



Office of Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

February 3, 2005

Re: LT2 Stakeholder Meeting

We are writing today to invite you, as an interested stakeholder, to a meeting next Thursday regarding an expected new regulation by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would affect how Portland provides treatment to its drinking water.

This rule, commonly referred to as LT2, could potentially cost the city more than \$60 million to build a new drinking water treatment facility which, in our opinion, would not provide significant measurable benefits to Portland's consumers and ratepayers. This is an extremely important issue to our community, considering our already high combined water/sewer rates, and falls under one of the city's top federal legislative priorities this year: seeking utility rate relief for our residential and business customers, while continuing to provide high quality drinking water and wastewater services.

Given this importance, we will be aggressively pursuing an administrative or legislative waiver from the LT2 rule. We would like your assistance and support in a collective strategy and community engagement effort around this issue. Attached is a draft resolution for City Council that we will discuss at this meeting. We welcome your input.

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2005
Time: 2:00pm
Location: City Hall Rose Room (1221 SW 4th Ave., 3rd Floor)
RSVP: Sara Culp, Office of the Mayor (503-823-5461)

We appreciate your interest in this matter and look forward to working with you in a coalition to benefit our ratepayers and direct our constrained local resources to other programs and projects with solid returns for our community. If you have any questions before Thursday or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact either Austin Raglione in the Mayor's Office (503-823-4799) or Matt Grumm in Commissioner Saltzman's Office (503-823-3027).

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Potter

Commissioner Dan Saltzman