



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

# Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

## 2025 Water Quality Fee Rulemaking

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Department of Environmental Quality

# Introduction

DEQ invites public input on proposed permanent rule amendments to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

## Request for other options

DEQ is seeking public comment on whether there are other options for achieving the rules' substantive goals while reducing the rules' potential negative economic impact on business.

## Overview

DEQ invites public input on proposed rule amendments to Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. The proposed rule amendments are to increase water quality fees in 2025 for Fiscal Year 2026 as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes 468B.051. The Water Quality Programs included in this rulemaking are:

- Stormwater Permitting Program
- Water Pollution Control Facility Permitting Program
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permitting Program
- General Permits
- 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program
- Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
- Underground Injection Control - Rule Authorizations
- Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program

The Water Quality Program's mission is to protect and improve Oregon's water quality. This is accomplished by developing and implementing water quality standards and clean water plans, issuing water quality permits, regulating publicly owned treatment systems and industrial dischargers, assuring key staff at treatment plants are certified, collecting and evaluating water quality data, providing grants and technical assistance to reduce nonpoint pollution sources, and giving loans to communities to build treatment facilities. Protecting and improving Oregon's rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater quality keeps Oregon's waters safe for drinking, fish habitat, recreation and irrigation.

The fee increase will help account for the anticipated increase in the cost of administering permit programs. This increase will also help sustain current service levels of water quality permitting programs that issue timely, high-quality permits, and ensure compliance with permit conditions through inspections, enforcement and reporting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

# Procedural summary

## More information

Information about this rulemaking is on this rulemaking's web page: [Water Quality Fees 2025 Rulemaking web page.](#)

## Public hearings

DEQ plans to hold one virtual public hearing. Anyone can attend by webinar or teleconference.

**Date:** May 20, 2025

**Start time:** 5 p.m.

[Join by Zoom](#)

### Join by Phone:

Call-in number: 888-475-4499 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 830 8660 5586

Passcode: 522711

[Instructions on how to join webinar or teleconference.](#)

DEQ will consider all comments and testimony received before the closing date. DEQ will summarize all comments and respond to comments in the staff report.

## How to comment on this rulemaking proposal

DEQ is asking for public comment on the proposed rules. Anyone can submit comments and questions about this rulemaking. A person can submit comments by email, regular mail or at the public hearing.

- Email: Send comments by email to [WQFeeRule@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:WQFeeRule@deq.oregon.gov)
- Postal mail: Oregon DEQ, Attn: Jason Simpson, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232-4100
- At the public hearing: 5 p.m., Tuesday, May. 20, 2025 (see above)

## Comment deadline

DEQ will only consider comments on the proposed rules that DEQ receives by **4 p.m., on May 30, 2025.**

## **Note for public university students:**

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## **What will happen next?**

DEQ will include a written response to comments in a staff report to DEQ Director Leah Feldon. DEQ may modify the rule proposal based on the comments.

This year, the EQC has delegated authority to DEQ Director Feldon to approve this proposal. Proposed rules only become effective if they are approved. To remain updated, either [sign up for emails and text messages](#) or go to the [rulemaking web page](#).

# Statement of need

## What need would the proposed rule address?

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites public input on proposed rule amendments to Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. The proposed rule amendments are to increase water quality fees in 2025 for fiscal year 2026 by 3% as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes 468B.051. The water quality programs included in this rulemaking are:

National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permitting Program.

Water Pollution Control Facility Permitting Program.

General NPDES and WPCF Permitting Program.

Stormwater Permitting Program.

401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program.

Wastewater System Operator Certification Program.

Underground Injection Control - Rule Authorizations.

Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program.

The Water Quality Program's mission is to protect and improve Oregon's water quality. This is accomplished through the cohesive teamwork of DEQ water quality staff. Starting with the collection and evaluation of water quality data to develop water quality standards and clean water plans, providing grants and technical assistance to reduce nonpoint pollution sources, lending to communities to build treatment facilities, assuring wastewater operators are certified to ensure wastewater treatment facilities run smoothly and effectively, protecting waters during and after construction, and finishing the cycle by implementing the Clean Water Act and Oregon Revised Statutes through the issuance of water quality permits to publicly owned treatment systems and industrial dischargers. Protecting and improving Oregon's rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater quality keeps Oregon's waters safe for drinking water, fish habitat, recreation and irrigation.

The fee increase will help account for the anticipated increase in the cost of administering the permit and certification programs listed above. This increase will also help sustain water quality permitting and certification programs that issue timely, high-quality permits and certifications, and ensure compliance with conditions through inspections, enforcement and reporting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## What need would the proposed rule address?

The proposed rule would authorize the fee increase currently allowed by statute: up to three percent increase provided under ORS 468B.051. This increase will cover costs to administer DEQ's Water Quality Programs.

## How would the proposed rule address the need?

DEQ intends to apply the new fees to invoices beginning November 1, 2025 to cover costs associated with implementing water quality programs and delivering services to regulated

entities. By increasing the fees, DEQ can offset the increased costs of administering programs. This funding will address staffing needs and enable DEQ to sustain improvements to the programs.

### **How will DEQ know the rule addressed the need?**

If approved, DEQ would begin receiving the increased fee revenue in November 2025. DEQ expects the proposed fees would sustain the existing staffing levels for the program through FY 2026 that ends June 30, 2026.

# Rules affected, authorities, supporting documents

## Lead division

Water Quality Division

## Program or activity

Water Quality Permitting and Program Development

## Chapter 340 action

Amend				
340-045-0075	340-071-0800	--	--	--

Statutory Authority - ORS				
468.020	468B.020	468B.035	454.615	454.625

Statutes Implemented - ORS				
468B.050	468B.050	468B.050	468B.050	468B.050
454.775	454.780	454.784	468.020	454.605
454.607	454.610	454.615	454.625	454.655
454.665	454.675	454.695	454.725	454.745
454.755	454.780	468.035	468.045	468B.050
468B.055	468B.080	--	--	--

## Documents relied on for rulemaking

Document title	Document location
Fee increase calculations	DEQ Headquarters
Recommendations and Implementation Plan	<a href="#">DEQ web page</a>

Document title	Document location
DEQ 2021-2023 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters
DEQ 2023-2025 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters
DEQ's water quality permit database	DEQ Headquarters
Businesses by size or firm of 50 or fewer employees	<p>Oregon Employment Department website reports</p> <p>875 Union Street NE</p> <p>Salem, OR 97311</p> <p><a href="#">A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - QualityInfo</a></p>



# Fee Analysis

This year, the Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ's governing body, delegated approval of this rule proposal to DEQ Director Leah Feldon. If approved, existing fees will increase for NPDES and WPCF permits, Wastewater Operator Certifications along with its associated annual program support fee, Dredge and Fill 401 Water Quality Certifications, UIC permits, and applications and reporting for the Onsite Wastewater Management program.

ORS 468B.051 authorizes the EQC to act on the proposed fees below:  
Fees for water quality programs and permits:

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the EQC may increase the fees established under:
  - (a) ORS 448.410, 454.745, 454.755, 454.792, 468B.047 or 468B.195; or
  - (b) ORS 468.065 for permits issued under ORS 468B.050.
- (2) The commission may not increase a fee described in subsection (1) of this section more than once each calendar year. The amount of the annual increase may not exceed the anticipated increase in the cost of administering the program to which the fee is applicable or 3%, whichever is lower, unless a larger increase is provided for in the Department of Environmental Quality's legislatively approved budget.

For this rulemaking, the EQC has delegated approval to DEQ Director Leah Feldon. [2005 c.523 §2; 2015 c.640 §1; 2023 c.258 §1]

## Brief description of proposed fees

DEQ is proposing a fee increase to support water quality fees for Fiscal Year 2026 by three percent above the FY 2025 fees. These fees apply to:

- Stormwater Permitting Program
- Water Pollution Control Facility Permitting Program
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permitting Program
- General Permits
- 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program
- Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
- Underground Injection Control - Rule Authorizations
- Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program

The fee increase rulemaking consists of the following:

### **Three percent increase for Water Quality fees**

OAR 340-071-0140:

- WPCF Permit Fees; Table 9D

OAR 340-045-0075:

- Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits Application and Modification Fees; Table 70A
- Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees; Table 70B

- Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits, Application, Annual Modification Fees; Table 70C
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits, Application and Modification Fees; Table 70C
- Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fees, Table 70D
- Annual Pretreatment Fees, Table 70E
- All NPDES and WPCF Permits, Technical Activity, Plan Review and Other Fees, Table 70F
- General NPDES and WPCF Permits, Application and Annual Fees, Table 70G, **excluding** 700PM fees under authority ORS 468B.118
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits; Annual Fees Table 70H
- Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees, and Surcharges, Table 70I, UIC fees authorized by rule, ORS 468B.195 and ORS 468B.196

**Three percent increase for Underground Injection Control Permits, Application Fees, Annual Fees, and Surcharges.**

OAR 340-045-0075

All fees shown in table 70I would be increased by 3%.

**Three percent increase for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program Support**

OAR 340-048-0055

All fees described in this section would be increased by 3%.

**Three percent increase for Onsite Wastewater Management Septic Program**

OAR 340-071-0800

All fees in Tables 9 A – E would be increased by 3%

**Three percent increase for Wastewater Operator Certification Program**

OAR 340-049-0065

Tables A and B

All fees described in these tables would be increased by 3%

## Reasons

The goal of ORS 468B.051 is to gradually increase fees yearly rather than implementing large, irregular adjustments, minimizing the impact on the permitted community while maintaining current DEQ service levels. The following is the rationale from each of the programs for the fee increase:

**NPDES and WPCF Permitting Programs associated with fees in OAR 340-045-0075:** The proposed fees will cover costs associated with implementing the permitting programs and delivering services to regulated entities. In 2018, the Water Quality Permitting Program agreed in a settlement to update 90% of NPDES permits by 2028. Without this increase, DEQ would have to reduce permitting staff and would not reach the deadline. The point source program oversees 311 NPDES Individual permits, 197 WPCF Individual permits, and 963 General Permit

registrants. The stormwater program oversees 32 MS4 permits and 1,956 General Permit registrants.

**UIC Program associated with fees in OAR 340-045-0075:**

The proposed fee increase will assist the UIC program to continue its work preventing contamination of Oregon's groundwater as delegated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The proposed fee increase will assist in the retention of the 2.4 FTE in the UIC Program statewide that oversee approximately 45,000 existing registered UICs and process new UIC applications.

**401 Dredge and Fill Program associated with fees in OAR 340-048-0055:**

The proposed fee increase will allow the 401 program to continue the review and evaluation of water quality compliance under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for projects that require a federal license or permit conducting activity that may result in a discharge to waters of the US. The proposed fee increase will assist in the retention of the 4 FTE in the 401 Dredge and Fill Certification program statewide that review approximately 300 applications for 401 water quality certifications per year.

**Onsite Wastewater Management Program with fees in OAR 340-071-0800:**

The proposed fee increase will help maintain current program service levels. These fees include WPCF-OS fees for larger commercial systems. The Onsite Program oversees 659 WPCF Individual permits and 70 General Permit registrants.

**Wastewater Operator Certification Program with fees in OAR 340-049-0065:**

The proposed fee increase will fund some of the recent cost of living increases in staff compensation, a portion of costs for the maintenance of the new data systems and user interfaces, and inflation of contracts for services (certification test creators and administrators). There are 1,339 total persons with wastewater collection and/or treatment certifications in the program.

## **Fee proposal alternatives considered**

### **Not increasing fees**

Without the fee increase, water quality programs will be unable to provide ongoing permit, licensing and certification program functions at current service levels. This could result in the programs struggling to maintain staffing at current levels and struggling to process the volume of permits and certifications required to fulfill DEQ's mission. Ancillary expenses (electronic infrastructure, exam administration, e-Permitting) may also be significantly impacted. The reduction of staffing and ancillary budget may result in a restructuring of services, delays in permitting and certifications, improper maintenance of systems and facilities, permit violations, and subsequent harm to the environment and public health.

### **Fee payer**

The proposed fees would affect individuals, businesses and government agencies that hold, apply for, or renew the following permits, licenses and/or certifications:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits (Individual and General)
- Water Pollution Control Facility permits (Individual and General)

- Wastewater System Operator Certifications
- WPCF UIC Permit holders
- UIC rule authorization applicants
- Facilities with “high” risk rule authorized UICs
- Dredge and Fill 401 Water Quality Certifications
- Onsite Wastewater Management Program applications

## Affected party involvement in fee-setting process

DEQ established a Fiscal Advisory Committee will convene for this rulemaking with interested parties representing the impacted communities including business, industries and municipalities.

## Summary of impacts

With existing data, the Water Quality Program cannot determine the extent to which the proposed fees would affect each consumer. Some indirect impact on the public is anticipated if the permit holder increases the cost of goods and services or fees charged to ratepayers to offset the 3% fee increase.

