

Oregon needs to regulate dairy air emissions in our state.  
Let Oregon Environmental Quality Commission know you agree!

Send your comments via email to: [DairyAir.Petition@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:DairyAir.Petition@deq.oregon.gov)

NOTE: DEQ is collecting comments on behalf of Environmental Quality Commission (EQC)

**EMAIL TEMPLATE**

Dear Oregon Environmental Quality Commission,

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition to regulate dairy air emissions in the state of Oregon.

Large dairy factory farms emit ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and particulate matter, all of which can cause chronic respiratory disease and even death. Nationwide, air emissions from livestock production are responsible for 12,400 deaths per year - that's more deaths than caused by pollution from coal-fired power plants.

These air emissions also disproportionately impact vulnerable communities. Over one third of Oregon's dairy cows are confined in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, which have the state's highest percentage of Latinx residents. The communities surrounding these factory farms are also low-income, and suffer some of the highest air pollution burdens in the State.

Large dairy factory farms also produce a staggering amount of planet-warming methane gas. In Oregon, agriculture is the leading source of methane emissions, and animal agriculture is responsible for over 3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent every year. The methane emitted by these dairy operations contribute to a drier, hotter climate that is leading to catastrophic drought and wildfire conditions in Oregon.

Oregon lawmakers have long known the threat air pollution emitted by large dairy factory farms poses - in fact, a state-convened task force recommended Oregon take immediate steps to curb dairy air pollution as far back as 2008. Despite the urgent recommendation to act, large dairy factory farm air pollution remains virtually unregulated.

This is unacceptable. Everyone deserves clean air and large dairy factory farms must be held responsible for their air pollution. Please prioritize the health of Oregonians and our environment over the profits of factory farms by granting the dairy air emission petition.

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