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DEQ recommendation to the **DEQ** Director

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Program recommends that Director Leah Feldon, on behalf of the Environmental Quality Commission, adopt the proposed rules in Attachment A as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Overview

The proposed rule amendments are to increase water quality fees in 2025 for fiscal year 2026 by three percent 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.

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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.

Statement of need

What need would the proposed rule address?

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 by three percent as provided in ORS 468B.051. The water quality programs included in this rulemaking are:

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The three percent increase is allowable under ORS 468.051

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 the rising 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 Nov. 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.

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:

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 full-time employees, or 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 U.S. The proposed fee increase will support retaining the 4.0 FTE in the 401 Dredge and Fill Certification Program statewide that review approximately 250 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 approximately 1,400 total persons with wastewater collection and/or treatment certifications in the program.

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	340-049-0065	340-048-0055	

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	DEQ web page		
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	Oregon Employment Department website reports 875 Union Street NE Salem, OR 97311 A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - QualityInfo		

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 three percent, 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]

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 700-PM 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 three percent.

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 three percent.

Three percent increase for Onsite Wastewater Management Septic Program

OAR 340-071-0800

All fees in Tables 9 A – F would be increased by three percent.

Three percent increase for Wastewater Operator Certification Program

OAR 340-049-0065 Tables B and C

All fees described in these tables would be increased by three percent.

Reasons

The proposed fee increase is necessary to maintain current service levels. DEQ's goal is to incrementally raise fees annually, when appropriate, rather than adopt larger fee adjustments less frequently. However, the regular three percent fee increase does not always keep pace with inflation and the increasing cost of services, especially for programs that are all or predominantly fee funded. Therefore, DEQ may periodically seek larger fee increases. In addition, sometimes legislatively approved resources are funded by the general fund.

NPDES and WPCF Permitting Programs associated with fees in OAR 340-045-0075 and 340-071-0140

The proposed fees will cover costs associated with implementing the permitting programs and delivering services to regulated entities. The 2015 Oregon Legislature commissioned a report by an independent, third-party consultant, Recommendations and Implementation Plan, which outlines improvements needed in the permitting program. Without this increase, DEQ would need to reduce permitting staff and delay improvements to the program as identified in the document.

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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 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 Underground Injection Control permit holders
- UIC rule authorization applicants
- Facilities with "high" risk rule authorized UICs
- 401 Water Quality Certifications
- Onsite Wastewater Management Program applications

Affected party involvement in fee-setting process

DEQ established a <u>Fiscal Advisory Committee</u> for this rulemaking with committee members representing the range of entities that are both directly and indirectly affected by the proposed fee increase.

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 three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent fee increase. Over two years, the average cost per FTE 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.

Water Quality Permitting: 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 three percent fee increase and assuming inflation remains steady, the Water Quality Permitting Program would need to implement a fee adjustment exceeding three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent fee increase is not authorized. The GRB modified the current service level budget by eliminating 3.0 FTE from the program. Policy option package 120 proposes to restore 2.0 FTE. A fee increase to support the restoration of the 2.0 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 three percent increase and factoring in the reduction of 3.0 FTEs, current projections 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 three percent 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 three percent fee increase is not authorized. The UIC rule authorization program will need to reset fees by greater than three percent in FY 2027 to maintain an adequate fund balance and existing staff levels. A three percent 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 three percent fee increase is not authorized. The 401 Dredge and Fill Program will need to reset fees by greater than three percent in FY 2027 to maintain an adequate fund balance and to maintain existing staff levels. A three percent 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 feebased services.

State and federal agencies

The effect of the proposed fee increases on state agencies depends on the permit type and complexity. 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 the Oregon Department of Transportation.
- 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 three percent increase (ranging from about \$5 to \$11) in cost to apply for or renew the operator's certification, if they cover that cost for employees. They would also see three percent increase in their annual fee to support the program.
- 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 three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent 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 three percent increase in their annual fee to support the program ranging from \$2 to \$1,038, based on the size of the facility.
- The onsite surcharge will increase from \$117 to \$120 and 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 three percent 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-three out of 36 counties are run by local government entities.

Large businesses - businesses with more than 50 employees

The three percent 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 three percent 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 see 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 three percent cost increase ranging from \$1 to \$8. Additionally, their annual program support fee would rise by three percent, 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.

