



AGENDA

LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2025

12:00 P.M.

Virtual Participation

By Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502781432>

By Audio: +1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 885 0278 1432

In-Person Participation

Due to LRAPA's Temporary office relocation, this meeting will be exclusively on Zoom.

[Note: Start times for agenda items are approximate.]

1. **12:00** **Call to Order/Agenda Review**
2. **12:05** **Public Participation**
3. **12:10** **Elect Chair & Vice-Chair**
4. **12:20** **Board Meeting Overview**
5. **12:30** **Enforcement Data Review & Communication**
6. **12:50** **Roundtable**
7. **1:00** **Adjournment**

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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE	
COMMITTEE PRESENT:	LRAPA STAFF PRESENT:
Chair Jim Daniels	Travis Knudsen, Executive Director
Chris Cline	Rachelle Nicholas, Administrative Manager
Peter Dragovich	Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs & Project Manager
Evelina Davidova-Kamis	Colleen Wagstaff, Asbestos & Enforcement Manager
Michael Koivula	Heather Gravelle, Administrative Assistant
Ben Larson	
Paul Metzler	
COMMITTEE ABSENT/EXCUSED:	OTHERS PRESENT:
Kelly Wood	Reid Verner
Teresa Roark	

AGENDA	ACTION
REGULAR MEETING	
1. Call to Order/Agenda Review.	Chair Jim Daniels convened the regular meeting at noon.
2. Public Participation.	None.
3. Elect Chair & Vice-Chair.	Travis Knudsen , Executive Director, indicated that the Committee needed to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025. After discussion, it was determined that Evalina Davidova-Kamis would reach out to Kelly Wood to discuss the possibility of co-chairing the CAC.
4. Board Meeting Overview.	Chair Daniels and Executive Director Travis Knudsen provided updates from the February 13, 2025 Board meeting.

5. Enforcement Data Review & Communication.	<p>Colleen Wagstaff, Asbestos & Enforcement Manger, provided an overview of the enforcement process, that included handling of non-compliance cases and penalties, the Title 15 matrix system distinguishing the type of violations and the applicable penalties, and the enforcement report.</p> <p>Chair Daniels noted that CAC members should prepare to discuss potential improvements to the enforcement reports at the March meeting, including ideas for enhancing public understanding.</p>
6. Roundtable.	<p>Peter Dragovich commented that the delay in federal funding may have an impact on the training of firefighters and expressed concerns about being adequately prepared for the upcoming wildfire season.</p> <p>Michael Koivula commented that more detail in the enforcement report would be beneficial.</p> <p>Chair Daniels reminded members that the election for Chair and Vice-Chair would be held at the March meeting.</p>
7. Adjournment.	<p>Chair Daniels adjourned the Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.</p>

(Minutes recorded by Heather Gravelle)



Director's Report for February 2025

Meeting Date: March 13, 2025
Department: Director's Office
www.lrapa.org

Agenda Item No. 15
Staff Contact: Travis Knudsen
541-736-1056 ext. 217

FEBRUARY 2025 AQI CHARTS AND STATS:

Site	Date	Max AQI	Pollutant
Eug/Spfld	12-Feb-25	63	PM
Oak	12-Feb-25	86	PM
CottGrv	12-Feb-25	77	PM

