



## Director’s Report for January 2024

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 Department: Director’s Office  
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Agenda Item No.14  
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### January 2024 AQI CHARTS AND STATS:

Site	Date	Max AQI	Pollutant
Eug/Spfld	16-Jan-24	88	PM
Oak	6-Jan-24	61	PM
CottGrv	20-Jan-24	74	PM

AQI	Eug/Spfld	Oak	CottGrv	AQI Range	PM2.5 Range, ug/m3
Good	25	27	21	0-50	0-12
Moderate	5	3	6	51-100	12.1-35.4
USG	0	0	0	101-150	35.5-55.4
Unhealthy	0	0	0	151-200	55.5-150.4
Very Unhealthy	0	0	0	201-300	150.5-250.4
Hazardous	0	0	0	301-500	250.5-500

**Attachment No. 1: Air Quality Index (AQI) charts for Lane County (January 2024)**

**Attachment No. 2: PM2.5 index charts for Lane County (January 2024)**

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED: 1/1/2024 thru 1/31/2024 (Total 35)**

<b>Smoke complaints: 25</b>
16 - Outdoor Burning
9 - Home Wood Heating
<b>Industry: 5</b>
2 – International Paper (2 under investigation)
2 – Swanson Mill
1 – Unknown
<b>Miscellaneous: 5</b>
4 - Unknown Odor
1 – Campfire at homeless camp
<b>Total - 35</b>

Calendar year 2024 compares to previous years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>*2024</b>
Dust	26	15	17	26	12	7	0
Ag Burning / Spraying	0	6	2	7	2	3	0
General Air Quality	6	12	4	8	1	25	0
Home Wood Heating	126	128	74	57	67	52	9
Industry	50	170	100	336	198	97	5
Outdoor Burning	351	402	423	243	292	254	16
Slash Burning	24	16	12	10	6	12	0
Miscellaneous	66	67	59	40	102	72	1
Unknown	29	39	74	71	45	65	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>35</b>

**\* Year-To-Date**

**NEW/OPEN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS STATUS REPORT**  
**1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024**

**NEW: 1/01/2024 -- 1/31/2024: None.**

Calendar year 2024 compared to previous years:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	*2024
<b>Notices of Non-compliance and Warnings</b>	41	55	15	21	24	19	0
<b>Notices of Violation with Civil Penalties</b>	43	37	26	17	24	15	0

\* Year-To-Date.

**ENFORCEMENT: 1/01/2024 to 1/31/2024**

Category of Violation	New	Follow-Up Action	Pending	Closed	Total
Asbestos	-	-	4	-	<b>4</b>
Industrial	-	-	3	-	<b>3</b>
Outdoor Burning	-	-	2	-	<b>2</b>
Fugitive Dust	-	-	-	-	-
Home Wood Heating	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	-	-	<b>9</b>	-	<b>9</b>

The complete enforcement report document is published on LRAPA's Publication Reports and Factsheets [webpage](#).

**OUTDOOR BURNING LETTER PERMITS: 1/01/2024 TO 1/31/2024**

Letter Permit (OBLP) issued: None

**ASBESTOS**

**ABATEMENT: 1/01/2024 to 1/31/2024**

During January, LRAPA received 35 notices of asbestos removal projects, none of which were schools.

**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 2024 compares to previous years:**

Calendar year 2024 compares to previous years:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	*2024
<b>Total Asbestos Abatement Notices</b>	428	488	439	408	465	466	35
<b>School Asbestos Abatement Notices (NESHAP)</b>	24	16	25	20	16	17	0
<b>Number of Asbestos Abatements Inspected</b>	770	94	93	104	115	91	4

\* Year-To-Date.

**PERMITTING (TITLE V AND ACDP):**

- Currently 14 sources, Title V permits
- Currently approximately 275 sources, Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDPs)

Permit activities:

Category of Permit Activity	Title V	ACDP	Registration	Total Active
<b>New</b>	-	6	-	6
<b>Renewals</b>	3	15	-	18
<b>Modifications</b>	2	9	-	11
<b>Constructions</b>	-	1	-	1
<b>Registrations</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Terminated Permits</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Issued Permits Year-to-date</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

Permits placed on public notice:

Source Name	Reason for Public Notice	Type of Permit
University of Oregon	Renewal	ACDP

Permit backlog:

<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Total Number of Permits by Type</b>	<b>Number of Permits Extended Administratively</b>	<b>Percentage of Total (%)</b>
Title V	14	0	0%
Standard	26	3	12%
Simple	28	4	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9%</b>

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MONTHLY SUMMARY**

- School Engagement Initiative: LRAPA's public affairs manager applied for and met volunteer requirements for school presentations within the Springfield School District. The first education session is planned at Two Rivers/Dos Rios Elementary on May 2, 2024.
- LRAPA continues to engage collaboratively with residents, regulatory bodies, and government entities on soil remediation activities concerning J.H. Baxter, a closed wood preservation business in West Eugene.

## **AGENCY GOALS AND UPDATES:**

### **General Updates:**

- Jenilee's last day was February 2, 2024 but she has agreed to help in the interim until a new person is hired.
- Amanda Atkins has taken a new position with LRAPA and is now our Permit & Policy Coordinator. The position she held before has been phased out.
- Karyssa has been a temp with our agency since September 18, 2023. She is in the finance department and will be an LRAPA permanent employee on Feb 11, 2024.

**Goal: Update LRAPA Internal Policies and Procedures to include the list below**

LRAPA successfully completed its first month of utilizing LINFO as an internal air quality complaints database, streamlining the process of logging and addressing air quality complaints. Recognized as a significant improvement to the complaint-handling program, LRAPA is now looking to enhance the system further. The focus will be on making it more user-friendly and expanding its capability to produce a wider range of reports.

**Goal: Community Engagement and External Relationships**

LRAPA's Interim Director and Public Affairs Manager had a productive meeting with Lane County's Assistant County Administrator and Public Works Director. They discussed how LRAPA can enhance its support for Lane County and its residents by leveraging mutual goals and resources. Additionally, LRAPA received opportunities to partner with Lane Education Service District (ESD) and Metro TV. This collaboration aims to amplify clean air initiatives through a mix of educational programs and media marketing strategies.

The City of Oakridge and City of Springfield meetings have been rescheduled due to the ice storm. These meetings are planned for February.

**TENTATIVE UPCOMING LRAPA BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

This schedule outline is a preview of upcoming agenda items, and we will update it as the time frames for additional issues become firmer.

**March 2024**

- Budget Committee Meeting
- Supplemental Budget FY24
- Title 47 Outdoor Burning Rules Public Hearing
- Work Session: Board Goals
- Approve Board Goals
- EPA Public Comment Consideration on Air Curtain Incinerators

**April 2024**

- Budget Committee Meeting
- LRAPA Air Quality Permitting Rules Public Hearing
- Dashboard Report
- QR 3 Financial Update
- Special section Executive Director hire

**May 2024**

- Approve FY25 Budget
- Oakridge Air Status Report
- Annual Report Review