In another 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 three percent increase (ranging from \$1 to \$8) in the cost of the certification, if they cover that cost. Additionally, small businesses would experience a three percent 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 three-year sewage disposal service license will increase from \$512 per year to \$527 per 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 per application to \$120 per 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 met with a rules advisory committee on Feb. 25, 2025. The committee was composed of a diverse group of interested parties representing a wide cross section of permit and certification holders. During and after the meeting, DEQ requested committee members' input concerning potential impacts to small businesses and how impacts can be reduced. During the public comment period, the Water Quality Program requested 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

Document title	Document location
Fee increase calculations	DEQ Headquarters
Recommendations and Implementation Plan	DEQ web page
DEQ 2021- 2023 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters
DEQ 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget	DEQ Headquarters
DEQ's water quality permit database	DEQ Headquarters
	Oregon Employment Department website reports
	875 Union Street NE
Businesses by size or firm of 50 or fewer employees	Salem, OR 97311
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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 three percent 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 for Site Evaluation Application	\$117	\$120
Site Evaluation*	\$819	\$843
Onsite Surcharge for Permit Application	\$117	\$120
Type D Permit*	\$1,488	\$1,532
Total	\$2,541	\$2,615

^{*} These fees would apply in Curry, Jackson, and Josephine Counties. The other 33 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.

Adoption of the proposed rule would affect wastewater permitting and wastewater 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 BIPOC or historically underserved communities.

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:
 - o Resources, objectives or areas identified in the statewide planning goals, or
 - o 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

- 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, water quality 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	
Lisette Hamer-Richardson	Affordable Septic Systems and Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association	
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 email subscription service, to the following lists:
 - o Rulemaking
 - Water Quality Permitting
- Added advisory committee announcements to DEQ's calendar of public meetings at <u>DEQ Calendar</u>.

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
 - o Underground Injection Control Rule Authorizations
- Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program
 - The RAC discussed the three percent 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
- Emailing approximately 25,493 interested individuals who signed up for notification on the following DEQ lists through GovDelivery:
 - o 700-PM Mining Permit Information
 - DEQ Public Notices
 - Nonpoint Source Water Quality
 - Onsite (Septic) Sewage Systems
 - Rulemaking
 - Stormwater
 - Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
 - o Water Quality Permits
 - o WQ Fee Increase Rulemaking, Onsite permit holders

Emailing the following key legislators required under ORS 183.335:

- Senate Committee on Natural Resources:
 - o Chair Jeff Golden
 - Vice-Chair Fred Girod
- House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water:
 - o 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 <u>DEQ event calendar</u>

Public hearing

DEQ held one virtual public hearing. DEQ received no comments at the hearing. Later sections of this document include a summary of the comments received in writing during the open public comment period and DEQ's response. Original comments are on file with DEQ.

Presiding officer's record

Hearing

Date	May 20, 2025
Place	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Start Time	5 p.m.
End Time	5:35 p.m.
Presiding Officer	Jason Simpson

Presiding Officer

The presiding officer convened the hearing, summarized procedures for the hearing and explained that DEQ was recording the hearing. The presiding officer asked people who wanted to present verbal comments to sign the registration list, or if attending by phone, to indicate their intent to present comments. The presiding officer advised all attending parties interested in receiving future information about the rulemaking to sign up for GovDelivery email notices.

As Oregon Administrative Rule 137-001-0030 requires, the presiding officer summarized the content of the rulemaking notice.

No person presented any oral testimony or written comments.

Summary of public comments and DEQ responses Public comment period

DEQ accepted public comment on the proposed rulemaking from April 29, 2025, until 4 p.m. on May 30, 2025.

The following is a summary of the five public comments received by the close of the public comment period. Original comment is on file with DEQ. DEQ did not change the proposed rules in response to comments.

Comment 1

Peter Robertson, Northwest Septic Service, Otis OR

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendments to Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, which would increase water quality fees for the 2026 Fiscal Year. These proposed increases, while perhaps intended to support DEQ operations, will place an undue burden on small communities, individual property owners, and local governments, particularly those in rural and coastal areas like mine.

Many residents and small business owners in areas such as Otis and Lincoln County already face significant financial challenges, especially in the wake of natural disasters, inflation, and the high cost of living in rural Oregon. Increasing fees associated with essential water quality programs-including septic permitting and stormwater management-will exacerbate these burdens without clear, demonstrated improvements in services or environmental outcomes.

