**WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER**

In December 2021, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted a historic new “Climate Protection Program” (CPP) that establishes science-based, mandatory emissions limits requiring oil companies and gas utilities to cut their climate pollution 50% by 2035, and 90% by 2050. The decision came after a robust year-and-a-half long rulemaking process and extensive advocacy from the OCAP Coalition, partners, and Oregonians across the state. **Oregon is only the third state** in the nation to set mandatory, enforceable limits on greenhouse gas pollution from fossil fuels.

The EQC-adopted CPP will:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from oil companies and fossil gas utilities 50% by 2035 and 90% by 2050;
- Establish science-based targets for industrial facilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Invest in clean energy projects that will support more affordable renewable energy and transportation options in environmental justice communities across the state.

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS**

The CPP went into effect January 1, 2022, setting the path for our homes and buildings, transportation systems, and industries to begin operating in a cleaner, healthier way that protects Oregon now and for future generations.

Over the coming months, DEQ will work to set up the CPP’s Community Climate Investment (CCI) program. The CCI program gives fossil fuel suppliers the option to invest in projects to reduce emissions in Oregon communities as part of their compliance, and could result in up to $500 million annually in investments, prioritizing pollution reduction projects in environmental justice communities across Oregon.

**KEY DATA**

- **7,600 public comments** submitted during the public comment period.
- **7 out of 10 comments** supported strong emissions reductions through the CPP.
- Up to **$500 million invested** annually in Community Climate Investment projects, benefiting environmental justice and other communities across Oregon.
- **$2 billion saved** in avoided health impacts to Oregonians by 2050.
- **14,100 net jobs created** and $1.35 billion added to Oregon’s GDP annually by 2050.
- **309 million metric tons** of climate pollution reduced by 2050.
“We must act decisively and urgently to keep what makes Oregon so special – the fisheries, the farms, the snowy mountains, the forests and vineyards...Guided by the best science, DEQ’s Climate Protection Program is a critical step forward to achieve deep, long-term reductions in Oregon greenhouse gas emissions, and to help strengthen climate resilience across the state.”

- EQC Chair Kathleen George.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS

While we are excited to celebrate this much-needed climate protection, additional state action will be needed to ensure that pollution reductions happen at the pace and scale necessary to limit catastrophic climate impacts, and that all Oregonians are able to reap the cost-saving and health benefits of these clean energy solutions. This means policymakers in Oregon must take action to:

Promote healthier communities by increasing energy efficiency and electrification to rein in fossil gas use in homes, commercial buildings and industry.

Prioritize investments in electric, safe, affordable and accessible transportation options to reduce harmful externalities such as tailpipe pollution and death and injury to cyclists and pedestrians, and build an equitable transportation system.

Expand regulations to fully cover pollution from all major stationary sources of emissions, including fossil fueled power plants and major industrial facilities.

“We now have a comprehensive pathway to a cleaner energy future in Oregon, one that will bring new jobs, cleaner air and, most importantly, a strategy that shows yet another way for states to lead on climate.”

- DEQ Director, Richard Whitman.