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August 23, 2024

Jennifer Bragg
City of Yoncalla
P.O. Box 508
Yoncalla, OR 97499-0508

Re: Major modification NPDES permit public notice period
Comments Due: September 30, 2024, 5 p.m.

File no. 99492

Permit no. 101699

EPA no. OR0022454

Facility: Yoncalla STP, 380 Halo Trail Rd., Yoncalla
Douglas County

Enclosed please find the Public Notice drafts for your proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit modification including a copy of the public notice, permit modification, and fact sheet modification. Please be aware that the city may provide additional comment on the permit during this time and submit to:

Trinh Hansen, Water Quality Permit Coordinator
DEQ Western Region
4026 Fairview Industrial Way Dr. SE
Salem, OR 97302
trinh.hansen@deq.oregon.gov

Your comments **must be received by 5 p.m. on September 30, 2024**. DEQ will hold a public hearing if DEQ receives written requests for a hearing during the public comment period from at least 10 people, or from an organization representing 10 or more people. DEQ gives equal weight to written and oral comments. When the public participation period has ended, DEQ will take final action on your application.

Please contact me at 503-378-5055 with any questions about permitting processing.

Sincerely,

Trinh Hansen
Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Western Region, Salem Office

cc: Source File, Portland Office, DEQ
Andy Ullrich, Medford, DEQ
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date posted: 8/23/24

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed City of Yoncalla Water Quality Permit Modification

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Facility name: City of Yoncalla Wastewater Treatment Plant

Permit type: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit

Comments due by: Monday, Sept. 30, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Send written comments to:

By mail: Trinh Hansen, Water Quality Permit Coordinator, Oregon DEQ

4026 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302

By email: trinh.hansen@deq.oregon.gov

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to provide written comments on the conditions of City of Yoncalla's proposed water quality permit modification, known officially as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, DEQ intends to modify the water quality permit, which allows the City of Yoncalla wastewater treatment plant to discharge wastewater to Yoncalla Creek.

DEQ initiated a permit modification to change compliance schedule deadlines and requirements based on a Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) amendment finalized with the City of Yoncalla on May 30, 2024.

Comments regarding this modification are limited to the proposed change.

About the facility

DEQ has initiated a water quality permit modification for the Yoncalla wastewater treatment plant at 380 Halo Trail Road in Yoncalla. DEQ last renewed this permit on Sept. 30, 2021. The facility discharges to Yoncalla Creek at river mile 2.6.

The facility holds no other permits from DEQ.

What types of pollutants does the permit regulate?

The current permit contains conditions for how the facility deals with the following pollutants: biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, *E. coli* bacteria, pH, total residual chlorine, and total ammonia as nitrogen.

Would the draft permit modification change the amount of pollution the facility is allowed to release?

No, the proposed modification does not change the amount of pollution the facility is allowed to release.

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How did DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ evaluates types and amounts of pollutants and the water quality of the surface water or groundwater where the pollutants are proposed to be discharged and determines permit requirements to ensure the proposed discharges will meet applicable statutes, rules, regulations and effluent guidelines of Oregon and the Clean Water Act.

For this proposed permit action, DEQ evaluated the MAO amendment finalized with the City of Yoncalla on May 30, 2024.

How does DEQ monitor compliance with the permit requirements?

This permit will require the facility to monitor pollutants discharged using approved monitoring practices and standards. DEQ reviews the facility's discharge monitoring reports to check for compliance with permit limits.

What happens next?

Submit comments by sending an email or using mail service addressed to the permit coordinator listed in the "how to provide public comment" box above.

DEQ will hold a public hearing if it receives written requests for a hearing during the public comment period from at least 10 people or from an organization representing at least 10 people.

DEQ will consider and respond to all comments received and may modify the proposed permit based on comments.

For more information

Find more information by reviewing draft permit documents attached to this notice or contact Trinh Hansen at trinh.hansen@deq.oregon.gov with questions or to view documents in person at a DEQ office.

Non-discrimination statement

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT MODIFICATION #1

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Western Region – Salem Office
4026 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE,
Salem, OR 97302
Telephone: 503-378-8240

Issued pursuant to ORS 468B.050 and the federal Clean Water Act

ISSUED TO:

City of Yoncalla
P.O. Box 508
Yoncalla, OR 97499

SOURCES COVERED BY THIS PERMIT:

Type of Waste	Outfall Number	Outfall Location
Treated Wastewater	001	43.607603, -123.282569

FACILITY LOCATION:

380 Halo Trail Road
Yoncalla, OR 97499
County: Douglas

RECEIVING STREAM INFORMATION:

WRD Basin: Umpqua
USGS Sub-Basin: Umpqua
Receiving Stream name: Yoncalla Creek
NHD Reach Code: 17100303000268, 70.76%
LLID: 1232973436380 – 2.6

EPA Permit Type: Minor

DEQ-initiated major modification to change Schedule C: Compliance Schedule deadlines and requirements.