Further, raising fees in programs like the Residential Onsite Septic System Permitting Program risks discouraging proper maintenance and compliance, leading to worse environmental and public health outcomes-the very opposite of DEQ's stated mission. Fee increases should be a last resort, not a default solution, and should be matched with accountability, transparency, and cost-efficiency improvements within DEQ operations. I urge the Department to reconsider these proposed increases and instead seek alternative funding mechanisms that do not place disproportionate financial strain on everyday Oregonians. Protecting Oregon's water resources is vital-but it must be pursued in a way that is equitable, sustainable, and inclusive of those most impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

DEQ response:

Thank you for your comment. It has been added to the record. Currently, 32 of the 36 counties in Oregon have residential onsite septic programs that are administered locally. Only four counties are currently administered directly by DEQ. Lincoln County is not one of the onsite programs directly administered by DEQ.

Additionally, local counties have the ability to set their own fees to fund operations of the onsite septic program locally (DEQ does not set fees for our "contract counties").

Since DEQ does not set residential onsite fees in Lincoln County, the primary fee that would be impacted by the DEQ proposed three percent fee increase would be the surcharge fee that applies to all onsite applications, which is currently set at \$117. This means that the proposed fee increase by DEQ would only increase the cost of onsite applications in Lincoln County by \$3 per application.

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.

Comment 2

B. Ascough, Oregon

The cost of water is prohibitive in Oregon. Please don't increase our fees.

DEQ response:

Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record. I wanted to share with you that 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

The proposed fees would only affect individuals, businesses and government agencies that need DEQ permits, licenses and/or certifications. This fee is not a proposed increase to individual residential or business utility rates. The Public Utility Commission regulates utility rates.

Comment 3

Michaelle Ryan, Oregon

Don't you think we have enough fees and taxes. I am a senior citizen on social security I don't get tax or fee increases I barely get cost of living increases when I do it's fifty dollars and that's a joke. People are being taxed and feed out of there homes. Oregon is one of the worst states to live in because the cost of living is so high how can you even consider a water quality fee REALLY?

DEQ response:

Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record. I wanted to share with you that 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)
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Comment 4

Bob Byers, Oregon

No more increases, us on a fixed income cannot afford it! We need people in government that will work for the people not getting their rocks off spending other people's money!

DEQ response:

Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record. I wanted to share with you that 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)
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Comment 5

Patrice Nearing, Oregon

What do they need us to pay for NOW!!??

DEQ response:

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- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits (Individual and General)
- Water Pollution Control Facility permits (Individual and General)
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The proposed fees would only affect individuals, businesses and government agencies that need DEQ permits, licenses and/or certifications. This fee is not a proposed increase to individual residential or business utility rates. The Public Utility Commission regulates utility rates.

Implementation

Notification

DEQ intends to apply the new fees to invoices as of November 2025 to cover costs associated with implementing water quality programs and delivering services to regulated entities. DEQ would notify affected parties by:

- Emailing interested parties on the following DEQ lists through GovDelivery:
 - o Rulemaking
 - o 700-PM Mining Permit Information
 - o DEQ Public Notices
 - Nonpoint Source Water Quality
 - Onsite (Septic) Sewage Systems
 - Stormwater
 - Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
 - Water Quality Permits
 - Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking Onsite permit holders
- Posting notification on relevant, DEQ permit-related web pages

Five-year review

Requirement

Oregon law requires DEQ to review new rules within five years after EQC adopts them. The law also exempts some rules from review. DEQ determined whether the rules described in this report are subject to the five-year review. DEQ based its analysis on the law in effect when EQC adopted these rules.

Exemption from five-year rule review

The Administrative Procedures Act exempts all of the proposed rules from the five-year review because the proposed rules would:

- Amend or repeal an existing rule. ORS 183.405(4).
- Implement legislatively approved fee changes. ORS 183.405(5)(c).

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 <u>Civil Rights and Environmental Justice page.</u>

Draft rules - edits highlighted

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Note: DEQ is not proposing to amend any rule language except for the fees found in the tables attached to the rules. The only exception to this is that DEQ is proposing to move the fees found in the rule text of OAR 340-048-0055 and into tables that will be attached to those rules.

