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On September 13, 2017, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission adopted rule amendments concerning water quality permit fees and incorporating existing fees into the Underground Injection Control rules.

Summary

DEQ proposed the following changes to OAR 340, division numbers 45 and 71:

DEQ proposed rule amendments increasing water quality fees by 3 percent above the fiscal year 2016 fees for:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits
- Water Pollution Control Facility permits, including Water Pollution Control Facility permits specific to Onsite septic systems, and
- Non-permit related fees for the Onsite septic system program.

The rule amendments more clearly identify which current technical activity fee apply to DEQ's review of updated environmental management plans required within the conditions of a permit.

Additionally DEQ adjusted the procedure for setting the effective date of a permit by removing the 20 day waiting period currently allocated to the permittee to request a hearing on the permit before the Environmental Quality Commission.

The Underground Injection Control fees are currently contained in ORS 468B.195 which provides for the Environmental Quality Commission to "...establish a schedule of fees for the subsurface injection of fluids." DEQ is moving the fees into the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Additional Information

Two versions of the adopted rule amendments are available on DEQ's web page, one with the changes highlighted and one with the changes incorporated. They are incorporated into the EQC staff report which can be found [here](#).

To view copies of the notice documents and learn more about this rulemaking you can view the rulemaking web page at: [Water Quality Permit Fee 2017](#).

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