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Ranei Nomura, Water Quality Manager
Western Region

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Issuance Date

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Effective Date

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

Until this permit expires or is modified or revoked, the permittee is authorized to: 1) operate a wastewater collection, treatment, control and disposal system; and 2) discharge treated wastewater to waters of the state only from the authorized discharge point or points in Schedule A in conformance with the requirements, limits, and conditions set forth in this permit.

Unless specifically authorized by this permit, by another NPDES or Water Pollution Control Facility permit, or by Oregon statute or administrative rule, any other direct or indirect discharge of pollutants to waters of the state is prohibited.

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SCHEDULE C: COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

1. Compliance Schedule to Meet Final Ammonia Effluent Limitation

The permittee must comply with the following schedule:

Compliance Date:	Requirement:
By 4/30/2022	The permittee must submit a report to DEQ detailing efforts to secure funding for operating and maintaining the sewage treatment plant and collection system associated with ammonia.
By 4/30/2023	The permittee must complete a draft wastewater facilities plan and submit to DEQ for review and approval.
By 6/30/2023	Within 30 days after receiving DEQ comments on the draft facilities plan, the permittee must submit a final plan for DEQ-approval.
<u>By 6/30/2024</u>	<u>The permittee must submit a progress report to DEQ indicating steps taken to acquire funding for the selected facility plan alternative design.</u>
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<u>By 12/31/2023</u> <u>By 11/30/2025</u>	The permittee must secure funding for the selected facility plan alternative design <u>and provide documentation to DEQ.</u>
<u>By 5/31/2024</u> <u>By 4/30/2026</u>	The permittee must submit a pre-design report to DEQ.
<u>By 8/30/2024</u> <u>By 7/31/2026</u>	<u>Within 30 days</u> after receiving DEQ comments on the pre-design report, the permittee must respond to DEQ comments and then submit a final pre-design report to DEQ for approval.
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<u>By 3/31/2026</u> <u>By 2/29/2028</u>	The permittee must begin construction <u>and submit written notice to DEQ that construction has commenced.</u>
<u>By 2/28/2029</u>	<u>The permittee must submit a progress report to DEQ on construction of the project.</u>

Compliance Date:	Requirement:
<u>By 9/30/2027</u> <u>By 2/28/2030</u>	The permittee must complete construction, meet the final effluent ammonia limits, <u>and submit documentation to DEQ.</u>

2. Responsibility to Meet Compliance Dates

No later than 14 days following each compliance date listed in the table above, the permittee must notify DEQ in writing of its compliance or noncompliance with the requirements. Any reports of noncompliance must include the cause of noncompliance, any remedial actions taken, and a discussion of the likelihood of meeting the next scheduled requirement(s).



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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Permit Major Modification #1 Fact Sheet

City of Yoncalla

Permittee	City of Yoncalla 380 Halo Trail Road Yoncalla, OR 97499
Existing Permit Information	File Number: 99492 Permit Number: 101699 EPA Reference Number: OR0022454 Category: NPDES-DOM-Db Expiration Date: 8/31/2026
Permittee Contact	Jennifer Bragg, City Administrator 541-849-2152, ext. 2 P.O. Box 508 Yoncalla, OR 97499
Receiving Water Information	Water Body Name: Yoncalla Creek River Mile: 2.6 Assessment Unit ID: OR_SR_1710030303_02_106421 Sub Basin Name: Umpqua Basin Name: Umpqua
Proposed Action	Permit Modification DEQ-initiated modification
Permit Writer	David Cole 503-229-5011 Date Prepared: Sept. 30, 2021 Modified by Olivia Stoken NPDES Permit Writer July 2024

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1. Justification for Modification

DEQ initiated a permit modification to change deadlines and requirements in Schedule C for compliance with final ammonia effluent limits. This modification is based on Mutual Agreement and Final Order No. WQ-M-WR-2021-131 Amendment 6 finalized with the City of Yoncalla on May 30, 2024. The City of Yoncalla has submitted a funding application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to develop a pre-design report. CWSRF staff have indicated that if the application is approved, funds will not be dispersed until June 2025 or later. The proposed modification to the compliance dates is due to an event over which the permittee has little or no control. Based on this situation, the new proposed compliance dates are considered to require the permittee to meet the final ammonia effluent limits as soon as possible.

This permit modification changes compliance schedule deadlines to dates greater than 120 days after the dates specified in the existing permit and therefore is classified as a major modification in accordance with 40 CFR §122.62. No other changes are being made to the permit except those outlined in this document.

2. Changes to Permit

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2.1 Schedule C: Compliance Schedule

Compliance dates and requirements in Condition C.1 will be modified as noted below with deleted text in red font and strikethrough and added text in red font and underlined.

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