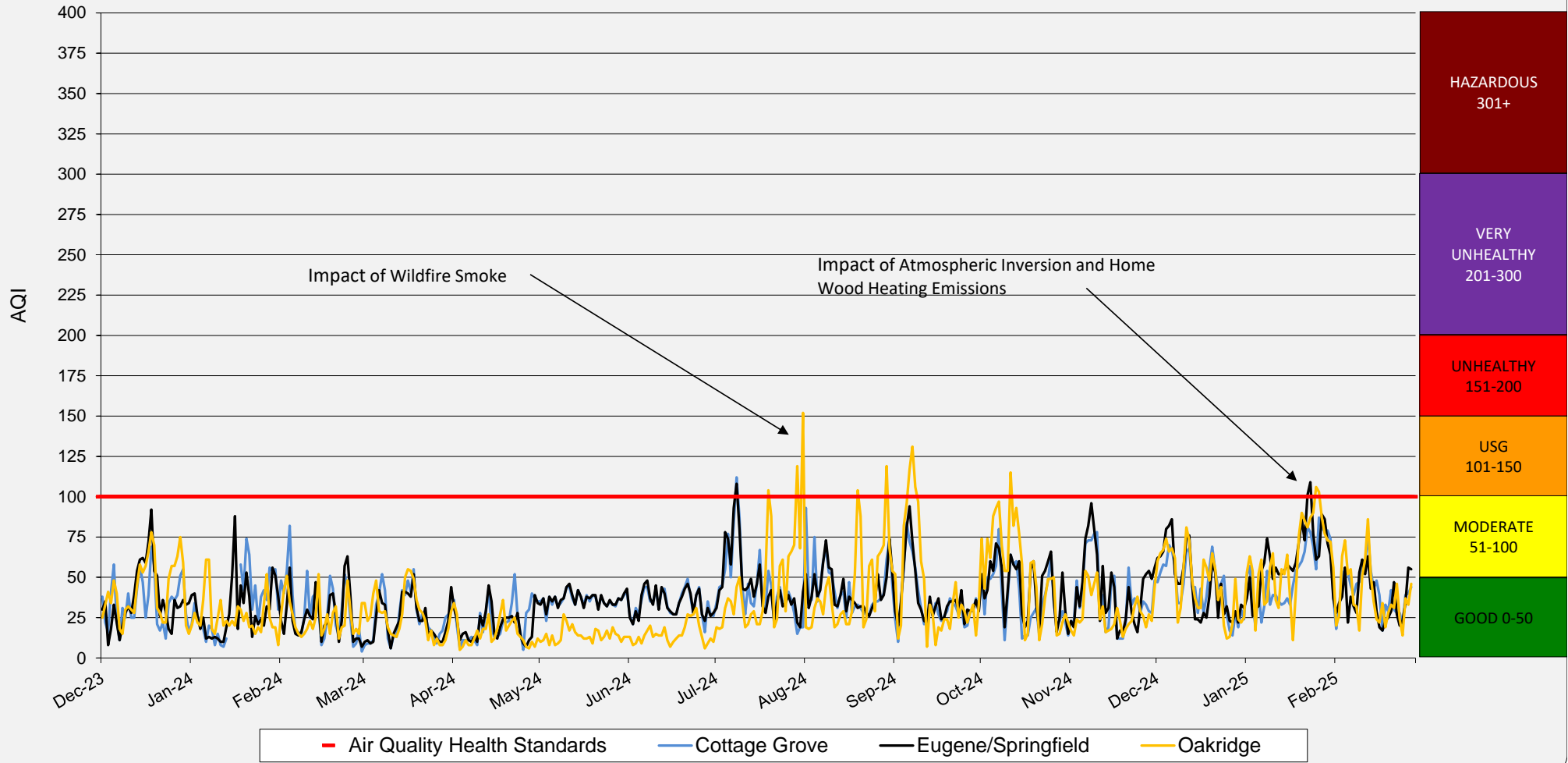
AQI	Eug/Spfld	Oak	CottGrv	AQI Range	PM2.5 Range, ug/m3	Ozone Range, ppb
Good	20	20	21	0-50	0-9	0-54
Moderate	8	8	7	51-100	9.1-35.4	55-70
USG	0	0	0	101-150	35.5-55.4	71-85
Unhealthy	0	0	0	151-200	55.5-125.4	86-105
Very Unhealthy	0	0	0	201-300	125.5-225.4	106-200
Hazardous	0	0	0	301+	225.5+	201+

Attachment No. 1: Air Quality Index (AQI) charts for Lane County (February 2025)

Attachment No. 2: PM2.5 index charts for Lane County (February 2025)

