**Rule Caption:** 401 Water Quality Certification fee increase

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**Subject:** The EQC adopted a new fee schedule to certify activities requiring federal licenses and permits to comply with water quality standards. Most projects involve the removal of material from, or placement into, state waters such as sand and gravel operations, wetland fills for development and navigation dredging but do not apply to hydroelectric projects. The fees, as directed by the 2009 Oregon Legislature through House Bill 2185, are based on projected program costs rather than on volume of material removed or filled. The fees apply to previously exempt activities such as sand and gravel operations, projects that fill two acres of wetlands or more, or remove more than 500 cubic yards of material.