Division 45

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO NPDES, WPCF, and UIC PERMITS

340-045-0075 Permit Fee Schedule

- (1) OAR chapter 340, division 71 contains the fee schedule for onsite sewage disposal system permits, including WPCF permits, and graywater reuse and disposal system WPCF individual permits.
- (2) DEQ establishes fees for various industrial, domestic and general water quality permits:
- (a) Table 70A lists the application and modification fees that apply to industrial NPDES and WPCF individual permits.
- (b) Table 70B lists the annual fees that apply to industrial NPDES and WPCF individual permits.
- (c) Table 70C lists application, modification and annual fees for domestic NPDES and WPCF individual permits.
- (d) Table 70D lists annual population fees.
- (e) Table 70E lists annual pretreatment fees applicable to domestic wastewater systems.
- (f) Table 70I lists application, annual and surcharge fees for Underground Injection Control rule authorizations and general permits.
- (3) DEQ must consider the following criteria when classifying a facility for determining applicable fees. For industrial sources that discharge to surface waters, discharge flow rate refers to the system design capacity. For industrial sources that do not discharge to surface waters, discharge flow refers to the total annual flow divided by 365:
- (a) Tier 1 industry. A facility is classified as a Tier 1 industry if the facility:
- (A) Discharges at a flow rate that is greater than or equal to 1 mgd; or
- (B) Discharges large biochemical oxygen demand loads; or
- (C) Is a large metals facility; or
- (D) Has significant toxic discharges; or
- (E) Has a treatment system that will have a significant adverse impact on the receiving stream if not operated properly; or

- (F) Needs special regulatory control, as DEQ determines.
- (b) Tier 1 domestic facility. A facility is classified as a Tier 1 domestic facility if the facility:
- (A) Has a dry weather design flow of 1 mgd or greater; or
- (B) Serves an industry that can have a significant impact on the treatment system.
- (c) Tier 2 industry or domestic facility: A facility is classified as Tier 2 if it does not meet Tier 1 qualifying factors.
- (4) New permit application fee. Unless this rule does not require it, the applicant must submit the applicable new permit application fee listed in Table 70A, 70C, 70G, or 70I with each application. The facility category and type of permit (e.g., individual vs. general) determines the amount of the fee.
- (5) Permit modification fee. Tables 70A and 70C list the permit modification fees. Modification fees for Individual WPCF Underground Injection Control permits are contained in Table 70I. Permit modification fees vary with the type of permit, the type of modification and the timing of modification as follows:
- (a) Modification at time of permit renewal:
- (A) Major modification involves an increase in effluent limitations or any other change that involves significant analysis by DEQ;
- (B) Minor modification does not involve significant analysis by DEQ.
- (b) Modification prior to permit renewal:
- (A) Major modification involves an increase in effluent limitations or any other change that involves significant analysis by DEQ. DEQ may require a permittee requesting a significant modification to their permit to enter into an agreement to pay for these services according to ORS 468.073. ORS 468.073 allows DEQ ". . . to expedite or enhance a regulatory process by contracting for services, hiring additional staff or covering costs of activities not otherwise provided during the ordinary course of department business "
- (B) Minor modification does not involve significant analysis by DEQ.
- (6) Annual fees. Tables 70B and 70G list applicable annual fees for general and industrial permit holders. Table 70H lists applicable annual fees for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer permits. Tables 70C, 70D, and 70E also list annual fees for domestic sources and include the following:
- (a) Annual fee. This is based on the type of treatment system, the dry weather design flow, and the duration assigned to the permit before a renewal application is required;
- (b) Population-based fee. A permit holder with treatment systems other than Type F (septage alkaline stabilization facilities) must pay an annual population-based fee. Table 70D lists the applicable fee;
- (c) Pretreatment fee. A source DEQ requires to administer a pretreatment program under federal pretreatment program regulations (40 C.F.R., Part 403; January 29, 1981, and its amendments) must pay an additional annual fee plus a fee for each significant industrial user specified in their annual report for the previous year. Table 70E lists the applicable fee.
- (7) Technical activities fee. Table 70F lists the technical activity, plan review and administrative fees. They are categorized as follows:

- (a) All permits. A permittee must pay a fee for NPDES and WPCF individual and general permitrelated technical activities. DEQ will charge a fee for initial submittal of engineering plans and specifications. DEQ will not charge fees for revisions and re-submittals of engineering plans and specifications or for facilities plans, design studies, reports, change orders, or inspections.
- (b) General permits. A permittee must pay the technical activity fee shown in Table 70F when the following activities are required for application review:
- (A) Disposal system and environmental management plan review;
- (B) Site inspection and evaluation.
- (8) For permits the Oregon Department of Agriculture administers, the permit applicant or permit holder must pay the permit fees following the fee schedule the Oregon Department of Agriculture establishes.
- (9) Administrative activity fees are listed in Table 70F:
- (a) The annual electronic reporting requirement waiver fee applies to permit holders who qualify for a temporary or permanent waiver exempting them from submitting data and reports electronically.
- (b) A permittee must pay a fee for a transfer of ownership as specified under OAR 340-045-0045 and for requests to change the legal or common name on the permit issued to the facility.

[ED. NOTE: To view attachments referenced in rule text, click here for PDF copy.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 468.020, 468B.020 & 468B.035 **Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 468.065, 468B.015, 468B.035 & 468B.050 **History:**

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DEQ 8-2008, f. 6-27-08, cert. ef. 7-1-08

DEQ 5-2007, f. & cert. ef. 7-3-07

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DEQ 15-2000, f. & cert. ef. 10-11-00

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DEQ 30-1992, f. & cert. ef. 12-18-92

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DEQ 9-1987, f. & ef. 6-3-87

DEQ 12-1983, f. & ef. 6-2-83

DEQ 18-1981, f. & ef. 7-13-81

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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 Fees¹

	Maj	jor		
	At Permit Renewal	Prior to Expiration	Minor	
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

	Effective November 1, 2025							
Туре	Descri ption	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			
Food or beverage processing - includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption:								
B02	Washing or packing only	N	\$4,646	N	\$4,276			
B03	Processing – small. Flow ≤ 0.1 mgd, or 0.1 < flow < 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year	Z	\$6,948	N	\$6,573			
B04	Processing – medium. 0.1 mgd < Flow < 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year, or flow ≥ 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$9,805	N	\$9,430			
B05	Processing – large.		\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001			
	Primar	y Smelting	or Refinir	ıg:				
B06	Aluminum	\$33,43 6	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001			
B07	Non-ferrous metals utilizing sand chlorination separation facilities	\$33,43 6	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001			
B08	Ferrous and non- ferrous metals not elsewhere classified	\$19,11 9	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690			

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70B Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual **Fees** Effective November 1, 2025 Chemical manufacturing with B09 \$31,032 discharge of process \$33.43 \$29,379 \$29,001 wastewater Cooling water discharges in excess B10 \$16,715 of 20,000 BTU per \$19.11 \$15,060 \$14.690 second Mining Operations – includes aggregate or ore processing: Large (over 500,000 cubic yards per year or B11 \$29,379 \$31,032 involving chemical \$33,43 \$29,001 leaching) 6 Medium (100,000 to 500,000 cubic yards B12 Ν Ν per year) \$10,285 \$9,911 Small (less than 100,000 cubic yards B13 Ν Ν \$3,129 \$2,755 per year) All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of process wastewater (includes remediated groundwater): B14 Tier 1 sources \$31,032 \$33,43 Ν Ν **B15** Tier 2 sources Ν Ν \$6,467 \$6,099 **NPDES NPDES WPCF WPCF Tier 2 Type Description** Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 1 All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of non-process **B16** Ν Ν wastewaters (for \$4,329 \$3,956 example: small cooling water discharges, boiler

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70B **Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees** Effective November 1, 2025 blowdown, filter backwash) Fish hatcheries and other confined feeding operations on individual permits B17 Ν Ν except permits the \$3,791 \$3,417 Oregon Department of Agriculture administers. All facilities which dispose of wastewater B18 Ν Ν Ν only by evaporation \$2,511 from watertight ponds or basins **Timber and Wood Products** Sawmills, log storage, B19 instream log storage \$9,377 \$6,973 \$4,941 \$5,318 Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard B20 manufacturing, \$9,915 \$5,857 \$7,514 \$5,487 wood products 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 Nov. 1, 2025