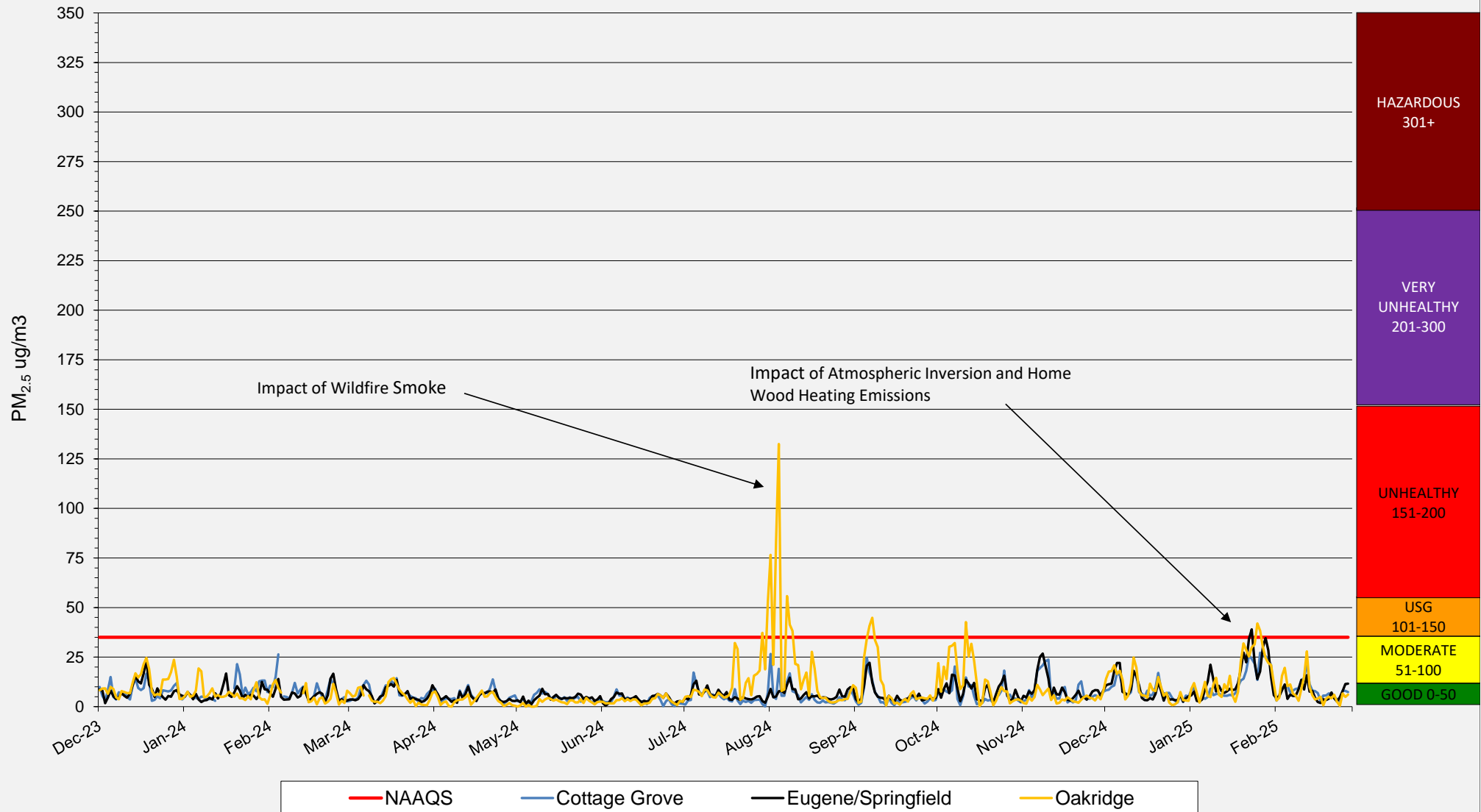
Daily Air Quality Index Chart

This 15-month chart demonstrates the seasonality of the pollutants.



Daily PM2.5 Levels

Daily Sampling, NAAQS Exceedance is Triggered on the 8th High



COMPLAINTS RECEIVED: 2/1/2025 – 2/28/2025:

Smoke complaints: 30
21- Outdoor Burning
9- Home Wood Heating
Industry: 15
1 - Clover Custom Cabinets
10 - International Paper
1 – Knife River
1 - REV RV Service and Repair
1 – St. Vincent de Paul
1 – Swanson Group Mfg. LLC
Miscellaneous: 17
1 - Asbestos
16- Unknown
Total: 62

The calendar year 2025 compares to previous years:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	*2025
Dust	17	26	12	7	8	0
Ag Burning / Spraying	2	7	2	3	3	0
General Air Quality	4	8	1	25	32	12
Home Wood Heating	74	57	67	52	39	26
Industry	100	336	198	97	75	29
Outdoor Burning	423	243	292	254	253	47
Slash Burning	12	10	6	12	9	0
Miscellaneous	59	40	102	72	103	36
Unknown	74	71	45	65	79	32
Total	765	798	725	587	601	182

* Year-To-Date

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS STATUS REPORT

2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025

Calendar year 2025 compared to previous years:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	*2025
Notices of Non-compliance and Warnings	55	15	21	24	19	9	7
Notices of Violation with Civil Penalties	37	26	17	24	15	5	6

* Year-To-Date.

