

Attachment A-1

State of Oregon
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Rulemaking Proposal for 1200-C NPDES General Permit Issuance

Proposed Final Rules

OAR 340-045-0033

General Permits

(1) The Director may issue general permits for certain categories of minor discharge sources or minor activities where individual NPDES or WPCF permits are not necessary to adequately protect the environment. Before the Director can issue a general permit, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) There must be several minor sources or activities that involve the same or substantially similar types of operations.
- (b) The sources or activities must have the potential to discharge or dispose of the same or similar types of wastes.
- (c) The general permit must require the same or similar monitoring requirements, effluent limitations and operating conditions for the categories.
- (d) The category of sources or activities would be more appropriately controlled under a general permit than an individual permit.
- (e) The Commission has adopted the general permit into rule by reference.

(2) General permits issued after the effective date of this rule will specify the following:

- (a) The requirements to obtain coverage under a general permit, including application requirements and application submittal deadlines. The Department may determine that submittal of an application is not necessary after evaluating the type of discharge, potential for toxic and conventional pollutants in the discharge, expected discharge volume, availability of other means to identify dischargers, and estimated number of dischargers to be covered by the permit. The Department's evaluation must be provided in the public notice for the general permit.
- (b) The process used by the Department to notify a person that coverage under a general permit has been obtained and the discharge or activity is authorized.

(3) Although general permits may include activities throughout the state, they may also be restricted to more limited geographical areas.

(4) Prior to issuing a general permit, the Department will follow the public notice and participation procedures outlined in OAR 340-045-0027, 340-045-0035(3), and ORS 183.325 to 183.410. In addition the Department will make a reasonable effort to mail notices of pending actions to those persons known by the Department who are likely to be covered by the general permit.

(5) Any person operating a discharge source or conducting an activity described in a general permit must apply for coverage under the general permit, unless the general permit does not require submission of an application pursuant to (2)(a) of this rule or the source or activity is specifically covered by an individual NPDES or WPCF permit. Any person seeking coverage under a general permit must submit an application as required under the terms of the applicable NPDES or WPCF general permit. If application requirements are not specified in the general permit, procedures in OAR 340-045-0030 or 340-071-0162, whichever is applicable, must be followed. A person who fails to submit application in accordance with the terms of the general permit, OAR 340-045-0030 or 340-071-0162, whichever is applicable, is not authorized to conduct the activity described in the permit.

(6) Any person required to have coverage under a general permit must pay permit fees as required in OAR 340-045-0070 to 340-045-0075 or 340-071-0140 to obtain and maintain coverage under that permit.

(7) Any permittee covered by an individual NPDES or WPCF permit may request that the individual permit be canceled or allowed to expire, and that it be covered by a general permit if its discharge or activity may be covered by an existing general permit. As long as the permittee is covered by an individual NPDES or WPCF permit, the conditions and limitations of the individual permit govern, until such time as it is canceled or expires.

(8) Any person not wishing to be covered by a general permit may make application for an individual permit in accordance with OAR 340-045-0030 or 340-071-0162, whichever is applicable.

(9) The Director may revoke coverage and authorization under a general permit pursuant to OAR 340-045-0060 as it applies to any person and require such person to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES or WPCF permit. Any interested person may petition the Director to take action under this section. Cases where an individual permit may be required include the following:

(a) The discharge or activity is a significant contributor of pollution or creates other environmental problems;

(b) The permittee is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit, submitted false information, or is in violation of any applicable law;

(c) A change occurs in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants being discharged;

(d) For NPDES general permits, effluent limitation guidelines are promulgated for point sources covered by a general permit and the guidelines are not already in the general permit; or

(e) Circumstances have changed so that the discharge or activity is no longer appropriately controlled under a general permit, or either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge is necessary.

(10) The following general permits are adopted by reference in this rule and available for review at the Department:

(a) NPDES 200-J, Filter backwash (issued August 29, 1997)

(b) NPDES 500-J, Boiler blowdown (issued August 29, 1997)

(c) WPCF 600, Offstream placer mining (issued April 9, 1997)

(d) NPDES 700-J, Suction dredges (issued May 3, 1999)

(e) WPCF 800, Confined animal feeding operations (issued August 8, 1990)

(f) NPDES 900-J, Seafood processing (issued June 7, 1999)

(g) WPCF 1000, Gravel mining (issued July 26, 2002)

(h) NPDES 1200-A, Storm water runoff from sand, gravel & non-metallic quarrying & mining in Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 14, asphalt mix batch plants, and concrete batch plants. Facilities may qualify for a conditional exclusion from the requirement to obtain a permit if there is no exposure of industrial activities and materials to storm water pursuant to 40 CFR §122.26(g); see permit for details. (issued July 26, 2002)

(i) NPDES 1200-C, Storm water runoff from construction activities, including clearing, grading, and excavation, and stockpiling that disturbs one or more acres, and may discharge to surface waters or conveyance systems leading to surface waters. Also included are activities that will disturb less than one acre if such activities are part of a larger common plan of development that will disturb one or more acres over time (issued December, 2005)

(j) NPDES 1200-CA, Government agencies responsible for storm water runoff from construction activities that disturbs five or more acres; effective December 1, 2002, construction activities that disturb one or more acres are covered (issued February 20, 2001)

(k) NPDES 1200-COLS, Storm water runoff in the Columbia Slough watershed from industrial activities listed in 8(1) of this rule (issued December 22, 1999)

(l) NPDES 1200-Z, Storm water runoff from: Warehousing in SIC 4221-4225; Food processing in SIC 20; Landfills, land app. sites; Heavy industrial in SIC 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 & steam electric power generating (includes coal/hogged fuel handling); Light mfg. in SIC 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 includes ship & boat building/repair; Printing in SIC 27; Textile & apparel mfg. in SIC 22 & 23; Transportation in SIC 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 & 5171; Wood products mfg. in SIC 24 & 25; Metal scrap yards, battery reclaimers & auto salvage yards in SIC 5015 & 5093; Hazardous waste treatment, storage, & disposal facilities. Facilities may qualify for a conditional exclusion from the requirement to obtain a permit if there is no exposure of industrial activities and materials to storm water pursuant to 40 CFR §122.26(g); see permit for details. (issued July 26, 2002)

(m) NPDES 1300-J, Oily storm water runoff and oil/water separators (issued January 11, 2000)

(n) WPCF 1400-A, Seasonal food processing & wineries, less than 25,000 gallons/day (issued August 22, 2000)

(o) WPCF 1400-B, Other food processing, less than 25,000 gallons/day (issued August 22, 2000)

(p) NPDES 1500-A, Petroleum hydrocarbon cleanups discharged to surface waters (issued August 22, 2000)

(q) WPCF 1500-B, Petroleum hydrocarbon cleanups (issued August 22, 2000)

(r) NPDES 1700-A, Vehicle and equipment wash water discharged to surface waters (issued March 5, 1998)

(s) WPCF 1700-B, Vehicle and equipment wash water (issued March 5, 1998)

(t) NPDES 1900-J, Non-contact geothermal heat exchange (issued September 11, 1997)

(u) NPDES 01, Confined animal feeding operations (issued October 1, 2003)

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, ORS 468B.020 & ORS 468B.035

Stats. Implemented: ORS 468.065, ORS 468B.015, 468B.035 & ORS 468B.050

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