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## In View: Manufacturing

### Ballot Measures

#### Air Toxics Reduction

An initiative petition has been filed with proposals to further regulate air toxics with more stringent requirements. IP 56, the [Toxics Reduction and Right to Know Act](#), proposes reducing the chemical exposure risk to levels that will be more challenging for facilities to meet. The initiative greatly expands the definition of "reconstructed source" which would likely put more already existing facilities in the "new/reconstructed" category, which has much more stringent benchmarks for excess cancer risk.

Air toxics have been the subject of much legislative and regulatory focus since 2016. The Legislature addressed issues related to air toxics emissions with [SB 1541](#) in 2018. While regulations were adopted in 2018 for the core Cleaner Air Oregon program, in 2019 a [rulemaking advisory committee](#) addressed the final piece of the regulatory program – hazard index benchmarks.

OBI is coordinating an effort to challenge the ballot title and will work with partners on a strategy to oppose this measure.

#### Carbon Reduction

The [three carbon reduction](#) initiative petitions filed in October have gained the signatures necessary to get their ballot titles drafted:

- [100% Carbon-Free Economy by 2050](#) aims to establish and enforce hard limits on greenhouse gas emissions. It would require Oregon to reduce emissions by 50% below 1990 levels by 2035 and be 100% carbon free by 2050.
- [100% Clean Energy by 2045](#) would require all electricity used in Oregon to be 100% carbon free by 2045.
- [100% Clean Energy plus Electrification by 2045](#) is similar to the clean energy initiative but focuses on electric vehicles by requiring more investment in charging stations and clean energy buildings.

OBI is coordinating the effort to challenge the ballot titles for these measures as well and will work with partners on a strategy to address them.

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### Policy and Rulemaking

OBI [submitted comments](#) on Greenhouse Gas Reporting rules last week with four partner

organizations signing on. Proposed regulations will likely be available for public comment in early December.

In addition to the greenhouse gas rules, OBI's Sharla Moffett is tracking rulemakings and fee adjustments in the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Here is a short list of some of the items she is working on. If you have specific concerns or comments on any of these, please [let Sharla know](#) so she can include them in submitted comments from OBI or her input on committees.

- [Cleaner Air Oregon Hazard Index](#)
- [Willamette Basin Mercury Multiple Variance](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reporting](#)
- [Water quality permit fees](#)
- [Oregon Water Integrated Report](#)

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## Fuel Terminal Zoning

The City of Portland is considering a rework of the 2016 fossil fuel terminal zoning amendments. It held a meeting on Nov. 20, when OBI and partners [submitted a letter](#) opposing the changes, calling them "a deeply flawed ordinance targeting fuel facilities." We maintain no substantive changes were made to the 2016 proposal, which was thrown out by the Land Use Board of Appeals and the Oregon Appeals Court. The city's website defines the amendments by simply saying they will restrict development and expansion of bulk fossil fuel terminals.

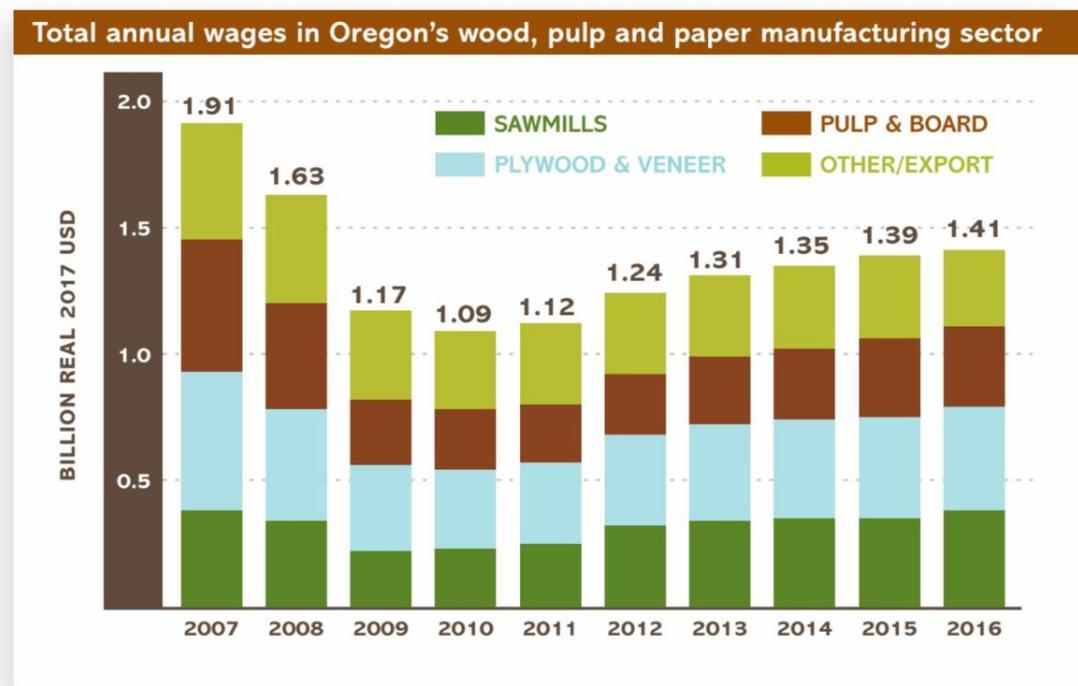
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## Oregon's Forest Economy

