

Citizens evaluate clean air proposals

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Pollution authority outlines ideas

Strategy alternatives for reducing air particulate matter were put before the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Eugene "Air Quality Maintenance Area" (AQMA) last night.

In a meeting at the Eugene Federal Building, the committee heard various plans from representatives of the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA). Paul Willhite and Ralph Johnston submitted the alternatives that call for the upgrading of current anti-pollution systems.

Presenting a "shopping list" of alternatives for the nine traditional sources of pollution, Willhite compared the current regulations with the LRAPA proposals and results from the Medford AQMA control strategy.

The committee must have its final recommendations on these alternatives by Nov. 1, so it can meet a state Department of En-

vironmental Quality deadline of Jan. 5. Formal discussion and decisions will be finalized at the Nov. 1 meeting.

The area must meet federal Clean Air standards by Dec. 31, 1982.

In order to facilitate decision-making, the DEQ is giving area pollution test results to the committee. Bill Greene of the DEQ gave a report on the computer modeling activity at the meeting. Results enumerating individual particulates will be available before the Nov. 1 meeting.

The committee is a collection of 25 representatives of public agencies, local governments, private groups, commercial and industrial firms, and citizens at large. Both DEQ and LRAPA are providing staff to the committee and it must analyze the computer-model data and the alternatives in order to bring the area within federal pollution standards.

The Environmental Protection Agency has defined the standards to allow for an adequate margin of safety regarding public health,

and to protect the public from any known or anticipated adverse effects. The allowable levels are measured every six days, and the violation of particulate standards in the Eugene area is the most significant of the three quality standards being violated locally, according to the CAC published report.

Particulates are classified as solid or liquid particles of soot, smoke, dust, fumes, spray or mist ranging in size from .001 microns to 100 microns. (Particles larger than 20 microns become visible.)

These particles come from combustion sources, industry, agricultural operations, burning, fugitive dust, cars and natural sources such as ocean spray and wind-raised dust. Particulate matter aggravates respiratory systems, causes corrosion, produces haze and contributes to crop, flower and vegetation damage.

According to the committee's report, it must locate the source of the pollution where LRAPA has jurisdiction and form limits. The committee is also responsible for

those areas under the jurisdiction of the state Environmental Quality Commission.

Asphaltic-concrete plants emit 42 tons of particulate every year under the current regulations: at a cost of \$8,180 per ton, this could be reduced by 22 tons according to the LRAPA findings.

Hog fuel-fired boilers currently spew 2,970 tons of particulates each year into the air, and this could be reduced to 95 tons-per-year, with a cost of up to \$3,180 per ton, the report said.

Other such producers of par-

ticulate matter such as charcoal manufacturers, particle-board dryers, pulp mills, residual oil boilers, rock crushers and veneer dryers are included in the LRAPA study, and each are provided with several alternative particulate levels.

Each level requires the installation of new systems or the updating of old systems. The capital outlay required of industry may cause some opposition to strict standards according to committee chair Jack Delay.

Until the 1982 deadline, the area must reduce the total suspended particulate levels as expeditiously as possible, says the DEQ mandate.

Don't bother to write Canadians

An embargo on all Canadian mail service has been declared by the U.S. Postal Service, the Eugene office said Tuesday.

Troy Harvey at the main post office said the embargo was a result of a nation-wide postal

strike in Canada.

Harvey said an embargo on air mail to Israel had been lifted as of last Friday. He said the embargo was a result of a request from the Israeli government to suspend air service.

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Klonoski cleared, but faces inquiry

By CARY TOLAND
For the Emerald

University Prof. Jim Klonoski has been cleared of wrongdoing by one state agency, but is still under investigation by another body for an alleged violation of state elections laws.

The secretary of state's Elections Division earlier this week ruled that, as chairer of the Oregon Democratic Party, Klonoski did not violate election laws in giving a \$221 campaign contribution to State Sen. Blaine Whipple, D-Beaverton.

The Oregon Ethics Commission is still investigating the matter to determine whether Klonoski violated Oregon laws governing lobbyists.

The investigation began in late August when Klonoski promised to donate \$221 of the Democratic

Party's dollar check-off fund to Whipple's campaign if the senator would oppose plans to abolish the check-off in the Legislature.

The stipulation was later rescinded and the money was sent unconditionally. Whipple received the money in September while the Legislature was in session.

In an informal investigation Assistant Secretary of State Greg McMurdo concluded, along with Attorney General Jim Redden, that Klonoski had not exercised "undue influence" over Whipple in sending the contribution.

The Oregon Ethics Commission is still looking into the matter to determine whether Klonoski, as state Democratic Party chairer, can be considered a lobbyist. If so, his action may violate Oregon law prohibiting lobbyists from donating money to a legislator while the Legislature is in session.

"It would be premature to say anything while the commission is still investigating the matter," Klonoski said. "But I can say that I am not displeased with the finding."

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