

News release

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Public comment meetings on Strategic Health Impact Assessment on Wind Energy Development in Oregon set for March 20 and 21

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division is inviting the public to comment on the draft of the Strategic Health Impact Assessment on Wind Energy Development in Oregon.

The Oregon Public Health Division Office of Environmental Public Health has spent the last year responding to questions from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), local health departments, and community members in Eastern Oregon about the potential health impacts of wind energy facilities on Oregon communities. The draft assessment is a tool to help community members, elected officials and ODOE understand and respond to health-related questions about wind energy developments in Oregon. This draft assessment on wind energy does not focus on a specific facility or community. Rather, it focuses more broadly on what is currently known about the health impacts from wind farms, and the policies and standards used to site wind facilities in Oregon.

When and where:

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Umatilla County Justice Center, Media Room, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, first floor east of the lobby, Pendleton, Ore., 97801

Wednesday, March 21 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.,

The Riverhouse Hotel, 3075 N. Business 97, Cascade B conference room, Bend, Ore., 97701

The draft assessment is available at: www.healthoregon.org/hia.

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