Descript	Туре	ਹੋਂ Vo Criteria ¹	New Permit	NPDES Annual Fee	WPCF Annual Fee	Modifications 3	
ion	pe	Criteria	App. Fee ²	(5yr)	(10yr)	Major	Minor
	A1	Flow ≥ 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$132,019		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A2	25 mgd ≤ Flow < 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$77,589		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A3	10 mgd ≤ Flow < 25 mgd	\$60,960	\$36,568		\$30,555	\$1,672
Non- Lagoon Treatment Systems	Ва	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$23,439	\$21,906	\$30,555	\$1,672
·	C1a	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$15,761	\$14,230	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2a	1 mgd ≤ 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**

Descrip tion	Тур	Criteria 1 New Permit App. Fee 2 NPDES Annual Fee (5yr)	WPCF Annual Fee	Modifications 3			
	эе			(10yr)	Major	Minor	
	Bb	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$12,393		\$30,555	\$1,672
Lagoons Dischargin	C1b	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$8,616		\$30,555	\$1,672
g to Surface Waters	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
ndischargin g Lagoons	Ш	No discharge flow	\$6,236		\$1,988	\$3,190	\$1,672
Alkaline- stabilizatio n facilities	F		\$1,672		\$683		\$735
Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340- 045-0061)			\$907				
Please se	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

Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow, or as defined in 40 C.F.R.
 New permit applications must include the annual fee in addition to the new permit application fee.

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 WPCF¹ 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 ²	\$2,380
Disposal system plan review ²	\$950
Environmental management plan review ³	\$950
Other Fees	
Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver	\$1,157
Permit transfer, legal name change.	\$147

Does not include Onsite septic systems. Please see Tables 9A-9F in OAR 340-071 for appropriate technical activity fees.

This fee only applies when these activities are required for DEQ's review of a general permit application.

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

Numbe r	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	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	
900-J	NPDES	Seafood processing	\$387	\$884	
1400-A	WPCF	Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is ≤ 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	
Residential and Commercial Graywater and Industrial Reuse Water					
2401	WPCF	Tier 1 graywater reuse and disposal system for residential systems: ≤ 300 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit	\$57	\$46	

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

Numbe r	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee
2402	WPCF	Tier 2 graywater reuse and disposal system for systems: ≤ 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 ≤ 25,000 gallons/day	\$862	\$884

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

Numbe r	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee				
	Stormwater General Permits ²							
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				
		Mining General Permits						
		Offstream small scale mining – Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year	\$0	\$0				
600	WPCF	Offstream small scale mining – Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year	\$387	\$0				
700-PM	NPDES	Suction dredges (gravity and syphon)	\$0	\$25				
		Suction dredges (motorized)	\$250	\$250				
700-PM	NPDES	Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)	\$250					
1000	WPCF	Gravel mining	\$387	\$884				

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

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Numbe r	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee				
	Other General Permits							
P	All other pe	\$862	\$884					

New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee.
 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

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	i.

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70I

Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees and Surcharges

Type	Description	Application					ge
туре	Description	Fee	Fee	Injection	Application	Annual	
	Low Risk Stormwater Only	None	None	Low Risk	\$113	None	
Authorized	Non-Stormwater Injection ²	None	None None	Medium Risk	\$142	None	
By Rule ¹	All Other UIC's		None None	Low Risk	\$113	None	
	Draining Stormwater from	None		Medium Risk	\$142	None	
	Any Surface	ce		High Risk	\$339	\$113	
1200-U				Low Risk	\$152	None	
General Permit ³	Stormwater Injection	\$862	\$862 \$884	Medium Risk	\$192	None	
Permit				High Risk	\$463	\$152	
1900-B General Permit	Injection During Geothermal Exploration	\$862	\$884				
Туре	Description			Application	Fees		
Other	Preclosure Notification fee			\$103			
Other	Sewage Drill Hole Closure Fee			\$103			
Tyme	Decemination	Application Annual Individual WPCF Modifications			ications		
Type	Description	Fee	Fee Fee Major	ee Major Minor			
Individual WPCF Permit	As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146	\$19,243	\$4,071	\$3,190 \$1,672		572	

- 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.