ENFORCEMENT: 2/01/2025 to 2/28/2025

Category of Violation	New	Follow-Up Action	Pending	Closed	Total
Asbestos	1	1	3	-	5
Industrial	-	1	4	3	8
Outdoor Burning	-	-	4	1	5
Fugitive Dust	-	-	-	-	-
Home Wood Heating	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	2	11	4	18

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS DETAIL REPORT

2/1/2025 -- 2/28/2025

Report of open and actions initiated since last report

NEW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN THE CURRENT PERIOD:

1. ATEZ, INC. (CRESWELL)
 - A. Violation: Respondent conducted an asbestos abatement and failed to adequately clean the project site to assure removal of all asbestos debris at conclusion of the abatement project and failed to provide property warning signage posted at the project site.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3913 issued 02/25/2025
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3913 (\$1,400) issued 02/25/2025
 - D. Resolution: PENDING

PENDING WITH SUBSEQUENT ACTION IN THE CURRENT PERIOD:

1. SPADES ENVIRONMENTAL (EUGENE)

- A. Violation: Conducted an asbestos abatement of asbestos containing material (ACM) without a proper enclosed area [LRAPA Title 43 Section 43-015(11)(F)(4)] and open accumulation of friable asbestos containing materials [LRAPA Title 43 Section 43-010(1)] at 2155 Brittany Street, Eugene, Oregon. This resulted in open accumulation of ACM outside of the containment area.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3911 issued 1/10/2025
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3911 (\$1,800) issued 1/10/2025: request for reduction approved and reduced to \$1,000 issued 2/24/2025 and payment due 3/17/2025
 - D. Resolution: PENDING
2. INTERNATIONAL PAPER (SPRINGFIELD)
 - A. Violation: Between January 23, 2024, and June 30, 2024, International Paper Company failed to implement monitoring required by Title V Operating Permit #208850, issued January 23, 2024. It is alleged that the additional monitoring requirements were not implemented when the permit was issued and the required monitoring was not performed for the first (6) six months of 2024 (1/23/2024 - 6/30/2024).
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3920 issued 1/30/2025
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3920 (\$9,000) issued 1/30/2025; request for reduction under review 2/20/2025
 - D. Resolution: PENDING

PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

1. T.J. ROBBINS (FALL CREEK)
 - A. Violation: Allowed for the outdoor burning of prohibited materials (machine parts, aerosol can, metal wire, canned food containers, etc.).
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3907 issued 09/06/2024
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3907 (\$275) issued 09/06/2024: no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
 - D. Resolution: PENDING
2. DUST 2 DIAMONDS, LLC (SPRINGFIELD)
 - A. Violation: Performed an asbestos abatement project without possessing a license to perform asbestos abatement; openly accumulated friable asbestos-containing materials.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3908 issued 09/06/2024
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3908 (\$8,400) issued 09/06/2024: request for reduction under review.
 - D. Resolution: PENDING
3. A & K DEVELOPMENT CO, PAC METAL FAB (JUNCTION CITY)
 - A. Violation: Failed to notify LRAPA prior to the construction of a new stationary source in accordance with LRAPA Rules and Regulations Section 34-010(1)(a); operating an air contaminant source which is listed in Section 37-8010 Table 1 without first obtaining and ACDP from LRAPA in accordance with LRAPA 37-0020(3).
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3903 issued 05/30/2024
 - C. Subsequent Action: PENDING – documents submitted by 9/20/2024 under review
 - D. Resolution: PENDING

