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| Article Content  ​  **Water Quality Permit Fee 2015 Permanent Rulemaking**  [William Knight](mailto:knight.william@deq.state.or.us), 503-229-6442    DEQ proposed rules to increase water quality fees by 12 percent, effective Jan. 1, 2016, for individuals, businesses and government agencies that hold the following permits:   * National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits * Water Pollution Control Facility permits * Water Pollution Control Facility permits specific to onsite septic systems   The 2015 Oregon Legislature approved a one-time, 12 percent increase to water quality permit fees to provide adequate funding to support replacement of the agency’s outdated data management system, maintain six water quality permitting positions and support the water quality permitting program.    DEQ will forego annual permit fee increases DEQ during the 2015-17 biennium.    [http://www.oregon.gov/deq/PublishingImages/envelopeGreen.gif](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=ORDEQ_582)[Sign up for email updates on the rulemaking via GovDelivery](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=ORDEQ_582)    **Help us improve our site:** [How did you hear about this rulemaking?](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/rulesurvey.aspx)     |  | | --- | |  |     **Public Involvement**    [View comment](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/comments/Cwqfee2015p.aspx)  The public comment period ended at 4 p.m. Oct. 19, 2015.    [Public Notice Package](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Documents/wqfee2015pnp.pdf) - *includes invitation to Comment, notice, proposed rules and any supporting documents.*    **Public Hearings**  Oct. 15, 2015, 6 p.m.  DEQ Headquarters  811 SW Sixth Avenue  10th Floor, Room EQC-A    [Water Quality Permitting Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/Advisory/awqfee2015p.aspx)       |  | | --- | |  |     **Environmental Quality Commission Action**  On Dec. 10, 2015 the [Environmental Quality Commission](http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/EQC/pages/index.aspx) adopted the proposed rules. | |