

Water Quality Permitting

Agenda Item N

Action item: Proposed rules for
wastewater permit fee increases

December 10, 2015
Portland, Oregon

What is proposed?

A one-time 12 percent increase of water quality permit fees effective Jan. 1, 2016

Fees Support DEQ's Water Quality Permitting Program

The 2015 Oregon Legislature approved:

- Restoration of six positions
- Replacing DEQ's data management system
- Increasing permit fees to keep pace with increasing operating costs

Recent WQ Permit Fee Increases

DEQ implemented annual fee increases beginning in 2007.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
3%	3%	No Increase	3%	2%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%

DEQ does not plan to propose an additional annual fee increase during the 2015-2017 biennium.

Permit Fee Rulemaking Action Items

DEQ added existing permits to the tables:

- Underground Injection Control
- Industrial Water Reuse

Permit Fee Rulemaking Action Items

DEQ also proposed:

- Modifications to the Municipal Stormwater permit listings and equitable fee structure

Who would be affected?

Most individual and general water quality permit holders.

Exceptions: Suction dredge, greywater and small off-stream mining operations.

Conclusion

DEQ recommends the Commission adopt the
the proposed rules as outlined in
Attachment A of the staff report.