

2012 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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To Mayor and Commissioners,

On behalf of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility I thank you for this opportunity to comment. We support the proposed federal legislative agenda because we believe that the effort to pursue relief from the source water treatment and storage requirements of LT2 should be the top priority for the City's federal agenda.

We request that you make two changes to the text of the LT2 agenda.

- 1) Modify the first statement to read: "The City will work diligently with the Congressional delegation and the EPA..."
- 2) Add "and to improve the methodology of the rule, which requires out-of-date methods that do not protect public health." (This is a reference to Method 1623. See Comments to OHA on proposed Bull Run Variance sent to you earlier this week.)

Our proposed text reads:

The City will work diligently with the Congressional delegation and the EPA to pursue relief from raw water treatment and storage requirements of the federal Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) for Portland's Drinking Water System and to improve the methodology of the rule, which requires out-of-date methods that do not protect public health. The City seeks assistance from the delegation in obtaining the same consideration from the federal Environmental Protection Agency as New York City to evaluate alternative compliance options for the uncovered finished drinking water reservoir requirements of the rule.

Current language:

The City continues to work with the Congressional delegation and the EPA to pursue relief from raw water treatment and storage requirements of the federal Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) for Portland's Drinking Water System. The City seeks assistance from the delegation in obtaining the same consideration from the federal Environmental Protection Agency as New York City to evaluate alternative compliance options for the uncovered finished drinking water reservoir requirements of the rule.

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