Lower Umatilla Basin Nitrates

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Purpose

EPA and State program management-level discussion on state and local strategies to address public health concerns from nitrates in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (GWMA)

Background

EPA Region 10 is evaluating a petition from several organizations asking EPA to use authorities under the Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1431 to respond to nitrates exceeding drinking water standards in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area in north central Oregon. The petitioners requested that EPA institute a moratorium on new CAFOs in the GWMA, and requested additional investigation, monitoring, enforcement, and provision of alternative drinking water.

Invited Attendees

EPA Region 10, Enforcement & Water Divisions (hosting)
Oregon Health Authority
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Agenda

- Introductions *(distribute sign in sheet)*

- EPA Initial Review of Petition & SDWA Authority
  - Approach to Review
    - Sources
    - Public Water Systems
    - Private Wells

- Questions & Discussion: State Role(s) & Assessment of Nitrate Issues
  - ODEQ
  - OHA
  - ODA

- Next Steps