4. PETROCARD INC (GOSHEN) (GOSHEN)

- A. Violation: The permittee failed to submit in a timely manner performance testing records to LRAPA which demonstrate compliance with vapor testing requirements outlined in permit conditions 5.1.a and 5.1.b. On 2/25/2022 the permittee was notified by LRAPA that they had exceeded the annual throughput threshold of 480,000 gallons of gasoline in 2019 and were therefore subject to the vapor recovery testing requirements outlined in the permit. On 4/8/2022 LRAPA was advised that vapor recovery testing could not be completed since the lines were manifolded and the issue was escalated to construction to isolate the lines. On 7/7/2022 LRAPA called and emailed the permittee requesting an update. On 8/2/2022 LRAPA called and emailed the permittee requesting an update. Permittee responded advising that they were still working to fix the issue. On 10/5/2022 LRAPA emailed the permittee requesting an update. On 10/26/2022 LRAPA called and emailed the permittee requesting an update.
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3872 issued 11/03/2022
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2022-3872 (\$3,000) issued 12/08/2022: submitted the test results over 12-month late, therefore the request for reduction was not approved. No response to payment has been received, a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property.
- D. Resolution: PENDING

5. JOHN A. RANKIN AND STEVE FOWLKES (SPRINGFIELD)

- A. Violation: 43-015(10)- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. Except as provided for in 43-015-8, written notification of any asbestos abatement project must be provided to the Agency on a form prepared by and available from the Agency, accompanied by the appropriate fee; 43-015(11)(C)- Enclose the area of the asbestos-containing materials to be abated, in a negative pressure enclosure prior to abatement unless prior approval has been granted by the agency; 43-015(11)(G)- The asbestos abatement project area shall be adequately cleaned at the conclusion of the project to assure removal of all asbestos debris; 43-015(11)(N)- Open storage or open accumulation of friable asbestos-containing material or asbestos containing waste material is prohibited; 43-015(11)(P)- No person shall conduct an asbestos abatement project unless they possess a current asbestos abatement Contractors license or worker's certification, issued by the Department under OAR 340-248-040 or OAR 340-248-0120 and OAR 340-248-0130, respectively, unless exempted by 43-015-8 and/or 43-015-9; 43-015(11)(S)- A certified supervisor is required to be present on each asbestos abatement project other than a small-scale short-duration activity; 43-015(11)(T)- An owner or operator of a facility shall not allow any persons other than those employees of the facility owner or operator who are appropriately certified or a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to perform an asbestos abatement project in or on that facility unless exempted by 43-015-8 or 43-015-9; 43-015-19(B)- Persons disposing of asbestos-containing waste material must notify the landfill operator of the type and volume of the asbestos-containing waste material; 43-015(19)(B)(1)- All asbestos-containing waste materials must be adequately wetted to ensure that they remain wet until delivered to an authorized landfill, and either: (a) processed into non-friable pellets or other shapes; or (b) packaged in leak-tight containers such as two plastic bags with a minimum thickness of 6 mil., or fiber or metal drum. Containers must be labeled as follows: (i) the name of the asbestos waste generator and the location where the asbestos waste was generated; and (ii) a warning label that states: DANGER Contains Asbestos Fibers Avoid Creating Dust Cancer and Lung Disease Hazard Avoid Breathing Airborne Asbestos Fibers Alternatively, warning labels specified by 29 CFR 1926.1101(k)(7)(8/19/94) may be used; 43-105(19)(E)- All asbestos-containing waste material must be deposited as soon as possible by the waste generator at: (1)

An asbestos-containing waste disposal site authorized by the Department and operated in accordance with the provisions of this rule;

- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3877 issued 03/06/2023
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2023-3877 (\$10,400) issued 03/06/2023: request for reduction approved and reduced to \$5,200 on 04/19/2023 with a payment schedule of \$400 per month with a balance due of \$800; December 2024 payment is late, issued late notice a request for payment reminder.
- D. Resolution: PENDING

6. KYLE MCLENNAN, BRUCE R MCLENNAN (VENETA)

- A. Violation: Failure to obtain an asbestos survey from an accredited asbestos inspector prior to conducting the demolition of a facility; Burning construction/demolition waste without first obtaining an LRAPA letter permit.
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3880 issued 04/11/2023
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2023-3880 (\$3,650) issued 04/11/2023; no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

7. APRO LLC DBA UNITED PACIFIC ROCKET # (SPRINGFIELD)

- A. Violation: The permittee failed to submit performance testing records to LRAPA which demonstrate compliance with triennial vapor testing requirements outlined in permit conditions 5.0. Permittee last submitted testing results relative to conditions 5.1.a and 5.1.b on February 4th, 2020, and therefore is required to have testing conducted by February 4th, 2023. Condition 7.1.c of the permit requires notification of upcoming testing be submitted to LRAPA and condition 7.2 requires test results be submitted to LRAPA no later than 30 after testing has occurred.
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3886 issued 04/25/2023
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2023-3886 (\$2,250) issued 06/12/2023: no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

8. SEALS, MARK (ELMIRA)

- A. Violation: Outdoor burning of prohibited materials (metal, plastic, rubber, etc.).
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3888 issued 06/13/2023
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2023-3888 (\$550) issued 07/31/2023: no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

9. CARTER, LARRY; VERNON VENSON (SPRINGFIELD)

- A. Violation: Allowing for the open burning of prohibited materials (pressure treated wood, railroad ties, plastics, clothing, drywall, metal, etc.)
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3895 issued 12/14/2023
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2023-3895 (\$550) issued 12/18/2023; no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

10. WOOLMAN, TIM (VENETA)

- A. Violation: Allowing for the burning of prohibited materials (plastics).

- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3898 issued 03/01/2024
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3898 (\$850) issued 03/07/2024; no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

11. CHRISTIANSEN, MICHAEL (CRESWELL)

- A. Violation: Respondent caused, allowed, initiated or maintained outdoor burning at a time when outdoor burning was prohibited and caused, allowed, initiated or maintained the outdoor burning of prohibited materials. It is alleged that the materials burned were under the ownership or control of Respondent. It is alleged that the outdoor burning was conducted on property under the ownership or control of Respondent located at 33830 Orchard Avenue, Creswell, OR. The alleged outdoor burning was in violation of LRAPA Rules and Regulations, Title 47, "Outdoor Burning".
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3912 issued 1/10/2025
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3912 (\$1,150) issued 1/10/2025; no response and no payment received; a default order judgment is in process for a lien on the property
- D. Resolution: PENDING

12. AURORA INNOVATIONS / HYDROFARM (EUGENE)

- A. Violation: Failure to submit 2023 semi-annual report required by Condition #28 in their ACDP #200053. The 2023 semi-annual report was due February 15, 2024; failure to submit their 2023 ATEI report by July 1, 2024.
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3910 issued 07/31/2024
- C. Subsequent Action: Submitted reports are under review
- D. Resolution: PENDING

CLOSED ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN THE CURRENT PERIOD:

1. SWANSON GROUP MFG. LLC (SPRINGFIELD)

- A. Violation: Respondent failed to conduct required modified EPA Method 9 monitoring during an upset and failed to immediately notify LRAPA when an excess emission event occurred. It is alleged that the opacity limit exceedance, Method 9 monitoring requirement and notification requirements are violations of Respondent's Title V Operating Permit No. 207510.
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3904 issued 1/10/2025
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3904 (\$6,900) issued 1/10/2025 - paid
- D. Resolution: CASE CLOSED on 1/27/2025

2. SWANSON GROUP MFG. LLC (SPRINGFIELD)

- A. Violation: Allowed Secondary materials that are solid waste to be combusted in a boiler that did not qualify for a statutory exemption as provided is 129(g)(1) if the Clean Air Act. This was not reported in their semiannual report as intermittent and is a violation of their current permit #207510. It is alleged that the violations occurred on a facility under guidance of the current management team. This is in violation of LRAPA Rules and Regulations, Title 34, "Stationary Source Notification Requirements".
- B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3916 issued 1/10/2025
- C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3916 (\$20,400) issued 1/10/2025 - paid
- D. Resolution: CASE CLOSED on 1/27/2025

3. EMERALD PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT (EUGENE)
 - A. Violation: Submitted a partial 2023 annual report a 12-month rolling PSEL calculation spreadsheet which demonstrated that the facility emissions for PM2.5, CO and NOx were in excess of the permitted emission limits during the 12-month periods ending in September - December 2023 and in 2024.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3902 issued 06/06/2024
 - C. Subsequent Action: NONE - submitted modification application Form AQ101 for Title V/ACDP and recalculated and submitted permitted emission limits using hourly averages.
 - D. Resolution: CASE CLOSED on 02/20/2025

OUTDOOR BURNING LETTER PERMITS: 2/01/2025 TO 2/28/2025

There were 2 Outdoor Burning Letter Permits (OBLP) issued in February 2025.