Examples: The annual fee for stormwater construction activity performed by public agencies under a 1200-CA permit in OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70G would increase by an estimated \$45, divided by the population served by the public agency. For WPCF UIC Individual permit holders (large municipalities typically with populations exceeding 10,000 people), the fee would increase by approximately \$84. The cost of an application for a residential home builder for a medium risk UIC to drain a driveway area would increase from \$138 to \$142. The annual fee for a UIC General Permit holder would increase from \$859 to \$884.

## How long will the current fee sustain the program?

Current fees are not sufficient to sustain the water quality programs covered by the 3% fee increase. The cost to administer the programs increases every biennium while the total amount of fees paid remains relatively constant, with some fluctuation in fees paid for activities that are influenced by economic conditions. In addition, Cost of Living Adjustments from the 2023 state collective bargaining reflect the recent high inflation and will result in increased costs. During the 2025-27 biennium, the increased salary costs from COLAs will exceed the amount of revenue generated from existing fees plus the amount of new revenue generated from the 3% increases. The full impact of the 2023-25 COLAs will be experienced in the 2025-27 biennium.

Table 1 (below) outlines the Budgeted Costs justification for the 3% fee increase. Over two years, the average cost per full-time employee covered by the fee increase has risen 13.08%, or approximately 6.54% per year. This rate of increase is based on a comparison of the current service level in the 2025-27 Governor’s Recommended Budget with the 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget.

**Table 1. Budget Cost Increases, Feb. 4, 2025**

Budget Period	Cost per FTE
2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$375,976
2025-27 Governor’s Recommended Budget	\$425,171
Percent increase over two-year period	13.08%

Cost per FTE calculations exclude one-time enhancements from both the biennia and the 2025-2027 enhancements.

## **NPDES and WPCF Individual and General Permits and Stormwater General and MS4 Permits**

Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-2027 GRB exceed projected revenues, including those from this proposed fee increase, by approximately five percent. Without the annual 3% fee increase and assuming inflation remains steady, the Water Quality Permitting Program would need to implement a fee adjustment exceeding 3% in fiscal year 2028 or 2029 to sustain an adequate fund balance and maintain current staffing levels.

## **Wastewater Operator Certification**

The two FTEs of the Wastewater Operator Certification Program are 100% fee funded. Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-27 GRB exceed projected revenues, including those from the proposed 3% fee increase, by 30 percent. Without this increase, current projections indicate the program would lack a sufficient ending balance for Fiscal Year 2027 to start the 2027-2029 biennium and may need to reduce expenditures below the current service level in the 2025-2027 budget.

## **Small Onsite Septic System Permitting and Licensing**

DEQ is requesting a 3% fee increase, as authorized by ORS 468B.051, to help fund increases in the cost of administering the program. Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-2027 GRB exceed projected revenue based on the current fees and will exceed revenue by a greater margin if a 3% fee increase is not authorized. The GRB modified the current service level budget by eliminating three FTE from the program. Policy option package 120 proposes to restore two FTE. A fee increase to support the restoration of the two FTE and to reset fees is not included in this rulemaking but will be included in a 2026 rulemaking if approved by the 2025 Legislature.

Without the 3% increase and factoring in the reduction of three FTEs, current projection show the program ending fiscal year 2027 with a moderately low fund balance beginning the 2027-2029 biennium. This would require further expenditure reductions below the current service level in the 2027-2029 budget. If the 3% increase is approved, expenditures in 2025-2027 will still exceed revenue, but will result in a slightly higher ending fund balance.

## **Underground Injection Control Rule Authorization**

Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-2027 GRB exceed projected revenue based on the current fees and will exceed revenue by a greater margin if a 3% fee increase is not authorized. The UIC rule authorization program will need to reset fees by greater than 3% in Fiscal Year 2027 to maintain an adequate fund balance and existing staff levels. A 3% fee increase in 2025 will reduce the size of the fee reset needed in 2026.

## **Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certifications – Dredge and Fill**

Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-2027 GRB exceed projected revenue based on the current fees and will exceed revenue by a greater margin if a 3% fee increase is not authorized. The

401 Dredge & Fill Program will need to reset fees by greater than 3% in Fiscal Year 2027 to maintain an adequate fund balance and to maintain existing staff levels. A 3% fee increase in 2025 will reduce the size of the fee reset needed in 2026.

# Statement of Fiscal and Economic Impact

## Fiscal and economic impact

Increasing permitting fees will help the Water Quality Program sustain its current level of service. This change increases costs for entities that hold the affected permits or require fee-based services.

## State and federal agencies

The effect of the proposed fee increases on state agencies depends on the permit type. Oregon state agencies hold approximately 92 active water quality permits.

Examples of the increase on selected permit types include:

- Industrial NPDES fee permits for Tier 2 sources, dairies and fish hatcheries, and facilities that dispose of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins, will increase between \$110 and \$126. This affects approximately four state agencies (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70B).
- Annual fees for WPCF individual permits will increase between \$19 and \$638. This affects approximately five state agencies (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70C).
- Annual fees for general NPDES and WPCF permits will increase between \$15 and \$25. This affects approximately nine state agencies (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70G).
- Annual compliance determination fees for WPCF permits will increase between \$1 and \$46. This affects approximately eight state agencies (OAR 340-071-0140, Table 9D).
- Annual fees for WPCF UIC Individual permit holders will increase \$118
- Annual fees for WPCF UIC General Permit holders will increase by \$25 (OAR 340-045-0075 –Table 70I). This affects one state agency (ODOT).
- Annual fees for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification permit holders will increase between \$30 and \$ 549. This affects approximately four state agencies and six federal agencies (OAR 340-048-0055)
- Some federal facilities, for example campgrounds on U.S. Forest Service Land, have DEQ permitted wastewater systems and DEQ certified operators. If a state agency operates a facility that manages sewage, they too would need a certified operator. Depending upon the level and type of certification needed, the federal or state agency would see a 3% increase (ranging from \$4 to \$8) in cost to apply or renew the person's certification, if they cover that cost for employees. They would also see 3% increase in their annual fee to support the program ranging from \$2 to \$10.
- The impact to state or federal agencies is the same as for individuals seeking to obtain an approval, permit or license (making an application) from the Onsite Wastewater Management Program.

## Local governments and public entities

The effect of the 3% increase of permitting fees on local governments depends on the permit type. Oregon local governments hold approximately 600 total active water quality permits.

Examples of local government entities include water districts, irrigation districts, cities, towns, ports, sanitary districts, library districts, counties, and school districts. For this fiscal analysis, DEQ considered ports and school districts as separate local governments from the city or county government they are contained within.

Examples of the 3% fee increase on selected permit types include:

- Industrial NPDES fee permits for Tier 2 sources, dairies and fish hatcheries, and facilities that dispose of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins, will increase between \$110 and \$126. This affects approximately nine local governments and their permit co-permittees (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70B).
- Domestic NPDES and WPCF individual permit annual fee increases will range from \$19 to \$638 (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70C).
- Annual fees for general NPDES and WPCF permits will increase between \$15 and \$45. This will affect an approximate total of 88 local government permits (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70G).
- Annual permit processing fees for onsite systems and compliance determination fees for WPCF permits will increase between \$1 for holding tanks to \$46 for an on-site sewage lagoon with no discharge. This will affect approximately 67 local government permits (OAR 340-071-0140, Table 9D).
- Annual fees for WPCF UIC Individual permit holders will increase \$118, annual fees for WPCF UIC General Permit holders will increase by \$25 (OAR 340-045-0075 –Table 70I). This affects 23 local governments and public entities.
- Annual fees for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification permit holders will increase between \$30 and \$549. (OAR 340-048-0055) This affects approximately 400 local governments and public entities.
- Local governments and public entities that have wastewater treatment facilities that treat sewage will see a 3% increase (ranging from \$1 to \$8) in the cost to apply or renew a person's certification, if they cover that cost for employees. They would also see 3% increase in their annual fee to support the program ranging from \$2 to \$1038, based on the size of the facility.
- The onsite surcharge increase from \$117 to \$120 will not be paid directly by local government entities (unless they apply for a license or working with a proposed or new septic system then they would pay 3% more as an individual would pay). The local entities will collect the surcharge from fee payers in their jurisdiction and remit those fees to DEQ. Thirty-one out of 36 counties are run by local government entities.

## **Large businesses - businesses with more than 50 employees**

The 3% fee increase would affect approximately 150 wastewater permit holders that are large businesses. For example, large businesses that require an Industrial NPDES Tier 1 permit (pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industries) would pay an additional \$973 in annual fees.

The 3% fee increase would affect approximately 14 WPCF UIC Individual Permit holders that are large businesses. For example, a grocery chain with an individual permit would pay an annual fee increase of \$118.

Few large businesses have wastewater treatment systems requiring a certified operator and many keep their employee restrooms and break rooms plumbed separately from their industrial wastewater discharge. However, facilities that combine sewage with industrial wastewater or operate separate sewage systems, and cover the cost of an employee's operator certification, would experience a 3% cost increase ranging from \$1 to \$8. Additionally, their annual program



support fee would rise by 3%, ranging from \$2 to \$1,038, depending on the facility's average dry weather flow.

## Onsite

A few large businesses will be impacted by this fee increase. Product manufacturers of alternative treatment technologies (aerobic treatment systems used in some septic systems) applying for approval, listing, or renewal will pay about \$60 to \$118 more in application fees and annually \$18 more per model to renew their listing. Applying for a one-time tank approval will cost about \$20 more in increased application and surcharge fees. For a large business obtaining a permit for a large onsite system, the additional fiscal impact on the development would be about \$127. That estimate is in addition to fees for a site evaluation application, alternative treatment technology permit and a commercial plan review fee for up to 2,500 gallons per day (an increase from \$4,140 to approximately \$4,253).

Some licensed sewage disposal services are considered large businesses. Below is the expected impact:

	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Onsite Surcharge	\$117	\$120
Site Disposal Service 3-year license - NEW	\$512/Year	\$527/Year
Site Disposal Service 3-year license - RENEWAL	\$386/Year	\$397/Year

## Small businesses – businesses with 50 or fewer employees

According to 2018 data from the Oregon Employment Department, the fee increase may affect approximately 3,300 small businesses. However, no information is available to determine how the fee increases would affect each permit holder. For example, if a small business is categorized as a Tier 2 facility for food or beverage processing, including produce, meat, poultry, seafood, or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption, then under OAR 340-045-0075, fee Table 70B, their annual permit fee would increase by an estimated \$202 over the previous year's annual fee. For example: a small business having five, rule- authorized, high risk UICs (e.g. a truck sales and repair operation), the annual fee would increase from \$550 (currently \$110 per UIC x 5 UICs) to \$565 (\$113 per UIC x 5 UICs). Small businesses having wastewater treatment facilities requiring a certified operator, would experience a 3% increase (ranging from \$1 to \$8) in the cost of the certification, if they cover that cost. Additionally, small businesses would experience a 3% increase in their annual fee ranging from \$2 to \$1038, based on the size of the facility.

**a. Estimated number of small businesses, the types of small businesses, and the industries with associated small businesses subject to proposed rule.**

DEQ estimates the fee increases would affect approximately 3,300 small businesses. Examples of small businesses are food processors, mining operations, dairies, fish hatcheries, smelting and refining operations, timber processors, wood products manufacturers, retail operations, seafood processors, gravel mining, wineries, construction companies, petroleum hydrocarbon cleanup operations, and vehicle and equipment wash water operations.

Some small businesses such as recreational vehicle camps, mobile home parks, and resorts, have wastewater systems for their sewage. These businesses are required to have a certified operator, and some pay the annual cost of certification. There are about 50 businesses in this category.

There are about 800 licensed onsite sewage disposal businesses, and most are small businesses. Annual costs for a new 3-year sewage disposal service license will increase from \$512/year to \$527/year. A renewal license annual costs will increase from \$386/year to \$397 a year. There is also a surcharge applied to all applications that will increase from \$117/application to \$120/application. Oregon based septic tank manufacturers are also primarily small businesses and obtain a one-time product approval that will cost about \$20 more than current fees; application fee would increase from \$577 to \$594.

**b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative activities, including costs of professional services, required for small businesses to comply with the proposed rule.**

No additional activities are required to comply with the proposed rules.

**c. Projected equipment, supplies, labor, and increased administration required for small businesses to comply with the proposed rule.**

No additional resources are required to comply with the proposed rules.

**d. Describe how DEQ involved small businesses in developing this proposed rule.**

The Water Quality Program will meet with a rules advisory committee on Feb. 25, 2025. The committee is composed of a diverse group of interested parties representing a wide cross section of permit and certification holders. During and after the meeting, committee members' input will be requested concerning potential impacts to small businesses and how impacts can be reduced. During the public comment period, the Water Quality Program will request input on whether to consider other options for achieving the rules' substantive goals while reducing the rules' negative economic impact on small businesses.

