel via pipeline to Eugene terminal
 - Truck distribution across Oregon
 - Barge upriver to Umatilla and Pasco
- Approximately 10% of refined petroleum product used in Oregon originates from refineries in Utah near Salt Lake City
 - Pipeline to Pasco, WA, then trucked into Oregon



Liquid Fuel Distribution: Emergencies

Fuel is needed in all corners of Oregon:

- Long supply chain, many risks (access, truck availability, drivers, etc.)
- Both regional and local storage is important risk-mitigation strategy
- Fuel terminals in Portland rely upon pipeline and ship; Umatilla/Pasco, also pipeline and ship

Oregon uses approximately, per day:

- Gasoline: 4.06 million gallons = 400 trucks*
- Diesel: 2.3 million gallons = 230 trucks
- Jet Fuel: 545,000+ gallons = 54 trucks

*A fuel tanker truck can hold 10,000 gallons on average.



November 2025 Fuel Emergency and Response

November 2025 Fuel Emergency and Response

- Prolonged outage of Olympic Pipeline
- Executive Order 25-30, Proclamation of State of Emergency
- ODOE led state response, in coordination with OEM, ODOT, DEQ, Governor's Office, and private sector partners

Highlighted the Critical Role of Portland Fuel Storage and Distribution Facilities

- Minimal impact on fuel supply, price at the pump, or distribution across the state
 - Influenced by Portland fuel storage, ability to receive bulk fuel deliveries via ship, and emergency response actions
- Contrast with impact in Washington State, particularly at Sea-Tac Airport

2026 Emergency Exercises

Three Planned Emergency Exercises

1. National Exercise Program (FEMA), Western States, ODOE is lead for entire exercise, with planning support from FEMA.
2. State-wide, focused on state government agencies. Led by an ODOE and ODHS partnership, coordinated with OEM.
3. Local Government and Tribal Government focus, led by ODOE, coordinated with OEM. Federal funding for contractor support.

A dark blue background with a faint image of an electrical pylon and power lines. The lines are highlighted with a bright cyan color, creating a sense of energy flow. The background shows a gradient from dark blue to a lighter cyan at the bottom.

Maxwell Woods

Assistant Director, Nuclear Safety and Energy Security
maxwell.woods@energy.oregon.gov

Christy Splitt

Government Relations Coordinator
christy.splitt@energy.oregon.gov

For more information:

www.oregon.gov/energy/safety-resiliency



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY**