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Dear [Add name and title: Representative, Senator, etc.]

New federal requirements for smaller sources of toxic air pollution have prompted Oregon DEQ to alert business and industry affected by the regulations in your district. Your office may receive calls from constituents about these new regulations, which affect a number of small businesses including: auto body shops, dry cleaners, platers and polishers, gas stations and metal fabricators. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has adopted these regulations to reduce toxic air contaminants that pose the greatest risk to public health.

Although these are new federal requirements, your constituents may think they are state requirements because they will be included in a DEQ permit. We include the federal regulations in state permits because the federal regulations are delegated to DEQ for implementation. For more detailed information please reference the fact sheet included with this letter.

DEQ has taken a number of steps to help small businesses comply with these federal requirements. Over the last several years, we have provided alerts and fact sheets to affected businesses. We have simplified and streamlined the permitting process and significantly reduced the permit fees for these businesses. Also, the Environmental Quality Commission recently granted DEQ the authority to simply register certain businesses in lieu of more costly and complex permits. Registration allows for reduced administrative costs, but sources must still comply with the same federal requirements.

Businesses in your area may have questions about how to comply with the new regulations. Environmental regulations can be complex and daunting for small businesses. Fortunately, DEQ has a small business assistance specialist whose job it is to help small business understand and comply with federal air quality regulations. If you are contacted by a business that needs assistance, you may refer them to Rebecca Hillwig at (503) 229-5376 or (800) 452-4011.

If you have general questions about the new regulations please contact me at [Add phone number], or DEQ Air Quality Administrator Andy Ginsburg at (503) 229-5397.

Sincerely,

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