## **Documents relied on for fiscal and economic impact**

<b>Document title</b>	<b>Document location</b>
Fee increase calculations	DEQ Headquarters
Recommendations and Implementation Plan	<a href="#">DEQ web page</a>
DEQ 2021- 2023 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters

Document title	Document location
DEQ 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters
DEQ's water quality permit database	DEQ Headquarters
Businesses by size or firm of 50 or fewer employees	<p>Oregon Employment Department website reports</p> <p>875 Union Street NE</p> <p>Salem, OR 97311</p> <p><a href="#">A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - QualityInfo</a></p>

## Advisory committee fiscal review

DEQ appointed an advisory committee.

As ORS 183.333 requires, DEQ asked for the committee's recommendations on:

- Whether the proposed rules would have a fiscal impact.
- The extent of the impact.
- Whether the proposed rules would have a significant adverse impact on small businesses.
- Whether, if there is a significant adverse impact on small businesses, DEQ has reduced the impact on small businesses as ORS 183.540 requires.

The committee reviewed the draft fiscal and economic impact statement.

## Housing cost

As ORS 183.534 requires, DEQ evaluated whether the proposed rules would affect the development cost of a 6,000-square-foot parcel and construction of a 1,200-square-foot detached, single-family dwelling on that parcel.

DEQ determined the proposed fee increase could affect the development cost through:

- Requiring the builder to pay an additional \$41 for a construction stormwater permit if the parcel is part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres. Assuming the 3% increase, this would raise the fee from \$1388 to \$1429.
- Increasing Systems Development Charges for implementing local stormwater or wastewater programs.

DEQ does not anticipate the proposed fee increase to affect the development cost through:

- Building costs that could be passed on to the home buyer.
- Parcels that are not part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres due to these types of parcels not requiring a construction stormwater permit from DEQ.

## Onsite

Having adequate area for a septic system on a 6,000 square foot lot for new construction would be challenging due to the areas needed for a drainfield and well setbacks. However, an additional treatment unit that provides a higher quality effluent and thus allowing for a smaller drainfield and community water system, may be possible. The estimated increased costs for DEQ to evaluate and permit the lot would be approximately \$74.

	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Onsite Surcharge	\$117	\$120
Site Evaluation*	\$819	\$843
Onsite Surcharge	\$117	\$120
Type D Permit*	\$1,488	\$1,532
Total	\$2,541	\$2,615

\* These fees would apply in Baker, Coos, Jackson, Union and Wallowa Counties. The other 31 Oregon counties are administered by a local government agency that sets the permit fees.

# Racial Equity

ORS 183.335(2)(a)(F) requires state agencies to provide a statement identifying how adoption of this rule will affect racial equity in this state.

Adoption of the proposed rule would affect wastewater permitting fees and Operator certification fees statewide - across various sectors, public and private. Since the fee increase will apply equally across all permit categories and tiers, and there are no expected changes to practical implementation of the permitting program activities as a result of this rule adoption, there is no expected impact on racial equity in the state. Increasing the fees as proposed will help maintain program services critical to protecting public health and the environment (such as permit compliance assurance, inspections and enforcement) which may be particularly important in Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) or historically underserved communities.

# Environmental justice considerations

ORS 182.545 requires natural resource agencies to consider the effects of their actions on environmental justice issues. DEQ considered these effects by acknowledging that this is a statewide fee increase that affects many different entities including federal, state, and local governments. DEQ provides this information in the Advisory Committee Meetings, the Fiscal Impact Statement, the Public Notice, and the Staff Report. The fee increase is a statutory authorization and directed at permit holders/fee payers, so there is not a broad policy change or projected change.

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# **Federal relationship**

ORS 183.332, 468A.327 and OAR 340-011-0029 require DEQ to attempt to adopt rules that correspond with existing equivalent federal laws and rules unless there are reasons not to do so.

Oregon is required to operate a water quality permitting program in order to protect water quality throughout the state. Although there are no federal stipulations that outline fee structures or fee increases, Oregon's water quality program is required to implement rules associated with federal requirements.

## **What alternatives did DEQ consider if any?**

### **Not increasing fees**

Without the fee increase, DEQ will be unable to provide ongoing permit program functions at the current service level. This could result in the loss of critical permitting program positions or having to hold those positions vacant. DEQ would also be unable to implement recommended program improvements identified in a 2016 program evaluation.

### **Other ways to reduce program costs**

DEQ has implemented measures over the past few biennia that, over time, will result in increased program efficiency and a more cost-effective program. For example, creating a permit writer team has resulted in progress in issuing NPDES permits over the last few years and reducing the NPDES permit backlog. Process improvements, specifically within the permitting program, have allowed for a more efficient program and an increase in permits being renewed on an annual basis.

# Land-use considerations

In adopting new or amended rules, ORS 197.180 and OAR 340-018-0070 require DEQ to determine whether the proposed rules significantly affect land use. If so, DEQ must explain how the proposed rules comply with statewide land-use planning goals and local acknowledged comprehensive plans.

Under OAR 660-030-0005 and OAR 340 Division 18, DEQ considers that rules affect land use if:

- The statewide land-use planning goals specifically refer to the rule or program, or
- The rule or program is reasonably expected to have significant effects on:
  - Resources, objectives or areas identified in the statewide planning goals, or
  - Present or future land uses identified in acknowledged comprehensive plans.

DEQ determined whether the proposed rules involve programs or actions that affect land use by reviewing its Statewide Agency Coordination plan. The plan describes the programs that DEQ determined significantly affect land use. DEQ considers that its programs specifically relate to the following statewide goals:

Goal	Title
5	Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Natural Resources
6	Air, Water and Land Resources Quality
9	Ocean Resources
11	Public Facilities and Services
16	Estuarial Resources

Statewide goals also specifically reference the following DEQ programs:

- Nonpoint source discharge water quality program – Goal 16
- Water quality and sewage disposal systems – Goal 16
- Water quality permits and oil spill regulations – Goal 19

## Determination

DEQ determined that the following proposed rules affect programs or activities that the DEQ State Agency Coordination Program considers a land-use program.

OAR 340-018-0030(5)(c) and OAR 340-018-0030(5)(d)

DEQ's statewide goal and local plan compatibility procedures adequately cover the proposed rules. Oregon Administrative Rule 340-018-0050(2)(a) ensures compatibility with acknowledged comprehensive plans through submission of a land-use compatibility statement.



## **EQC prior involvement**

DEQ did not present additional information specific to this proposed rule revision.

# Advisory committee

## Background

DEQ convened the 2025 Fee Increase Rulemaking Fiscal advisory committee in February. The committee met once and included representatives from local governments, industry, WQ permit holders, environmental and community involvement organizations. Information about the committee can be found at [Water Quality Fees 2025 Rulemaking web page](#).

The committee members are:

Rulemaking Name Advisory Committee	
Name	Representing
Jason Green	Oregon Association of Water Utilities OAWU
Lisette Hamer-Richardson	Affordable Septic Systems
Jared Kistner	Port of Portland
Mark Landauer	Special Districts Association of Oregon
Jerry Linder	Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies
Peggy Lynch	League of Women Voters of Oregon
Jenny MacKrell	Klamath County
Levi Tickner	City of Joseph
Jackie White	Northwest Pulp and Paper Association

## Meeting notifications

To notify people about the advisory committee's activities, DEQ:

- Sent GovDelivery bulletins, a free e-mail subscription service, to the following lists:
  - Rulemaking
  - Water Quality Permitting
- Added advisory committee announcements to DEQ's calendar of public meetings at [DEQ Calendar](#).

## Committee discussions

In addition to the recommendations described under the Statement of Fiscal and Economic Impact section above, the committee provided the following input during the Rules Advisory Committee Meeting:

- This year's three percent fee increase includes:
  - **Stormwater Permitting Program**
  - **Water Pollution Control Facility Permitting Program**
  - **National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permitting Program**
  - **General Permits**
  - **401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program**

- **Wastewater System Operator Certification Program**
- **Underground Injection Control - Rule Authorizations**
- **Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program**
- The RAC discussed the 3% annual increase and whether these fees are enough to sustain the Water Quality Program. Estimates show that an increase of 6.5% would be needed to maintain current service levels so RAC members expressed their concern about service-level consistency.
- The RAC discussed the shortage of wastewater treatment plant operators and DEQ responded with information about plans to bridge the gap between people who want to do the work and qualifying to do the work.
- RAC members discussed the importance of looking at different types of communities and how DEQ's work and fee increases affect these various communities. These types of direct fiscal impacts weigh more heavily on lower income communities than higher income communities in terms of the ability to sustain the rate of increase if it's passed on.
- Members expressed support for the racial equity statement while reiterating that there are differences in how these increases impact different communities across Oregon.

# Public engagement

## Public notice

DEQ provided notice of the proposed rulemaking and rulemaking hearing by:

- On **April 28, 2025** Filing notice with the Oregon Secretary of State for publication in the **May 2025** Oregon Bulletin;
- Posting the Notice, Invitation to Comment and Draft Rules on the web page for this rulemaking, located at: [Water Quality Fees 2025](#)
- Emailing approximately 25,493 interested individuals who signed up for notification on the following DEQ lists through GovDelivery:
  - 700-PM Mining Permit Information
  - DEQ Public Notices
  - Nonpoint Source Water Quality
  - Onsite (Septic) Sewage Systems
  - Rulemaking
  - Stormwater
  - Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
  - Water Quality Permits
  - WQ Fee Increase Rulemaking, - Onsite permit holders

Emailing the following key legislators required under ORS 183.335:

- Senate Committee on Natural Resources:
  - Chair Jeff Golden
  - Vice-Chair Fred Girod
- House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water:
  - Chair Ken Helm
  - Vice-Chair Mark Owens
  - Vice-Chair Annessa Hartman
- Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
  - Co-Chair Sen Michael Dembrow
  - Co-Chair Rep Khanh Pham
- Posting on the DEQ event calendar: [DEQ Calendar](#)

## How to comment on this rulemaking proposal

DEQ is asking for public comment on the proposed rules. Anyone can submit comments and questions about this rulemaking. A person can submit comments by email, regular mail or at the public hearing.

- Email: Send comments by email to [WQFeeRule@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:WQFeeRule@deq.oregon.gov)
- Postal mail: Oregon DEQ, Attn: Jason Simpson, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232-4100
- At the public hearing: 5 p.m., Tuesday, May. 20, 2025 (see below)

## Comment deadline

DEQ will only consider comments on the proposed rules that DEQ receives by **4 p.m., on May 30, 2025**.

**Note for public university students:**

ORS 192.345(29) allows Oregon public university and OHSU students to protect their university email addresses from disclosure under Oregon's public records law. If you are an Oregon public university or OHSU student, notify DEQ that you wish to keep your email address confidential.

## Public hearing

DEQ plans to hold one virtual public hearing. Anyone can attend by webinar or teleconference.

**Date:** May 20, 2025

**Start time:** 5 p.m.

[Join by Zoom](#)

**Join by Phone:**

Call-in number: 888-475-4499 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 852 2535 9828

Passcode: 811947

DEQ will consider all comments and testimony received before the closing date. DEQ will summarize all comments and respond to comments in the staff report.

## Non-discrimination statement

DEQ does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status in the administration of its programs and activities. Visit DEQ's [Civil Rights and Environmental Justice page](#).

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## OAR 340-045-0075

### Fee Tables

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70A Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application and Modification Fees Effective November 1, 2025			
Application fees for new industrial permits			
Tier 1 Industrial Facilities	\$95,628		
Tier 2 Industrial Facilities	\$19,243		
Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)	\$907		
Note: New permit applications must include the annual fee specified in Table 70B in addition to the new permit application fee listed above. The application fee is not required for renewal unless a modification is needed or requested.			
Modification Fees <sup>1</sup>			
	Major		Minor
	At Permit Renewal	Prior to Expiration	
Tier 1 Industrial Facilities	\$24,023	\$47,736	\$1,672
Tier 2 Industrial Facilities	\$6,106	\$9,537	\$1,672
1. A new application, application fee and modification fee must accompany all requests for permit modification. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.			

