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## In View: Manufacturing

### Manufacturing Week

OBI took advantage of Manufacturing Day to promote manufacturing in Oregon all week long. We featured seven companies in our [special newsletter](#), and featured them online on our [website](#) and in [social media](#).

Several members held events on Manufacturing Day. Miles Fiberglass & Composites opened its doors to students from Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences and Molalla High. Garmin hosted about 40 students, introducing them to engineers, and touring the manufacturing facility with a hanger hosting 10 aircraft in various phases of retrofit. Weir ESCO hosted a foundry tour and casting booth activity for Tualatin High School students.

On the [Manufacturing Day website](#), these other OBI members listed events at their facilities:

- American Machine and Gear
- Ascentec Engineering
- Entek
- Greenbrier Gunderson
- Nu-Tech
- Viper Northwest

In all, 67 Oregon manufacturers registered to host events on Manufacturing Day.



Students tour Miles Fiberglass & Composites facility on Manufacturing Day.

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## Carbon Ballot Measures

On Oct. 7, Renew Oregon filed three proposed ballot measures that aim to implement carbon reduction goals similar to [HB 2020](#), which failed to pass in the 2019 Legislature. These three measures set far more stringent reductions on carbon emissions than the cap and trade bill. OBI is currently discussing the measures with members but is concerned with the drastic and likely unachievable provisions in all three initiatives. Although some [analysts](#) believe they are more likely to be used to urge legislators into action than to actually go to the voters, it is unclear what impact the three measures will have on cap and trade legislation in the 2020 short session.

The first initiative, called 100% Clean Economy, establishes and enforces 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. The second initiative, called 100% Clean Electricity, would require all electricity used in Oregon to be 100% carbon free by 2045. The third is similar to the electricity initiative, but focuses on electric vehicles by requiring more investment in charging stations and clean energy buildings.

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## Policy and Rulemaking

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](#) – The DEQ is developing regulations for 154 different air contaminants. [Click here](#) for a DEQ infographic explaining the issue. A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 18 and Sharla Moffett is on the rulemaking committee.

[Willamette Basin Mercury Multiple Variance](#) – The DEQ is crafting rules relating to mercury discharges in the Willamette Basin. OBI will attend public a public hearing on Oct. 22 and the will submit comments by the [Nov. 4](#) deadline. Sharla Moffett is also on this rulemaking advisory committee.

[Greenhouse Gas Reporting](#) – Proposed rules aim to change the greenhouse gas reporting program, which includes requiring third-party verification for large sources. OBI noted the proposal as an attempt to lay the foundation for a carbon reduction policy without a legislative mandate to establish a program. OBI expressed concern with the rapid rulemaking timeline and notified legislators. DEQ responded by slowing the process to allow time for more meaningful input. Sharla Moffett is on the greenhouse gas reporting advisory committee and will attend the upcoming meeting on Nov. 1. A public comment period is expected to open in mid-December.

[Water quality permit fees](#) – The DEQ is proposing increasing fees by 21%. Sharla Moffett represented OBI on the advisory committee and the public comment period is expected to open in mid-December.

[Oregon Water Integrated Report](#) – DEQ recently released a draft Integrated Water Report. It is [seeking public comment](#) by Dec. 2 and holding a series of public hearings. OBI attended one on Oct. 15 in Portland. The other public hearings are:

- Bend – Oct. 22; 1:30 p.m.
- Central Point/Medford – Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m.
- Newport – Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
- Corvallis – Nov. 12, 1 p.m.

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## Transportation

OBI relaunched its Transportation Committee this month, holding an organizational meeting on Oct. 8. Committee members discussed establishing priorities and working with allied organizations on priority projects such as Metro's 2020 transportation investment project, the Rose Quarter interchange and the I-5 bridge project. As this committee gets on its feet it will likely meet monthly. Contact [Sharla Moffett](#) for more information or to join the committee.

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## Statesman Dinner

The 2019 Statesman Dinner was a huge success! Thank you to all the members and guests who attended. And thank you to our [sponsors](#) for helping OBI make this event happen. We honored Gov. Ted Kulongoski and businessman Gerry Frank as Statesmen of the Year and heard a keynote address from Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski. For more details on the evening's events, read the full press release by [clicking here](#). Click the photo below to see more pictures from the night. And if you want to watch the videos from the Statesman Dinner, visit [OBI's YouTube page](#).





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## Oregon Manufacturers in the News

[Oregon Insight: A 'Manufacturing Recession'?](#)

[MFG Day: Creators Wanted to Manufacture a Better Future](#)

[Inspiring the Next Generation of Manufacturing Employees](#)

[Oregon Business & Industry Manufacturing Day Features Eberhard's Dairy](#)

[OMIC in Scappoose Hosts Event to get High Schoolers Interested in Manufacturing Careers](#)

[Opinion: Let's Get Off the Sidelines and Pass New Trade Pact with Mexico, Canada](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### 2020 OBI Annual Meeting – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 13, for the OBI Annual Meeting and Lobby Day in Salem.



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## Resources

### Wholesale Fuel Pricing



PETROLEUM

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.

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### 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:





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