



Date: March 15, 2016  
To: Interested Parties  
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Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR 333-018-0015  
“Adding cadmium-positive urine results to the list of reportable diseases”

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The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division is temporarily amending OAR 333-018-0015 pertaining to disease reporting. The amendment adds to the list of reportable diseases “cadmium demonstrated by laboratory testing of urine.” **This rule is effective February 18, 2016 – August 15, 2016.**

The OHA is working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on an investigation into elevated environmental levels of heavy metals (e.g. cadmium and arsenic) found in some neighborhoods in the Portland metro area. This rule is needed to ascertain systematically reports of urine-positive cadmium results so that public health officials can investigate potential sources of intoxication, assess risk to the public, and if necessary advise remedial actions.

Oregon law requires laboratories that send an average of > 30 records per month to public health to submit the data electronically. For any questions about setting up electronic reporting of cadmium results, please contact Michelle Barber at [elr.project@state.or.us](mailto:elr.project@state.or.us)

For more details, please see the Statement of Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rules at the following website:  
<https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/ReportingCommunicableDisease/Pages/rules.aspx>

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