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70B**  
**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Type	Description	NPDES Tier 1	NPDES Tier 2	WPCF Tier 1	WPCF Tier 2
B01	Pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industry	\$33,436	N	\$31,032	N
<b>Food or beverage processing - includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption:</b>					
B02	Washing or packing only	N	\$4,646	N	\$4,276
B03	Processing – small. Flow $\leq 0.1$ mgd, or $0.1 < \text{flow} < 1$ mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$6,948	N	\$6,573
B04	Processing – medium. $0.1 \text{ mgd} < \text{Flow} < 1$ mgd for 180 or more days per year, or flow $\geq 1$ mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$9,805	N	\$9,430
B05	Processing – large. Flow $\geq 1$ mgd for 180 or more days per year	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
<b>Primary Smelting or Refining:</b>					
B06	Aluminum	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B07	Non-ferrous metals utilizing sand chlorination separation facilities	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B08	Ferrous and non-ferrous metals not elsewhere classified	\$19,119	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690
B09	Chemical manufacturing with discharge of process wastewater	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B10	Cooling water discharges in excess of 20,000 BTU per second	\$19,119	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690
<b>Mining Operations – includes aggregate or ore processing:</b>					
B11	Large (over 500,000 cubic yards per year or involving chemical leaching)	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B12	Medium (100,000 to 500,000 cubic yards per year)	N	\$10,285	N	\$9,911

<b>OAR 340-045-0075</b> <b>Table 70B</b> <b>Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees</b> <b>Effective November 1, 2025</b>					
B13	Small (less than 100,000 cubic yards per year)	N	\$3,129	N	\$2,755
<b>All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of process wastewater (includes remediated groundwater):</b>					
B14	Tier 1 sources	\$33,436	N	\$31,032	N
B15	Tier 2 sources	N	\$6,467	N	\$6,099
<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>NPDES Tier 1</b>	<b>NPDES Tier 2</b>	<b>WPCF Tier 1</b>	<b>WPCF Tier 2</b>
B16	All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of non-process wastewaters (for example: small cooling water discharges, boiler blowdown, filter backwash)	N	\$4,329	N	\$3,956
B17	Fish hatcheries and other confined feeding operations on individual permits except permits the Oregon Department of Agriculture administers.	N	\$3,791	N	\$3,417
B18	All facilities which dispose of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins	N	N	N	\$2,511
<b>Timber and Wood Products</b>					
B19	Sawmills, log storage, instream log storage	\$9,377	\$5,318	\$6,973	\$4,941
B20	Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard manufacturing, wood products	\$9,915	\$5,857	\$7,514	\$5,487
B21	Wood preserving	\$8,390	\$4,329	\$5,985	\$3,956



# OAR 340-045-0075

## Table 70C

### Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application, Annual and Modification Fees

Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Type	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup>	NPDES Annual Fee (5yr)	WPCF Annual Fee (10yr)	Modifications <sup>3</sup>	
						Major	Minor
Non-Lagoon Treatment Systems	A1	Flow $\geq$ 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$132,019		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A2	25 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$77,589		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A3	10 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 25 mgd	\$60,960	\$36,568		\$30,555	\$1,672
	Ba	5 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$23,439	\$21,906	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C1 <sub>a</sub>	2 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$15,761	\$14,230	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2 <sub>a</sub>	1 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 2 mgd	\$60,960	\$10,696	\$9,163	\$30,555	\$1,672
	Da	Flow < 1 mgd	\$12,314	\$3,384	\$3,141	\$6,236	\$1,672

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**Table 70C**

**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual  
Permits: Application, Annual and  
Modification Fees**

Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Type	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup>	NPDES Annual Fee (5yr)	WPCF Annual Fee (10yr)	Modifications <sup>3</sup>	
						Major	Minor
Lagoons Discharging to Surface Waters	Bb	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$12,393		\$30,555	\$1,672
	C1b	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$8,616		\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2b	1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd	\$60,960	\$6,289		\$30,555	\$1,672
	Db	Flow < 1 mgd	\$12,314	\$2,386		\$6,236	\$1,672
Nondischargin g Lagoons	E	No discharge flow	\$6,236		\$1,988	\$3,190	\$1,672
Alkaline-stabilization facilities	F		\$1,672		\$683		\$735
Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)			\$907				
Please see Table 70D and 70E for applicable population and pretreatment fees for the permits listed above.							
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System	MS4	See 40 C.F.R. § 122.26	\$33,855	Please see Table 70H		\$2,938	\$1,672

1. Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow, or as defined in 40 C.F.R.
2. New permit applications must include the annual fee in addition to the new permit application fee.
3. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70D**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fee**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Population range	Annual fee
500,000+	\$177,369
400,000 to 499,999	\$135,686
300,000 to 399,999	\$94,006
200,000 to 299,999	\$52,320
150,000 to 199,999	\$42,314
100,000 to 149,999	\$27,868
50,000 to 99,999	\$17,447
25,000 to 49,999	\$7,854
15,000 to 24,999	\$4,471
10,000 to 14,999	\$2,911
5,000 to 9,999	\$1,769
1,000 to 4,999	\$527
100 to 999	\$97
0 to 99	\$0

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70E**  
**Annual Pretreatment Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Fee
Pretreatment Fee	\$3,038
Significant Industrial User	\$1,012 per industry

**OAR 340-045-0075****Table 70F****All NPDES and WPCF<sup>1</sup> Permits: Technical Activity, Plan Review, and Other Fees**

Effective November 1, 2025

Activity	Fee
New or substantially modified sewage treatment facility	\$13,984
Minor facility or pump station modifications	\$1,518
Major system or pressure system expansion	\$1,065
Minor system expansion or modification	\$300
New or substantially modified septage alkaline stabilization facility	\$1,518
Site inspection and evaluation <sup>2</sup>	\$2,380
Disposal system plan review <sup>2</sup>	\$950
Environmental management plan review <sup>3</sup>	\$950
Other Fees	
Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver	\$1,157
Permit transfer, legal name change.	\$147
1. Does not include Onsite septic systems. Please see Tables 9A-9F in OAR 340-071 for appropriate technical activity fees. 2. This fee only applies when these activities are required for DEQ's review of a general permit application. 3. This fee is not charged to new applicants for individual NPDES and WPCF permits. Plans updated after the permit is issued are subject to plan review as specified in the permit. This includes but is not limited to biosolids management plan and recycled water use plan.	

**OAR 340-045-0075****Table 70G****General NPDES and WPCF Permits:  
Application and Annual Fees**

Effective November 1, 2025

Number	Type	Description	New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup>	Annual Fee
100-J	NPDES	Cooling water/heat pumps	\$387	\$884
200-J	NPDES	Filter backwash	\$387	\$884
300-J	NPDES	Fish hatcheries	\$620	\$884
400-J	NPDES	Log ponds	\$387	\$884
500-J	NPDES	Boiler blowdown	\$387	\$884

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Number	Type	Description	New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup>	Annual Fee
900-J	NPDES	Seafood processing	\$387	\$884
1400-A	WPCF	Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is $\leq$ 82000 gallons/day and is only disposed of by land irrigation.	\$387	\$518
1400-B	WPCF	Wineries and small food processors not otherwise eligible for a 1400A general permit.	\$620	\$884
1500-A	NPDES	Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up	\$620	\$884
1500-B	WPCF	Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up	\$620	\$884
1700-A	NPDES	Vehicle and equipment wash water	\$862	\$884
1700-B	WPCF	Vehicle and equipment wash water	\$862	\$884
1900-J	NPDES	Non-contact geothermal heat exchange	\$862	\$884
2000-J	NPDES	Pesticide use irrigation districts	\$862	\$884
2300-A	NPDES	Pesticide general permit	\$862	\$884
<b>Residential and Commercial Graywater and Industrial Reuse Water</b>				
2401	WPCF	Tier 1 graywater reuse and disposal system for residential systems: $\leq$ 300 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit	\$57	\$46
2402	WPCF	Tier 2 graywater reuse and disposal system for systems: $\leq$ 1,200 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit	\$634	\$57
2501	WPCF	Industrial reuse water free of human and animal waste suitable for reuse without secondary or advanced treatment and $\leq$ 25,000 gallons/day	\$862	\$884

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Number	Type	Description	New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup>	Annual Fee
<b>Stormwater General Permits<sup>2</sup></b>				
1200-A	NPDES	Stormwater: Sand, gravel, and other non-metallic mining	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-C	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities – one acre or more	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-C	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities – less than one acre and part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres	\$442	\$0
1200-CA	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities performed by public agencies – one acre or more	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-Z	NPDES	Stormwater: Industrial	\$1,515	\$1,558
4000-MS4	NPDES	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): Conveyance system owned or operated by municipality, special district, hospital, port, school district, etc.	\$1515	Please see Table 70H
<b>Mining General Permits</b>				
600	WPCF	Offstream small scale mining – Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year	\$0	\$0
		Offstream small scale mining – Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year	\$387	\$0
700-PM	NPDES	Suction dredges (gravity and syphon)	\$0	\$25
700-PM	NPDES	Suction dredges (motorized)	\$250	\$250
		Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)	\$250	
1000	WPCF	Gravel mining	\$387	\$884
<b>Other General Permits</b>				
All other permits not elsewhere classified.			\$862	\$884
1. New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee. 2. Stormwater construction and industrial permits are also administered by public agencies and local districts under contract with DEQ.				

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70H**  
**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits:**  
**Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

<b>Population-based cost-per-person, except counties and other</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
Cost-per-person	\$0.134
Counties, Phase I	\$12,296
Counties, Phase II (non-traditional MS4s, hospitals, public universities, etc.)	\$3,071
Oregon Department of Transportation MS4*	\$49,193
*Fee for ODOT MS4 assessed only in the absence of a separate revenue agreement.	



**OAR 340-045-0075**

**Table 70I**

**Underground Injection Control Permits  
Application Fees, Annual Fees and  
Surcharges**

Effective November 1, 2025

Type	Description	Applicatio n Fee	Annu al Fee	Class of Injection	Surcharge	
					Application	Annual
Authorized By Rule <sup>1</sup>	Low Risk Stormwater Only	None	Non e	Low Risk	\$113	None
	Non-Stormwater Injection <sup>2</sup>	None	Non e	Medium Risk	\$142	None
	All Other UIC's Draining Stormwater from Any Surface	None	None	Low Risk	\$113	None
				Medium Risk	\$142	None
				High Risk	\$339	\$113
1200-U General Permit <sup>3</sup>	Stormwater Injection	\$862	\$884	Low Risk	\$152	None
				Medium Risk	\$192	None
				High Risk	\$463	\$152
1900-B General Permit	Injection During Geothermal Exploration	\$862	\$884			
Type	Description	Application Fees				
Other	Preclosure Notification fee	\$103				
	Sewage Drill Hole Closure Fee	\$103				
Type	Description	Application Fee	Annual Fee	Individual WPCF Modifications		
				Major	Minor	
Individual WPCF Permit	As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146	\$19,243	\$4,071	\$3,190	\$1,672	

1. Includes facilities with less than 50 injection systems. All systems must be located over 500 feet from a water well and outside a 2 -year time of travel from a water source.
2. Includes aquifer storage and recovery, low temperature geothermal injection, remediation and other underground injection control systems that do not drain stormwater.
3. Includes facilities with less than 50 injection systems and for systems within 500 ft from a water well and within a 2-year time of travel from a water source.



# OAR 340-071-0800

## Fee Tables

**Effective November 1, 2025**

<b>OAR 340-071-0220</b> <b>TABLE 1</b> <b>MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES</b> (ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)			
Items Requiring Setback		From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units
1. Groundwater Supplies and Wells		*100	50
2. Springs	Upgradient	50	50
	Downgradient	100	50
**3. Surface Public Waters	Year round	100	50
	Seasonal	50	50
4. Intermittent Streams	Piped (watertight not less than 20' from any part of the onsite system)	20	20
	Unpiped	50	50
5. Groundwater Interceptors	On a slope of 3% or less	20	10
	On a slope greater than 3%: Upgradient	10	5
	On a slope greater than 3%: Downgradient	50	10

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**TABLE 1**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES**

(ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Items Requiring Setback		From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units
6. Irrigation Canals	Lined (watertight canal) : Downgradient	25	25
	Unlined: Upgradient	25	25
	Unlined: Downgradient	50	50
7. Manmade Cuts Down - Gradient in Excess of 30 Inches (top of downslope cut)	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth Within 48 Inches of Surface	50	25
	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
8. Downgradient Escarpments	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	50	10
	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
9. Property Lines		10	5
10. Water Lines		10	10
11. Foundation Lines of any Building, Including Garages and Out Buildings		10	5
12. Underground Utilities		10	—

\* 50-foot setback for wells constructed with special standards granted by WRD.

\*\*This does not prevent stream crossings of pressure effluent sewers.

