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DEQ Invites Business & Industrial Wood Burners to Workshop on Proposed New Rule

SALT LAKE CITY — Wood-burning restrictions during winter inversions could extend to non-food service related commercial and industrial sources, under a proposed amended rule.

The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) will discuss this proposal at a workshop scheduled at 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 2, on the fourth floor of Multi Agency State Office Building, 195 North 1950 West.

Who: DAQ staff will explain the proposal that, for the first time, impacts commercial and industrial sources that use wood burning in their operations.

What: The current solid fuel rule, R307-302, is focused on residential wood burning restrictions. The amended rule would extend to non-food service-related commercial and industrial sources.

When: 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 2.

Where: Multi Agency State Office Building, fourth floor. Guests should sign in at the DEQ reception desk.

Why: Air quality along the Wasatch Front deteriorates during winter inversions that trap small particulate pollution caused in part by wood burning where it is banned on unhealthy days. The Air Quality Board evaluated the recommendations from the January 2014 wood smoke stakeholder workshop and decided to seek public comment on the recommendation to extend the burn ban to commercial and industrial sources.

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