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute recently published its [2019 Forest Sector Report](#), which outlines the continued importance of forests in Oregon's economy.

"The sector not only remains a source of jobs for tens of thousands of Oregonians but also ranks among the state's top economic sectors, making up nearly 4% of the state gross domestic product," the report states, while noting there are still many challenges facing the timber industry.

"Still, there's reason to be optimistic," the report continued. "Despite having fewer mills and using about the same amount of timber volume, Oregon's annual lumber production has increased over the last decade."





## Oregon Manufacturers in the News

[Oregon's Evolving Tech Landscape is Changing the Role of Industry in the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)

[Oregon Employment Forecast: Solid Fundamentals, More Uncertainty](#)

[Manufacturer of the Year 2019, 1-10 Employees: Orox Leather](#)

[Roseburg Forest Opens \\$200 Million High-Tech Engineered Wood Plant in SC](#)

[Hampton Lumber Invests to Make the Most of Logs](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Oregon Business Plan – Oregon Leadership Summit

- Monday, Dec. 16
- Oregon Convention Center
- Portland

This year's summit will focus on the path forward for Oregon wildland fires and competing demands on finite water resources. Speakers include Matt Donegan, chair of the governor's Wildfire Prevention Council and Martin Doyle, a Duke University professor specializing in water issues.

The summit also takes a "long-game approach" on economic development. "The Summit is Oregon's premier economic policy event, where urban and rural leaders from across Oregon's public and private sector gather to shape the agenda for the year ahead with the aim of creating jobs, raising incomes, and reducing poverty," its website says. [Click here](#) to learn more.



### 2020 OBI Annual Meeting

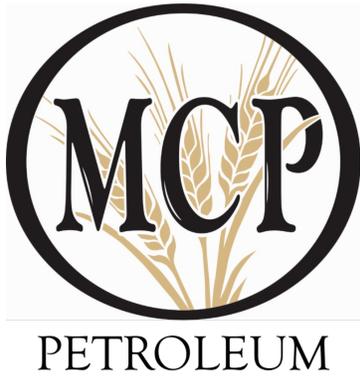
OBI is pleased to announce the keynote speaker for the 2020 Annual Meeting is A.B. Stoddard, associate editor and columnist at [RealClearPolitics](#). Stoddard is known for her extensive career in political journalism. She has worked at The Hill and ABC News and regularly appears on the Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network.

You can register for the Annual Meeting, which will be on Thursday, Feb. 13, in Salem. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot.



## Resources

## Wholesale Fuel Pricing



OBI has partnered with MCP Petroleum to drive down OBI members' fuel cost. OBI is leveraging the collective purchasing power of our membership to get wholesale fuel pricing for our members. In addition to fuel savings, OBI members will have access to a comprehensive fuel management system that will reduce slippage, save valuable employee time and provide accountability and oversight of your company's fuel consumption.

OBI members who use 900 gallons of fuel annually through their company are eligible for this program. Please contact [Jeff DeSantis](#) for more information.

## LegalPlus Program

Did you know, by being an OBI member you can get free legal advice? OBI and Innova Legal Advisors provides members 15 minutes of legal consultation each month through the LegalPlus program. Check it out by [clicking here](#). Or contact Bob Blackmore at Innova Legal Advisors: Phone: 503-479-7175; email: [Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com](mailto:Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com)



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