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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Type of Establishment		Column 1	Column 2
		Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Airports		5 (per passenger)	150
Bathhouses and swimming pools		10 (per person)	300
Camps:(4 Persons per Campsite, where Applicable)	Campground with central comfort stations	35 (per person)	700
	With flush toilets, no showers	25 (per person)	500
	Construction camps — semi- permanent	50 (per person)	1000
	Day camps — no meals served	15 (per person)	300
	Resort camps (night and day) with limited plumbing	50 (per person)	1000
	Luxury camps	100 (per person)	2000
Churches		5 (per seat)	150
Country clubs		100 (per resident member)	2000

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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Country clubs		25 (per non-resident member present)	—
Dwellings:	Boarding houses	150 (per bedroom)	600
	Boarding houses – additional for non-residential boarders	10 (per person)	—
	Rooming houses	80 (per person)	500
	Condominiums, Multiple family dwellings — including apartments	300 (per unit)	900
Type of Establishment		Column 1	Column 2
		Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Dwellings:	Single family dwellings	300 (not exceeding 2 bedrooms)	450*
	Single family dwellings — with more than 2 bedrooms	75 (for third & each succeeding bedroom)	450
Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — with shower facilities)		35 (per person per shift)	300
Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — without shower facilities)		15 (per person per shift)	150
Hospitals		250 (per bed space)	2500
Hotels with private baths		120 (per room)	600
Hotels without private baths		100 (per room)	500
Institutions other than hospitals		125 (per bed space)	1250
Laundries — self-service		500 (per machine)	2500

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**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Mobile home parks		250 (per space)	750
Motels — with bath, toilet, and kitchen wastes		100 (per bedroom)	500
Motels — without kitchens		80 (per bedroom)	400
Picnic Parks — toilet wastes only		5 (per picnicker)	150
Picnic Parks — with bathhouses, showers, and flush toilets		10 (per picnicker)	300
Restaurants		40 (per seat)	800
Restaurants — single-service		2 (per customer)	300
Restaurants — with bars and/or lounges		50 (per seat)	1000
<b>Type of Establishment</b>		<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
		<b>Gallons Per Day</b>	<b>Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day</b>
Schools:	Boarding	100 (per person)	3000
	Day — without gyms, cafeterias, or showers	15 (per person)	450
	Day — with gyms, cafeterias and showers	25 (per person)	750
	Day — with cafeteria, but without gyms or showers	20 (per person)	600
Service Stations		10 (per vehicle served)	500
Swimming pools and bathhouses		10 (per person)	300
Theaters:	Movie	5 (per seat)	300
	Drive-In	20 (per car space)	1000
Travel trailer parks — without individual water and sewer hookups		50 (per space)	300
Travel trailer parks — with individual water and sewer hookups		100 (per space)	500
Workers:	Construction — as semi- permanent camps	50 (per person)	1000

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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

	Day — at schools and offices	15 (per shift)	150
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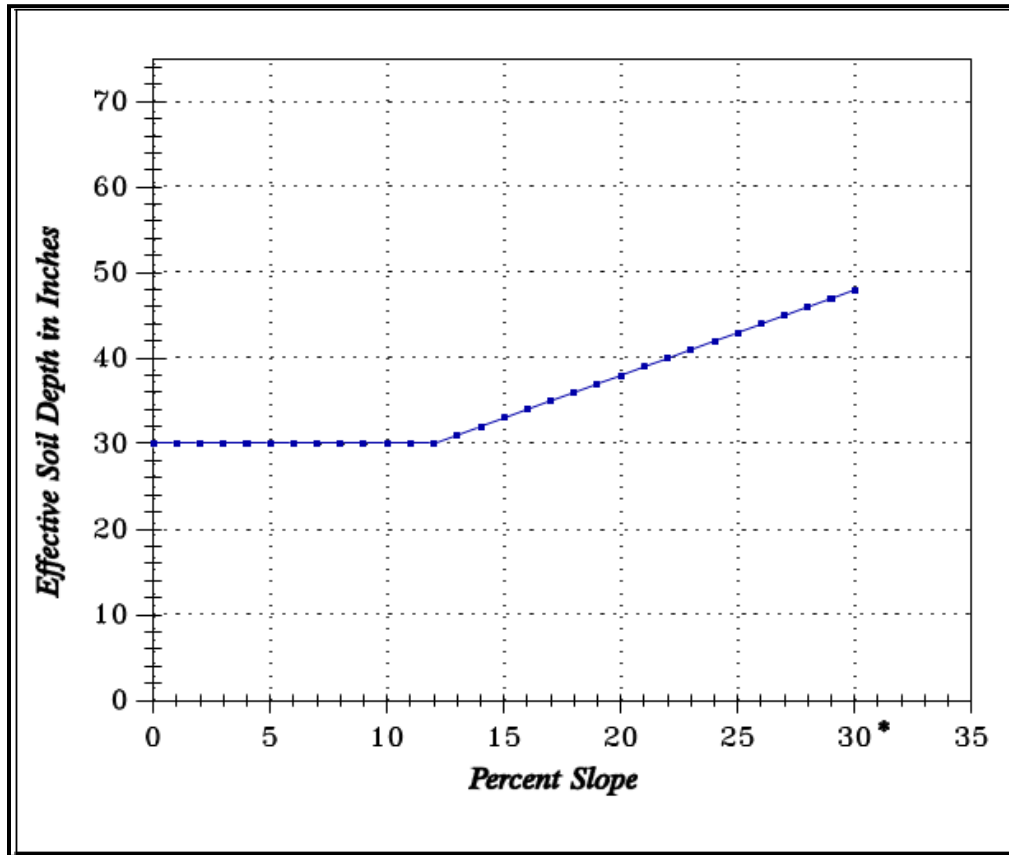
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TABLE 3

SLOPE, EFFECTIVE SOIL DEPTH RELATIONSHIP



**OAR 340-071-0220****TABLE 4**

**Minimum length of absorption trench (linear feet) required per 150 gallons projected daily sewage flow determined from soil texture versus effective soil depth.**

<b>Effective Soil Depth</b>	<b>Soil Group</b>		
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
18" to Less than 24"	125	150	175
24" to Less than 36"	100	125	150
36" to Less than 48"	75	100	125
48" or more	50	75	125

Soil Group A — Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam.

Soil Group B — Sandy Clay Loam, Loam, Silt Loam, Silt, Clay Loam.

Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

If sand grains are fine or very fine, site according to Group B soils.

**OAR 340-071-0220****TABLE 5**

**Minimum length of absorption trench (linear feet) required per 150 gallons projected daily sewage flow determined from soil texture versus depth to temporary groundwater.**

<b>Depth to Temporary Groundwater</b>	<b>Soil Group</b>		
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
24" to Less than 48"	100	125	150
48" or More	50	75	125

Soil Group A — Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam.

Soil Group B — Sandy Clay Loam, Loam, Silt Loam, Silt, Clay Loam.

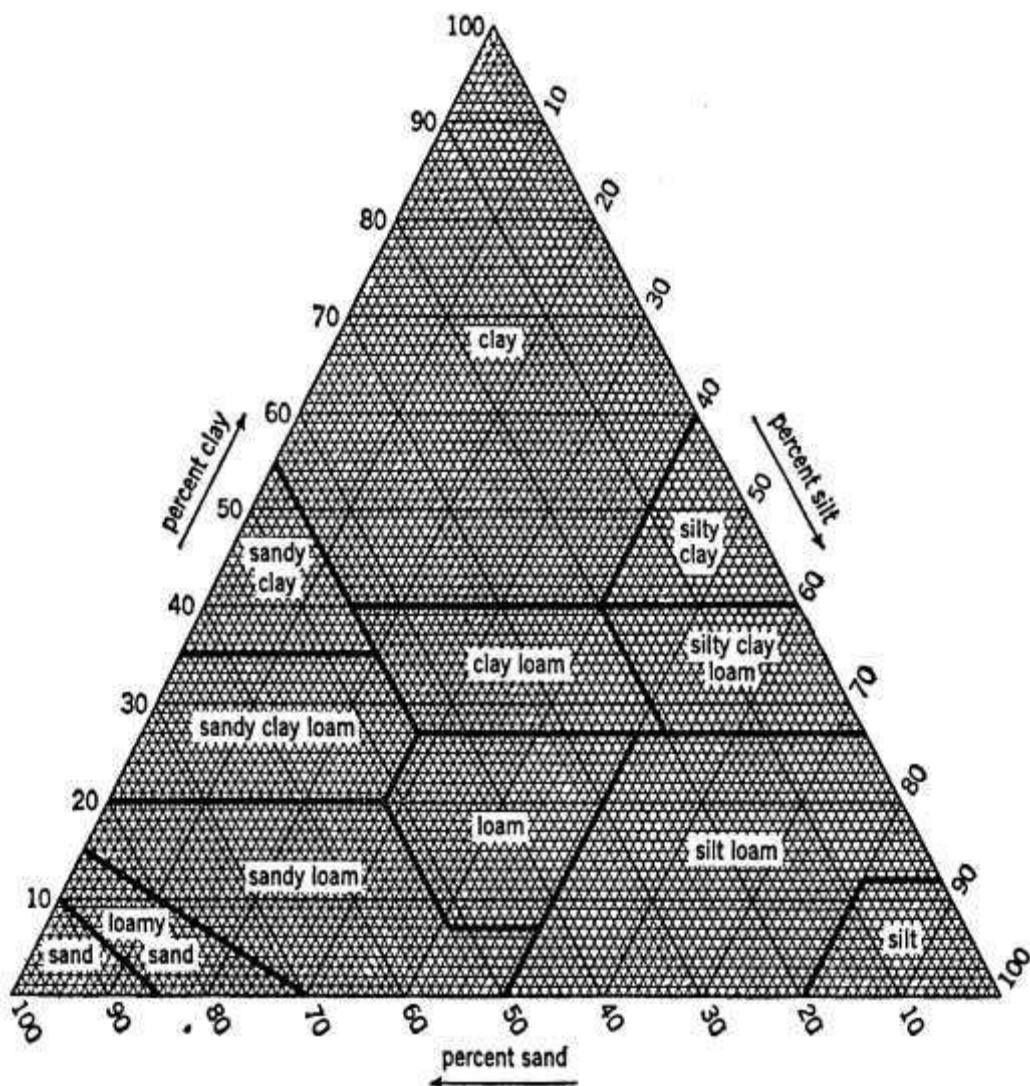
Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

If sand grains are fine or very fine, site according to Group B soils.

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TABLE 6

SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION CHART



**OAR 340-071-0100****TABLE 7****USDA SOIL CLASSIFICATION SIZES OF SOIL  
SEPARATES**

<b>Material</b>	<b>Sieve Sizes</b>	<b>Millimeters</b>
Clay		.002
Silt	270	.050
Very Fine Sand	200	.075
	140	.1
Fine Sand	60	.25
Medium Sand	35	.5
Coarse Sand	18	1.0
Very Coarse Sand	10	2.0
Fine Gravel	4	4.75
	3/8"	9.5
	1/2	12.5
Course Gravel	3"	76.2
Cobbles		

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**TABLE 8**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES**

<b>Items requiring separation</b>	<b>Self-Contained Nonwater-Carried Waste Disposal</b>	<b>Unsealed Earth Type Privies, Graywater Waste Disposal Sump and Seepage Chambers</b>
Groundwater supplies including springs and cisterns	50'	100'
Surface public waters, excluding intermittent streams	50'	100'
Intermittent streams	50'	50'
Property line	25'	25'

**OAR 340-071-0140****TABLE 9A****SITE EVALUATION AND EXISTING SYSTEM  
EVALUATION FEES****Effective November 1, 2025****New Site Evaluation Fees**

Fees in this section apply to each system for which site suitability is evaluated

Single family dwelling - First lot	\$843
Single family dwelling - Each additional lot evaluated during initial visit	\$843
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,000 gpd or less	\$843
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd	\$1,061
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd	\$1,280
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd	\$1,498
Commercial facility s with a design capacity of 2,501-3,000 gpd	\$1,718
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,001-3,500 gpd	\$1,936
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,501-4,000 gpd	\$2,153
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,001-4,500 gpd	\$2,372
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,501-5,000 gpd	\$2,591
Commercial facility with a design flow greater than 5,000 gpd	\$2,859
Site Evaluation Report Review fee	\$794
Existing System Evaluation Report fee	\$794

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**TABLE 9B**

**PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT  
SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**

**Effective August 1, 2024**

Type of Fee		System Type					Plan Review fees for Commercial Facility Systems
		A	B	C	D	E	
Construction-Installation Permit Fees	For systems with a design capacity of less than 600 gpd	\$555	\$1,072	\$1,250	\$1,532	\$1,886	\$0
	For systems with a design capacity of 601-1,000 gpd	\$555	\$1,072	\$1,250	\$1,532	\$1,886	\$456
	For systems with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd	\$674	\$1,191	\$1,369	\$1,628	\$2,060	\$535
	For systems with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd	\$794	\$1,310	\$1,489	\$1,726	\$2,123	\$614
	For systems with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd	\$912	\$1,429	\$1,607	\$1,823	\$2,243	\$695
Reinspection fee		\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123
Pump Evaluation fee. For all permits that specify the use of a pump or dosing siphon except for sand filter, Alternative treatment technologies, Recirculating gravel filter, and pressurized distribution systems		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79



**System Type Key:**

Type A = Gray Water waste disposal sumps

Type B = Holding tanks

Type C = Standard subsurface, Absorption trenches in saprolite, Redundant, Seepage trench, Steep slope

Type D = Alternative treatment technologies, Capping fill, Pressurized distribution, Tile dewatering

Type E = Recirculating gravel filter, Sand filter (commercial or residential)

**OAR 340-071-0140****TABLE 9C****OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS  
NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS****Effective November 1, 2025**