1. Issued Special Letter Permit 20B25-02-01 on February 3 to Creswell Church of the Nazarene, 805 S Front Street, Creswell, to burn 42 cubic yards of Miscellaneous debris located at 805 S Front Street, Creswell.
2. Issued Special Letter Permit 20B25-02-02 on February 20 to McKenzie River Trust, c/o Brent Ross, 725 W 1st Ave, Suite B, Eugene, to burn 50 cubic yards of Land Clearing debris located at Willamette Confluence burn Unit 44.018568, -122.962172, Goshen.

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT: 2/01/2025 to 2/28/2025

For perspective, here is how the total number of asbestos abatement notices filed, how many were schools, and the number of notices inspected for calendar year 2025 compares to previous years:

Calendar year 2025 compares to previous years:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	*2025
Total Asbestos Abatement Notices	488	439	408	465	466	436	71
School Asbestos Abatement Notices (NESHAP)	16	25	20	16	17	21	2
Number of Asbestos Abatements Inspected	94	93	104	115	91	109	15

* Year-To-Date.

PERMITTING (TITLE V AND ACDP):

- Currently 15 sources, Title V permits
- Currently approximately 275 sources, Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDPs)

Permits Currently in Queue:

Category of Permit Activity	Title V	ACDP	Total In Queue
New	1	2	3
Renewals	2	12	14
Modifications	1	1	1
Constructions			
General TV			
Terminated Permits			

Permit Activities Issued Year-to-Date (1/1/25 – 2/28/25):

- Title V = 1
- ACDP = 6

Permits on public notice during 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025:

Source Name	Reason for Public Notice	Type of Permit
Gheen Irrigation Works dba Lake Eugene	Renewal of Simple ACDP	Simple ACDP renewal. Off public notice 3/6/25
Oregon Rubber Co./Wyatt's Tire Co.	Renewal of Simple ACDP	Simple ACDP renewal. Off public notice 3/28/25

Permits with public hearing notice during 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025:

Source Name	Reason for Public Hearing	Date of Public Hearing
NA		

Permit backlog as of 2/1/25:

Permit Type	Total Number of Permits by Type	Number of Permits Extended Administratively	Percentage of Total (%)
Title V	15	0	0%
Standard	24	5	21%
Simple	27	3	11%
Total	66	8	11%

MEDIA INTEREST, EXTERNAL COORDINATION AND OUTREACH

Date	Media	Person	Topic
1/23/2025	KLCC	Rachael McDonald	Air stagnation and wood burning advisories
1/23/2025	KEZI	Ryan Bonham	Air stagnation and cleaner woodstove burning
1/28/2025	KEZI	Ryan Bonham	Air Quality Advisory E. Lane County and Red Advisory for Oakridge, Yellow EUG/Spring
2/28/2025	KEZI	Robert Desaulniers	Spring Outdoor Burning Season Opens and Tips on Safe Burning
2/28/2025	KMTR	News Staff	Spring Outdoor Burning Season Opens and Tips on Safe Burning

PUBLIC EVENTS AND OUTREACH

Cottage Grove Leadership Meeting (Feb. 14th, Cottage Grove)

Travis Knudsen and Matt Sorensen met with Faye Stewart, former LRAPA Board Member and current City of Cottage Grove Public Works & Development Director, as well as Mike Sauerwein, Cottage Grove City Manager, to discuss the existing partnership between LRAPA and the City of Cottage Grove. Discussion surrounded the upcoming LRAPA presentation to the primarily new City Council scheduled for April 14th at 7pm. The presentation will note the long-standing partnership and highlight aspects of air regulation for City Council for a strong basic understanding of LRAPA and the value and return on investment LRAPA delivers to Cottage Grove.

Lane County Air Quality Collaborative for Schools and Child Care Centers (Feb. 14th, OHA Office Eugene)

This collaborative comprised of staff from Oregon Health Authority, Dept. of Human Services, Oakridge Air, and LRAPA are partnering to develop materials and guidance for child serving groups i.e. schools and child care or head start, that is clear and simple enough for staff to implement during wildfire smoke events and help protect indoor air quality and the health of kids and staff. The materials are nearly complete and if they prove helpful in Oakridge, they will be shared with other school districts and childcare facilities in Lane County.

Lane County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Environmental and Public Health Workgroup (Feb. 19th and Mar. 12th, Virtual)

Matt Sorensen continued representing LRAPA on the CWPP, specifically the Environmental and Public Health committee. The goal of the workgroup is to ensure there is adequate thought built into the plan regarding

messaging and warning systems to the community during air quality impacts from wildfire smoke. This workgroup will continue monthly through June.

