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Dear Senator Dembrow and Representative Bailey:

Attached is an Invitation to Comment fact sheet pursuant to ORS 183.335(15), requiring notice of a proposed Department of Environmental Quality rulemaking.

DEQ proposes to increase Water Quality Division wastewater discharge permit fees by 2.9 percent to address program cost increases. The proposed fee increases are consistent with the intent of Senate Bill 45, which was passed by the 2005 Legislature. This proposal affects most wastewater discharge and onsite permit holders, except suction dredgers covered by the General WPCF 700-PM Permit and graywater re-users covered by the General WPCF 2401 and 2402 Permits.

DEQ plans to recommend the amended rule for adoption by the Environmental Quality Commission in August 2014. The fees would become effective Nov. 1, 2014, if adopted.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 503-229-5323 or [wigal.jennifer@deq.state.or.us](mailto:wigal.jennifer@deq.state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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