<b>Fee Subject</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Field Visit required</b>	<b>No Field Visit required</b>
Minor Alteration Permit	\$327		
Major Alteration Permit	\$684		
Minor Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling	\$317		
Major Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling	\$663		
Minor Repair Permit - Commercial Facility	\$575		
Major Repair Permit - Commercial Facility	\$1,250		
Permit Denial Review	\$436		
Permit Transfer, Reinstatement, or Renewal		\$645	\$188
Authorization Notice		\$774	\$198
Authorization Notice Denial Review	\$794		
Renewal of hardship authorization for temporary dwelling		\$408	\$123
Alternative system inspection - Holding tanks	\$476		
Variance from onsite system rules	\$2,581		
Land use clearance	\$61		
Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – hard copy submittal	\$37		
Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – online submittal	\$30		
Alternative system inspection - Other alternative systems listed in Table 9B	\$655		

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**TABLE 9C**

**OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Field Visit required</b>	<b>No Field Visit required</b>
Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – hard copy submittal	\$74		
Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – online submittal	\$61		

# **OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D**

## **WPCF PERMIT FEES**

Effective November 1, 2025

	Application filing fee (all systems)	Permit processing fees for onsite systems with a design capacity of 1,200 gpd or less	Permit processing fees for onsite systems with a design capacity over 1,200 gpd
New application	\$129	\$1,055	\$5,278
Permit renewal (involving request for effluent limit modifications)	\$129	\$524	\$2,641
Permit renewal (without request for effluent limit modifications)	\$129	\$264	\$1,317
Permit modification (involving increase in effluent limitations)	\$129	\$524	\$2,641
Permit modification (not involving an increase in effluent limits)	\$129	\$393	\$1,317
Plan Review fee			
For commercial facilities with a design capacity less than 600 gpd	\$0		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 600 - 1,000 gpd	\$501		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 1,001 - 1,500 gpd	\$591		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 1,501 - 2,000 gpd	\$680		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 2,001 - 2,500 gpd	\$767		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 2,501 - 3,000 gpd	\$901		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 3,001 - 3,500 gpd	\$988		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 3,501 - 4,000 gpd	\$1,075		
Plan Review fee			

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D****WPCF PERMIT FEES**

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For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 4,001 - 4,500 gpd	\$1,161
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 4,501 - 5,000 gpd	\$1,252
Commercial facilities with a design capacity greater than 5,000 gpd	\$1,317
Single family dwelling	\$264
<b>Annual Compliance Determination fee</b>	
Onsite sewage lagoon with no discharge	\$1,581
Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities less than 2,500 gpd	\$659
Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities of 2,500 - 20,000 gpd	\$1,317
Holding tanks, if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner does not submit written certification to DEQ that the holding tank has been operated the previous calendar year in full compliance with the permit or that the previous year's service logs for the holding tanks are not available for inspection by the DEQ	\$524
Holding tanks, if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner submits written certification to DEQ that the holding tank has been operated the previous calendar year in full compliance with the permit and that the previous year's service	\$55
Other systems with design capacities less than 20,000 gpd	\$659
Other systems with design capacities 20,000 gpd or more	\$1,317

<b>OAR 340-071-0140</b> <b>TABLE 9E</b> <b>SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE LICENSE AND TRUCK INSPECTION FEES</b> <b>Effective November 1, 2025</b>	
New 3-year business license	\$527 per year
Renewal of business license	\$397 per year
Additional license fee for additional pumper vehicles	\$18/vehicle
Transfer of or amendments to license	\$248
Reinstatement of suspended license	\$310
Pumper truck inspections - First vehicle, each inspection	\$123
Pumper truck inspections - Each additional vehicle, each inspection	\$61

<b>OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9F</b> <b>OTHER FEES</b> <b>Effective August 1, 2024</b>	
Innovative or Alternative Technology Review	\$1,985
Alternative Technology Review (greater than 1,500 gpd)	\$3,971
Alternative Treatment Technology Annual Compliance Determination Fee (per listed model)	\$620
Material Plan Review	\$594
Department Surcharge	\$120

<b>OAR 340-048-0055 TABLE 9G</b> <b>401 Fees</b> <b>Effective November 1, 2025</b>	
Tier 1	\$1,044
Tier 2A	\$4,565
Tier 2B	\$12,842
Tier 3	\$18,862
Tier 4 - \$14,020 per month or average monthly cost of a senior level technical staff position.	\$14,873

<b>OAR 340-049-0065</b> <b>TABLE B</b> <b>Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification Fee Schedule</b>	
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Small Wastewater Systems	\$148
Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment or Collection	\$148
Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment and Collection	\$212
Grade II Treatment or Collection	\$180
Grade III Treatment or Collection	\$212
Grade IV Treatment or Collection	\$254
Examination Fee	\$106
Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee	\$254
Post-examination Application Fee	\$52
Two-year Certification Renewal Fee – One Certificate or Two	\$168
Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee — One certificate or two	\$296
<b>Reciprocity Application Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Grade I — Treatment or Collection	\$168
Grade I — Treatment and Collection	\$254
Grade II Treatment or Collection	\$200
Grade III Treatment or Collection	\$232
Grade IV Treatment or Collection	\$275

<b>OAR 340-049-0065</b> <b>TABLE C</b> <b>Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule</b>	
<b>Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)</b>	<b>Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee</b>
ADWF less than 0.075 MGD	\$84
ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD	\$106
ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD	\$200
ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD	\$381

ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD	\$890
ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD	\$1,951
ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD	\$3,819
ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD	\$6,365
ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD	\$8,911
ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD	\$12,730
ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD	\$17,823
ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD	\$25,461
ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater	\$35,646
Late Fee: \$52 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater.	\$52



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## OAR 340-045-0075

### Fee Tables

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70A Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application and Modification Fees Effective November 1, 2025			
Application fees for new industrial permits			
Tier 1 Industrial Facilities	\$95,628		
Tier 2 Industrial Facilities	\$19,243		
Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)	\$907		
Note: New permit applications must include the annual fee specified in Table 70B in addition to the new permit application fee listed above. The application fee is not required for renewal unless a modification is needed or requested.			
Modification Fees <sup>1</sup>			
	Major		Minor
	At Permit Renewal	Prior to Expiration	
Tier 1 Industrial Facilities	\$24,023	\$47,736	\$1,672
Tier 2 Industrial Facilities	\$6,106	\$9,537	\$1,672
1. A new application, application fee and modification fee must accompany all requests for permit modification. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.			

<b>OAR 340-045-0075</b> <b>Table 70B</b> <b>Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees</b> Effective November 1, 2025					
Type	Description	NPDES Tier 1	NPDES Tier 2	WPCF Tier 1	WPCF Tier 2
B01	Pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industry	\$33,436	N	\$31,032	N
<b>Food or beverage processing - includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption:</b>					
B02	Washing or packing only	N	\$4,646	N	\$4,276
B03	Processing – small. Flow $\leq$ 0.1 mgd, or 0.1 < flow < 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$6,948	N	\$6,573
B04	Processing – medium. 0.1 mgd < Flow < 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year, or flow $\geq$ 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$9,805	N	\$9,430
B05	Processing – large. Flow $\geq$ 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
<b>Primary Smelting or Refining:</b>					
B06	Aluminum	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B07	Non-ferrous metals utilizing sand chlorination separation facilities	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B08	Ferrous and non-ferrous metals not elsewhere classified	\$19,119	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690
B09	Chemical manufacturing with discharge of process wastewater	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B10	Cooling water discharges in excess of 20,000 BTU per second	\$19,119	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690
<b>Mining Operations – includes aggregate or ore processing:</b>					
B11	Large (over 500,000 cubic yards per year or involving chemical leaching)	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001
B12	Medium (100,000 to 500,000 cubic yards per year)	N	\$10,285	N	\$9,911
B13	Small (less than 100,000 cubic yards per year)	N	\$3,129	N	\$2,755
<b>All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of process wastewater (includes remediated groundwater):</b>					
B14	Tier 1 sources	\$33,436	N	\$31,032	N

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**Table 70B**  
**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

B15	Tier 2 sources	N	\$6,467	N	\$6,099
Type	Description	NPDES Tier 1	NPDES Tier 2	WPCF Tier 1	WPCF Tier 2
B16	All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of non-process wastewaters (for example: small cooling water discharges, boiler blowdown, filter backwash)	N	\$4,329	N	\$3,956
B17	Fish hatcheries and other confined feeding operations on individual permits except permits the Oregon Department of Agriculture administers.	N	\$3,791	N	\$3,417
B18	All facilities which dispose of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins	N	N	N	\$2,511
Timber and Wood Products					
B19	Sawmills, log storage, instream log storage	\$9,377	\$5,318	\$6,973	\$4,941
B20	Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard manufacturing, wood products	\$9,915	\$5,857	\$7,514	\$5,487
B21	Wood preserving	\$8,390	\$4,329	\$5,985	\$3,956

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## Table 70C

### Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application, Annual and Modification Fees

Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Type	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup>	NPDES Annual Fee (5yr)	WPCF Annual Fee (10yr)	Modifications <sup>3</sup>	
						Major	Minor
Non-Lagoon Treatment Systems	A1	Flow $\geq$ 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$132,019		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A2	5 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$77,589		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A3	10 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 25 mgd	\$60,960	\$36,568		\$30,555	\$1,672
	Ba	5 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$23,439	\$21,906	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C1 a	2 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$15,761	\$14,230	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2 a	1 mgd $\leq$ Flow < 2 mgd	\$60,960	\$10,696	\$9,163	\$30,555	\$1,672
	Da	Flow < 1 mgd	\$12,314	\$3,384	\$3,141	\$6,236	\$1,672

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70C**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual**  
**Permits: Application, Annual and**  
**Modification Fees**

Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Type	Criteria <sup>1</sup>	New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup>	NPDES Annual Fee (5yr)	WPCF Annual Fee (10yr)	Modifications <sup>3</sup>	
						Major	Minor
Lagoons Discharging to Surface Waters	Bb	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$12,393		\$30,555	\$1,672
	C1b	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$8,616		\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2b	1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd	\$60,960	\$6,289		\$30,555	\$1,672
	Db	Flow < 1 mgd	\$12,314	\$2,386		\$6,236	\$1,672
Nondischargin g Lagoons	E	No discharge flow	\$6,236		\$1,988	\$3,190	\$1,672
Alkaline-stabilization facilities	F		\$1,672		\$683		\$735
Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)			\$907				
Please see Table 70D and 70E for applicable population and pretreatment fees for the permits listed above.							
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System	MS4	See 40 C.F.R. § 122.26	\$33,855	Please see Table 70H		\$2,938	\$1,672

4. Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow, or as defined in 40 C.F.R.
5. New permit applications must include the annual fee in addition to the new permit application fee.
6. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70D**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fee**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Population range	Annual fee
500,000+	\$177,369
400,000 to 499,999	\$135,686
300,000 to 399,999	\$94,006
200,000 to 299,999	\$52,320
150,000 to 199,999	\$42,314
100,000 to 149,999	\$27,868
50,000 to 99,999	\$17,447
25,000 to 49,999	\$7,854
15,000 to 24,999	\$4,471
10,000 to 14,999	\$2,911
5,000 to 9,999	\$1,769
1,000 to 4,999	\$527
100 to 999	\$97
0 to 99	\$0

**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70E**  
**Annual Pretreatment Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Description	Fee
Pretreatment Fee	\$3,038
Significant Industrial User	\$1,012 per industry

<b>OAR 340-045-0075</b> <b>Table 70F</b> <b>All NPDES and WPCF<sup>1</sup> Permits: Technical Activity, Plan Review, and Other Fees</b> Effective November 1, 2025	
Activity	Fee
New or substantially modified sewage treatment facility	\$13,984
Minor facility or pump station modifications	\$1,518
Major system or pressure system expansion	\$1,065
Minor system expansion or modification	\$300
New or substantially modified septage alkaline stabilization facility	\$1,518
Site inspection and evaluation <sup>2</sup>	\$2,380
Disposal system plan review <sup>2</sup>	\$950
Environmental management plan review <sup>3</sup>	\$950
Other Fees	
Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver	\$1,157
Permit transfer, legal name change.	\$147
4. Does not include Onsite septic systems. Please see Tables 9A-9F in OAR 340-071 for appropriate technical activity fees. 5. This fee only applies when these activities are required for DEQ's review of a general permit application. 6. This fee is not charged to new applicants for individual NPDES and WPCF permits. Plans updated after the permit is issued are subject to plan review as specified in the permit. This includes but is not limited to biosolids management plan and recycled water use plan.	