J.H. Baxter Communication Meeting (Feb. 20th, Virtual)

Matt Sorensen is representing LRAPA in this group. This monthly meeting between EPA, DEQ, and LRAPA is held to discuss ongoing cleanup efforts at J.H. Baxter. EPA will become the lead agency as they try to get the site approved as a superfund site after the Time Critical Removal Action. The LRAPA approved asbestos work is fully underway and the contractor is removing asbestos from the three large retort tanks. Visit https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=15559 for details and pictures on the project.

Oregon Particulate Matter and Smoke Coordinators Annual Meeting (Feb 25th & 26th, Virtual)

Hosted by DEQ, this meeting touched on aspects of regulating particulate matter (PM) and National Air Quality Standards (NAQS) and its impacts on Oregon remaining in attainment. Numerous LRAPA staff participated. There were presentations on home wood heating, air monitoring, wood stove certification, prescribed burns, and ample opportunity for questions and connecting LRAPA staff with DEQ staff.

Lane County Land Management Division LRAPA Presentation (Feb 25th, Land Management Office, Eugene)

Max Hueftle, Travis Knudsen, and Matt Sorensen delivered a presentation to over 24 Lane County Land Management staff. The presentation highlighted LRAPA's steps to initiate and process air permits in Lane County, noting it requires a Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) from the appropriate municipality or County to proceed. The presentation also touched on Cleaner Air Oregon and its role in protecting citizens from hazardous air pollution. An additional callout was the impacts from businesses that may require an air permit but are not regulated by LRAPA, like semi traffic, diesel emissions, sound, and some levels of odor. Each of these issues were noted as being big concerns shared with LRAPA by community members. LRAPA emphasized our willingness to partner with Lane County Land Management to establish a refined process to address these challenges.

Spring Outdoor Burning Opened March 1st (March 1st, Lane County)

Matt Sorensen organized materials and notifications to remind all of Lane County that the Spring Outdoor Burning was beginning on March 1st. Media releases were picked up by KMTR and KEZI on Friday 2/28 and highlighted the best practices and rules surrounding outdoor burning.

LRAPA Move Office Back to Springfield (March 5th, Springfield)

Amanda Atkins and Matt Sorensen partnered with Lane Giles to help coordinate the move from Eugene back to the remodeled Springfield office. This included communications and supplies for packing and timing activities to minimize operational disruptions. The moving company did the heavy lifting of items on Wednesday 3/5. On Thursday there was an all staff meeting and celebration including lunch at the Springfield office and lots of work moving into the new space. On Monday 3/10 the remaining items that were kept in pods during the remodel were delivered to LRAPA and will take a few weeks to get them properly sorted and stored in the office.

Lane County Home Show- Lane Pollution Prevention Coalition P2C (Mar. 7th to 9th, Lane County Fairgrounds)

Travis Knudsen, Robbye Robinson, and Matt Sorensen represented LRAPA at the Lane County Home Show alongside Lane Pollution Prevention Coalition partners. Community members had opportunities to ask questions, spin a prize wheel, and take informational brochures. LRAPA provided swag items for prizes and a Winix HEPA air purifier for one of the bigger raffle items. Over 1,000 people visited the booth over the three days and it provided ample opportunity to share LRAPA's work with Lane County residents.

Springfield Chamber Meeting (Mar. 10th, Springfield)

Travis Knudsen and Matt Sorensen met with Springfield Chamber President Vonnie Mikkelsen and Senior Director Paige Sharpe to discuss collaboration between LRAPA and the Springfield Chamber. Our goal is to develop a strong relationship with the chamber to maximize our brand and community awareness and particularly with businesses.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING LRAPA BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

This schedule outline is a preview of anticipated upcoming agenda items.

April 2025

- Second Budget meeting, FY 25-26, approve budget
- Board Review of annual fee increases set by rule
- Annual Fee increases set by Rule, review
- Federal Grants Status Update

May 2025

- Public Hearing and adoption of approved budget for FY 25-26
- Executive Director performance evaluation, contract renewal.
- Dashboard Report
- Federal Grants Status Update
- Tentative: LRAPA open house

June 2025

- LRAPA Open House
- Federal Grants Status Update
- Audit Presentation

July 2025

- Federal Grants Status Update