<b>OAR 340-045-0075</b> <b>Table 70G</b> <b>General NPDES and WPCF Permits:</b> <b>Application and Annual Fees</b> Effective November 1, 2025				
Number	Type	Description	New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup>	Annual Fee
100-J	NPDES	Cooling water/heat pumps	\$387	\$884
200-J	NPDES	Filter backwash	\$387	\$884
300-J	NPDES	Fish hatcheries	\$620	\$884
400-J	NPDES	Log ponds	\$387	\$884
500-J	NPDES	Boiler blowdown	\$387	\$884



**OAR 340-045-0075**  
**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

<b>Number</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Permit App. Fee<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
900-J	NPDES	Seafood processing	\$387	\$884
1400-A	WPCF	Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is $\leq$ 82000 gallons/day and is only disposed of by land irrigation.	\$387	\$518
1400-B	WPCF	Wineries and small food processors not otherwise eligible for a 1400A general permit.	\$620	\$884
1500-A	NPDES	Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up	\$620	\$884
1500-B	WPCF	Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up	\$620	\$884
1700-A	NPDES	Vehicle and equipment wash water	\$862	\$884
1700-B	WPCF	Vehicle and equipment wash water	\$862	\$884
1900-J	NPDES	Non-contact geothermal heat exchange	\$862	\$884
2000-J	NPDES	Pesticide use irrigation districts	\$862	\$884
2300-A	NPDES	Pesticide general permit	\$862	\$884
<b>Residential and Commercial Graywater and Industrial Reuse Water</b>				
2401	WPCF	Tier 1 graywater reuse and disposal system for residential systems: $\leq$ 300 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit	\$57	\$46
2402	WPCF	Tier 2 graywater reuse and disposal system for systems: $\leq$ 1,200 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit	\$634	\$57
2501	WPCF	Industrial reuse water free of human and animal waste suitable for reuse without secondary or advanced treatment and $\leq$ 25,000 gallons/day	\$862	\$884

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**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Number	Type	Description	New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup>	Annual Fee
<b>Stormwater General Permits<sup>2</sup></b>				
1200-A	NPDES	Stormwater: Sand, gravel, and other non-metallic mining	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-C	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities – one acre or more	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-C	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities – less than one acre and part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres	\$442	\$0
1200-CA	NPDES	Stormwater: Construction activities performed by public agencies – one acre or more	\$1,515	\$1,558
1200-Z	NPDES	Stormwater: Industrial	\$1,515	\$1,558
4000-MS4	NPDES	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): Conveyance system owned or operated by municipality, special district, hospital, port, school district, etc.	\$1515	Please see Table 70H
<b>Mining General Permits</b>				
600	WPCF	Offstream small scale mining – Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year	\$0	\$0
		Offstream small scale mining – Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year	\$387	\$0
700-PM	NPDES	Suction dredges (gravity and syphon)	\$0	\$25
700-PM	NPDES	Suction dredges (motorized)	\$250	\$250
		Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)	\$250	
1000	WPCF	Gravel mining	\$387	\$884
<b>Other General Permits</b>				
All other permits not elsewhere classified.			\$862	\$884
3. New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee. 4. Stormwater construction and industrial permits are also administered by public agencies and local districts under contract with DEQ.				

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**Table 70H**  
**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits:**  
**Annual Fees**  
Effective November 1, 2025

Population-based cost-per-person, except counties and other	Annual Fee
Cost-per-person	\$0.134
Counties, Phase I	\$12,296
Counties, Phase II (non-traditional MS4s, hospitals, public universities, etc.)	\$3,071
Oregon Department of Transportation MS4*	\$49,193

\*Fee for ODOT MS4 assessed only in the absence of a separate revenue agreement.

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## Table 70I

### Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees and Surcharges

Effective November 1, 2025

Type	Description	Application Fee	Annual Fee	Class of Injection	Surcharge	
					Application	Annual
Authorized By Rule <sup>1</sup>	Low Risk Stormwater Only	None	None	Low Risk	\$113	None
	Non-Stormwater Injection <sup>2</sup>	None	None	Medium Risk	\$142	None
	All Other UIC's Draining Stormwater from Any Surface	None	None	Low Risk	\$113	None
				Medium Risk	\$142	None
				High Risk	\$339	\$113
1200-U General Permit <sup>3</sup>	Stormwater Injection	\$862	\$884	Low Risk	\$152	None
				Medium Risk	\$192	None
				High Risk	\$463	\$152
1900-B General Permit	Injection During Geothermal Exploration	\$862	\$884			
Type	Description	Application Fees				
Other	Preclosure Notification fee	\$103				
	Sewage Drill Hole Closure Fee	\$103				
Type	Description	Application Fee	Annual Fee	Individual WPCF Modifications		
				Major	Minor	
Individual WPCF Permit	As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146	\$19,243	\$4,071	\$3,190	\$1,672	

4. Includes facilities with less than 50 injection systems. All systems must be located over 500 feet from a water well and outside a 2 -year time of travel from a water source.
5. Includes aquifer storage and recovery, low temperature geothermal injection, remediation and other underground injection control systems that do not drain stormwater.
6. Includes facilities with less than 50 injection systems and for systems within 500 ft from a water well and within a 2-year time of travel from a water source.



# OAR 340-071-0800

## Fee Tables

**Effective November 1, 2025**

<b>OAR 340-071-0220</b> <b>TABLE 1</b> <b>MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES</b> (ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)			
Items Requiring Setback		From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units
1. Groundwater Supplies and Wells		*100	50
2. Springs	Upgradient	50	50
	Downgradient	100	50
**3. Surface Public Waters	Year round	100	50
	Seasonal	50	50
4. Intermittent Streams	Piped (watertight not less than 20' from any part of the onsite system)	20	20
	Unpiped	50	50
5. Groundwater Interceptors	On a slope of 3% or less	20	10
	On a slope greater than 3%: Upgradient	10	5
	On a slope greater than 3%: Downgradient	50	10

**OAR 340-071-0220**

**TABLE 1**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES**

(ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Items Requiring Setback		From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units
6. Irrigation Canals	Lined (watertight canal) : Downgradient	25	25
	Unlined: Upgradient	25	25
	Unlined: Downgradient	50	50
7. Manmade Cuts Down - Gradient in Excess of 30 Inches (top of downslope cut)	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth Within 48 Inches of Surface	50	25
	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
8. Downgradient Escarpments	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	50	10
	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
9. Property Lines		10	5
10. Water Lines		10	10
11. Foundation Lines of any Building, Including Garages and Out Buildings		10	5
12. Underground Utilities		10	—
* 50-foot setback for wells constructed with special standards granted by WRD. **This does not prevent stream crossings of pressure effluent sewers.			

**OAR 340-071-0220**

**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Type of Establishment		Column 1	Column 2
		Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Airports		5 (per passenger)	150
Bathhouses and swimming pools		10 (per person)	300
Camps: (4 Persons per Campsite, where Applicable)	Campground with central comfort stations	35 (per person)	700
	With flush toilets, no showers	25 (per person)	500
	Construction camps — semi- permanent	50 (per person)	1000
	Day camps — no meals served	15 (per person)	300
	Resort camps (night and day) with limited plumbing	50 (per person)	1000
	Luxury camps	100 (per person)	2000
Churches		5 (per seat)	150
Country clubs		100 (per resident member)	2000

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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Country clubs		25 (per non-resident member present)	—
Dwellings:	Boarding houses	150 (per bedroom)	600
	Boarding houses – additional for non-residential boarders	10 (per person)	—
	Rooming houses	80 (per person)	500
	Condominiums, Multiple family dwellings — including apartments	300 (per unit)	900
Type of Establishment		Column 1	Column 2
		Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Dwellings:	Single family dwellings	300 (not exceeding 2 bedrooms)	450*
	Single family dwellings — with more than 2 bedrooms	75 (for third & each succeeding bedroom)	450
Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — with shower facilities)		35 (per person per shift)	300
Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — without shower facilities)		15 (per person per shift)	150
Hospitals		250 (per bed space)	2500
Hotels with private baths		120 (per room)	600
Hotels without private baths		100 (per room)	500
Institutions other than hospitals		125 (per bed space)	1250
Laundries — self-service		500 (per machine)	2500



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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

Mobile home parks		250 (per space)	750
Motels — with bath, toilet, and kitchen wastes		100 (per bedroom)	500
Motels — without kitchens		80 (per bedroom)	400
Picnic Parks — toilet wastes only		5 (per picnicker)	150
Picnic Parks — with bathhouses, showers, and flush toilets		10 (per picnicker)	300
Restaurants		40 (per seat)	800
Restaurants — single-service		2 (per customer)	300
Restaurants — with bars and/or lounges		50 (per seat)	1000
<b>Type of Establishment</b>		<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
		<b>Gallons Per Day</b>	<b>Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day</b>
Schools:	Boarding	100 (per person)	3000
	Day — without gyms, cafeterias, or showers	15 (per person)	450
	Day — with gyms, cafeterias and showers	25 (per person)	750
	Day — with cafeteria, but without gyms or showers	20 (per person)	600
Service Stations		10 (per vehicle served)	500
Swimming pools and bathhouses		10 (per person)	300
Theaters:	Movie	5 (per seat)	300
	Drive-In	20 (per car space)	1000
Travel trailer parks — without individual water and sewer hookups		50 (per space)	300
Travel trailer parks — with individual water and sewer hookups		100 (per space)	500
Workers:	Construction — as semi- permanent camps	50 (per person)	1000

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**TABLE 2**

**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

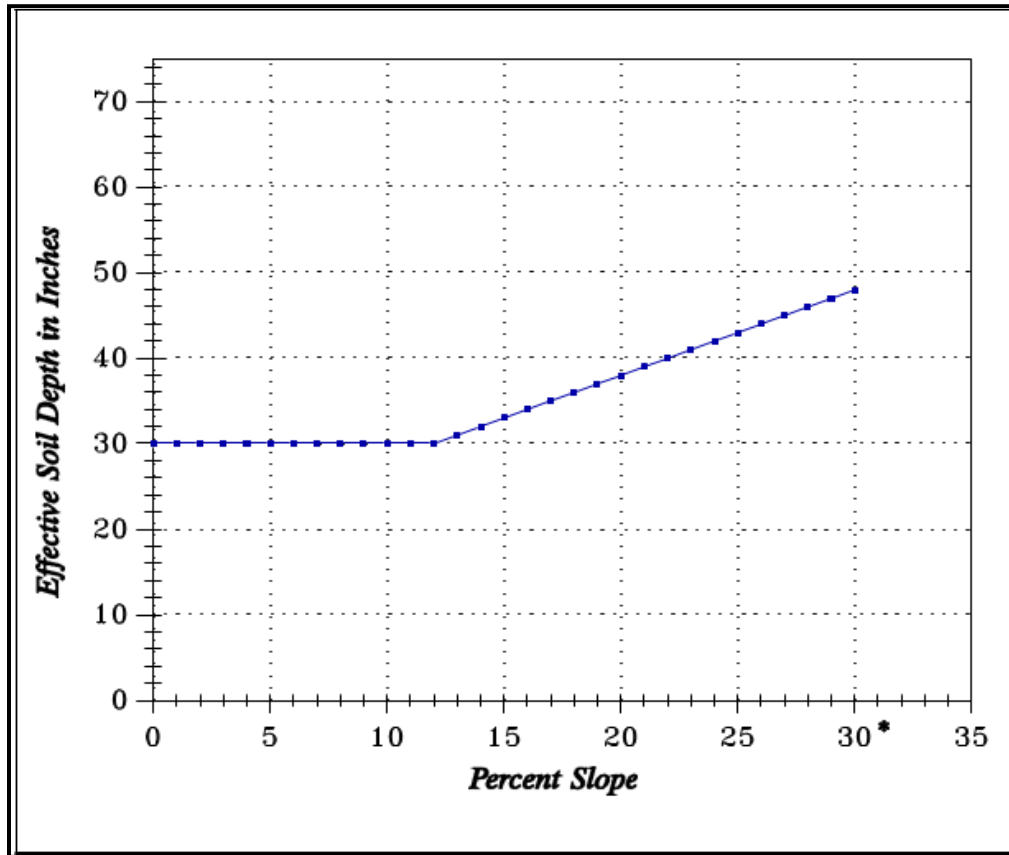
	Day — at schools and offices	15 (per shift)	150
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\* Except as otherwise provided in these rules.

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TABLE 3

SLOPE, EFFECTIVE SOIL DEPTH RELATIONSHIP



**OAR 340-071-0220****TABLE 4**

**Minimum length of absorption trench (linear feet) required per 150 gallons projected daily sewage flow determined from soil texture versus effective soil depth.**

<b>Effective Soil Depth</b>	<b>Soil Group</b>		
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
18" to Less than 24"	125	150	175
24" to Less than 36"	100	125	150
36" to Less than 48	75	100	125
48" or more	50	75	125

Soil Group A — Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam.

Soil Group B — Sandy Clay Loam, Loam, Silt Loam, Silt, Clay Loam.

Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

If sand grains are fine or very fine, site according to Group B soils.

**OAR 340-071-0220****TABLE 5**

**Minimum length of absorption trench (linear feet) required per 150 gallons projected daily sewage flow determined from soil texture versus depth to temporary groundwater.**

<b>Depth to Temporary Groundwater</b>	<b>Soil Group</b>		
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
24" to Less than 48"	100	125	150
48" or More	50	75	125

Soil Group A — Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam.

Soil Group B — Sandy Clay Loam, Loam, Silt Loam, Silt, Clay Loam.

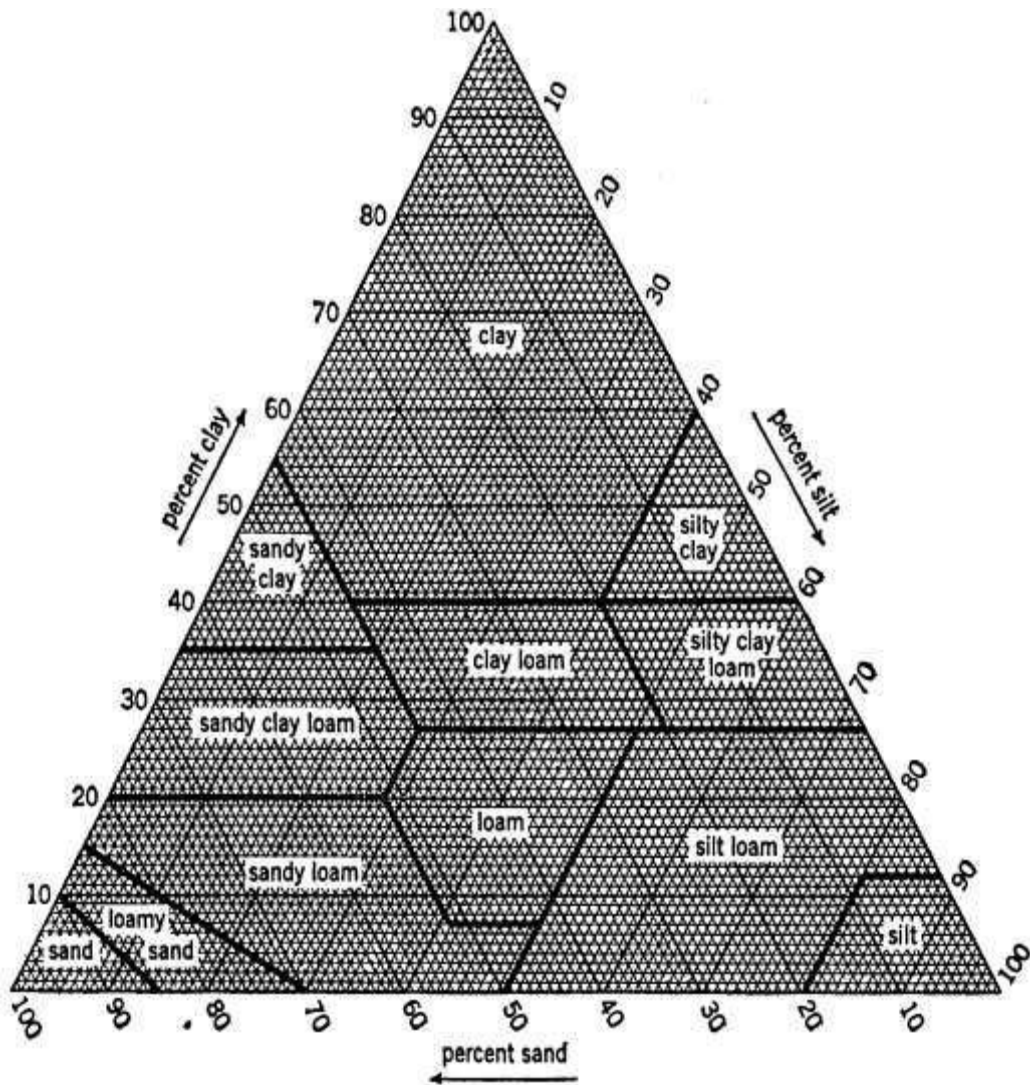
Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

If sand grains are fine or very fine, site according to Group B soils.

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TABLE 6

SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION CHART



**OAR 340-071-0100****TABLE 7****USDA SOIL CLASSIFICATION SIZES OF  
SOIL SEPARATES**

<b>Material</b>	<b>Sieve Sizes</b>	<b>Millimeters</b>
Clay		.002
Silt	270	.050
Very Fine Sand	200	.075
	140	.1
Fine Sand	60	.25
Medium Sand	35	.5
Coarse Sand	18	1.0
Very Coarse Sand	10	2.0
Fine Gravel	4	4.75
	3/8"	9.5
	1/2	12.5
Course Gravel	3"	76.2
Cobbles		

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**TABLE 8**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-  
CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES**

<b>Items requiring separation</b>	<b>Self-Contained Nonwater- Carried Waste Disposal</b>	<b>Unsealed Earth Type Privies, Graywater Waste Disposal Sump and Seepage Chambers</b>
Groundwater supplies including springs and cisterns	50'	100'
Surface public waters, excluding intermittent streams	50'	100'
Intermittent streams	50'	50'
Property line	25'	25'



**OAR 340-071-0140****TABLE 9A****SITE EVALUATION AND EXISTING SYSTEM EVALUATION FEES****Effective November 1, 2025****New Site Evaluation Fees**

Fees in this section apply to each system for which site suitability is evaluated

Single family dwelling - First lot	\$843
Single family dwelling - Each additional lot evaluated during initial visit	\$843
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,000 gpd or less	\$843
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd	\$1,061
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd	\$1,280
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd	\$1,498
Commercial facility s with a design capacity of 2,501-3,000 gpd	\$1,718
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,001-3,500 gpd	\$1,936
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,501-4,000 gpd	\$2,153
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,001-4,500 gpd	\$2,372
Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,501-5,000 gpd	\$2,591
Commercial facility with a design flow greater than 5,000 gpd	\$2,859
Site Evaluation Report Review fee	\$794
Existing System Evaluation Report fee	\$794

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**TABLE 9B**

**PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT  
SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**

**Effective August 1, 2024**

Type of Fee		System Type					Plan Review fees for Commercial Facility Systems
		A	B	C	D	E	
Construction-Installation Permit Fees	For systems with a design capacity of less than 600 gpd	\$555	\$1,072	\$1,250	\$1,532	\$1,886	\$0
	For systems with a design capacity of 601-1,000 gpd	\$555	\$1,072	\$1,250	\$1,532	\$1,886	\$456
	For systems with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd	\$674	\$1,191	\$1,369	\$1,628	\$2,060	\$535
	For systems with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd	\$794	\$1,310	\$1,489	\$1,726	\$2,123	\$614
	For systems with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd	\$912	\$1,429	\$1,607	\$1,823	\$2,243	\$695
Reinspection fee		\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123	\$123
Pump Evaluation fee. For all permits that specify the use of a pump or dosing siphon except for sand filter, Alternative treatment technologies, Recirculating gravel filter, and pressurized distribution systems		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79

**System Type Key:**

Type A = Gray Water waste disposal sumps

Type B = Holding tanks

Type C = Standard subsurface, Absorption trenches in saprolite, Redundant, Seepage trench, Steep slope

Type D = Alternative treatment technologies, Capping fill, Pressurized distribution, Tile dewatering

Type E = Recirculating gravel filter, Sand filter (commercial or residential)

**OAR 340-071-0140****TABLE 9C****OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS  
NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS****Effective November 1, 2025**

<b>Fee Subject</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Field Visit required</b>	<b>No Field Visit required</b>
Minor Alteration Permit	\$327		
Major Alteration Permit	\$684		
Minor Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling	\$317		
Major Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling	\$663		
Minor Repair Permit - Commercial Facility	\$575		
Major Repair Permit - Commercial Facility	\$1,250		
Permit Denial Review	\$436		
Permit Transfer, Reinstatement, or Renewal		\$645	\$188
Authorization Notice		\$774	\$198
Authorization Notice Denial Review	\$794		
Renewal of hardship authorization for temporary dwelling		\$408	\$123
Alternative system inspection - Holding tanks	\$476		
Variance from onsite system rules	\$2,581		
Land use clearance	\$61		
Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – hard copy submittal	\$37		
Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – online submittal	\$30		
Alternative system inspection - Other alternative systems listed in Table 9B	\$655		

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**TABLE 9C**

**OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS  
NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Field Visit required</b>	<b>No Field Visit required</b>
Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – hard copy submittal	\$74		
Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – online submittal	\$61		

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D****WPCF PERMIT FEES**

Effective November 1, 2025

	Application filing fee (all systems)	Permit processing fees for onsite systems with a design capacity of 1,200 gpd or less	Permit processing fees for onsite systems with a design capacity over 1,200 gpd
New application	\$129	\$1,055	\$5,278
Permit renewal (involving request for effluent limit modifications)	\$129	\$524	\$2,641
Permit renewal (without request for effluent limit modifications)	\$129	\$264	\$1,317
Permit modification (involving increase in effluent limitations)	\$129	\$524	\$2,641
Permit modification (not involving an increase in effluent limits)	\$129	\$393	\$1,317
Plan Review fee			
For commercial facilities with a design capacity less than 600 gpd	\$0		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 600 - 1,000 gpd	\$501		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 1,001 - 1,500 gpd	\$591		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 1,501 - 2,000 gpd	\$680		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 2,001 - 2,500 gpd	\$767		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 2,501 - 3,000 gpd	\$901		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 3,001 - 3,500 gpd	\$988		
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 3,501 - 4,000 gpd	\$1,075		
Plan Review fee			

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D****WPCF PERMIT FEES**

Effective November 1, 2025

For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 4,001 - 4,500 gpd	\$1,161
For commercial facilities with a design capacity of 4,501 - 5,000 gpd	\$1,252
Commercial facilities with a design capacity greater than 5,000 gpd	\$1,317
Single family dwelling	\$264
<b>Annual Compliance Determination fee</b>	
Onsite sewage lagoon with no discharge	\$1,581
Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities less than 2,500 gpd	\$659
Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities of 2,500 - 20,000 gpd	\$1,317
Holding tanks, if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner does not submit written certification to DEQ that the holding tank has been operated the previous calendar year in full compliance with the permit or that the previous year's service logs for the holding tanks are not available for inspection by the DEQ	\$524
Holding tanks, if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner submits written certification to DEQ that the holding tank has been operated the previous calendar year in full compliance with the permit and that the previous year's service	\$55
Other systems with design capacities less than 20,000 gpd	\$659
Other systems with design capacities 20,000 gpd or more	\$1,317

<b>OAR 340-071-0140</b> <b>TABLE 9E</b> <b>SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE LICENSE AND TRUCK INSPECTION FEES</b> <b>Effective November 1, 2025</b>	
New 3-year business license	\$527 per year
Renewal of business license	\$397 per year
Additional license fee for additional pumper vehicles	\$18/vehicle
Transfer of or amendments to license	\$248
Reinstatement of suspended license	\$310
Pumper truck inspections - First vehicle, each inspection	\$123
Pumper truck inspections - Each additional vehicle, each inspection	\$61

<b>OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9F</b> <b>OTHER FEES</b> <b>Effective August 1, 2024</b>	
Innovative or Alternative Technology Review	\$1,985
Alternative Technology Review (greater than 1,500 gpd)	\$3,971
Alternative Treatment Technology Annual Compliance Determination Fee (per listed model)	\$620
Material Plan Review	\$594
Department Surcharge	\$120

<b>OAR 340-048-0055 TABLE 9G</b> <b>401 Fees</b> <b>Effective November 1, 2025</b>	
Tier 1	\$1,044
Tier 2A	\$4,565
Tier 2B	\$12,842
Tier 3	\$18,862
Tier 4 -\$14,020 per month or average monthly cost of a senior level technical staff position.	\$14,873



**OAR 340-049-0065****TABLE B****Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification Fee Schedule**

<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Small Wastewater Systems	\$148
Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment or Collection	\$148
Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment and Collection	\$212
Grade II Treatment or Collection	\$180
Grade III Treatment or Collection	\$212
Grade IV Treatment or Collection	\$254
Examination Fee	\$106
Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee	\$254
Post-examination Application Fee	\$52
Two-year Certification Renewal Fee – One Certificate or Two	\$168
Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee — One certificate or two	\$296
<b>Reciprocity Application Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Grade I — Treatment or Collection	\$168
Grade I — Treatment and Collection	\$254
Grade II Treatment or Collection	\$200
Grade III Treatment or Collection	\$232
Grade IV Treatment or Collection	\$275

**OAR 340-049-0065****TABLE C****Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule**

<b>Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)</b>	<b>Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee</b>
ADWF less than 0.075 MGD	\$84

ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD	\$106
ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD	\$200
ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD	\$381
ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD	\$890
ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD	\$1,951
ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD	\$3,819
ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD	\$6,365
ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD	\$8,911
ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD	\$12,730
ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD	\$17,823
ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD	\$25,461
ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater	\$35,646
Late Fee:\$52 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater.	\$52