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OAR 340-071-0800 Fee Tables

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OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 1 MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES

(All measurements in feet unless otherwise noted)

Items Requiring S	From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units	
 Groundwater Supp 	lies and Wells	*100	50
2 Springs	Upgradient	50	50
2. Springs	Downgradient	100	50
**3. Surface Public Waters	Year round	100	50
5. Surface Public Waters	Seasonal	50	50
4. Intermittent Streams	Piped (watertight not less than 20' from any part of the onsite system)	20	20
	Unpiped	50	50
	On a slope of three percent or less	20	10
5. Groundwater Interceptors	On a slope greater than three percent: Upgradient	10	5
	On a slope greater than three percent: Downgradient	50	10

OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 1 MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES

(All measurements in feet unless otherwise noted)

Items Requiring	յ 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	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth Within 48 Inches of Surface	50	25
Inches (top of downslope cut)	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	50	10
8. Downgradient Escarpments	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
9. Property Lines		10	5
10. Water L	ines	10	10
 Foundation Lines of any Building, Including Garages and Out Buildings 		10	5
12. Underground		10	_
,	wells constructed with spe		d by WRD.

⁾⁻foot setback for wells constructed with special standards granted by WRD**This does not prevent stream crossings of pressure effluent sewers.

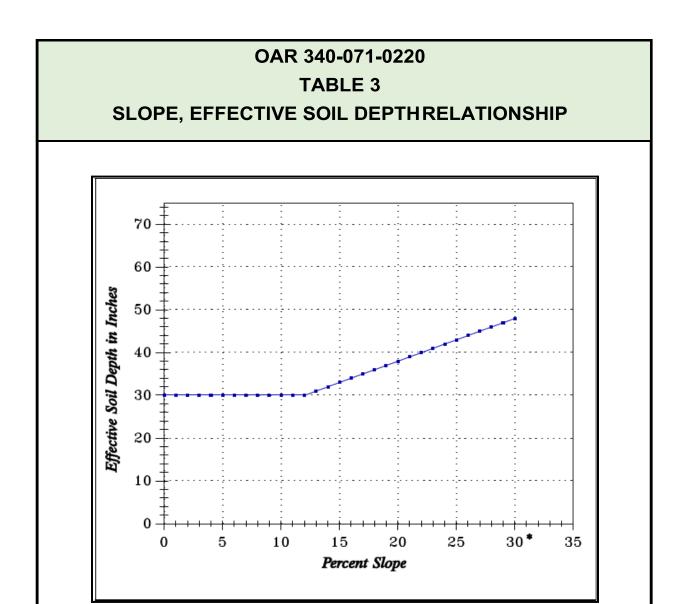
OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS

		Column 1	Column 2
Type of Establishment		Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Air	ports	5 (per passenger)	150
Bathhouses and	d swimming pools	10 (per person)	300
	Campground with central comfort stations	35 (per person)	700
Camps:(4 Persons per Campsite, where	With flush toilets, no showers	25 (per person)	500
	Construction camps — semi- permanent	50 (per person)	1000
Applicable)	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
Chu	rches	5 (per seat)	150
Country clubs		100 (per resident member)	2000

OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS			
Count	ry clubs	25 (per non- resident member present)	_
	Boarding houses	150 (per bedroom)	600
Dwellings:	Boarding houses – additional for non- residential boarders	10 (per person)	_
Dweilings.	Rooming houses	80 (per person)	500
	Condominiums, Multiple family dwellings — including apartments	300 (per unit)	900
		Column 1	Column 2
Type of Esta	ablishment	Gallons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Davis Ilia sa	Single family dwellings	300 (not exceeding 2 bedrooms)	450*
Dwellings:	Single family dwellings Single family dwellings — with more than 2 bedrooms	exceeding 2	
Factories (exclusive of	Single family dwellings — with more than 2	exceeding 2 bedrooms) 75 (for third & each succeeding	
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OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 **QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS** 500 (per Laundries — self-service 2500 machine) 250 (per space) 750 Mobile home parks 100 (per Motels — with bath, toilet, and kitchen wastes 500 bedroom) 80 Motels — without kitchens (per bedroom) 400 5 Picnic Parks — toilet wastes only 150 (per picnicker) Picnic Parks — with bathhouses, showers, and 10 (per picnicker) 300 flush toilets Restaurants 40 (per seat) 800 2 (per customer) Restaurants — single-service 300 1000 Restaurants — with bars and/or lounges 50 (per seat) Column 1 Column 2 **Minimum** Type of Establishment **Gallons Per Gallons Per** Establishment Day Per Day Boarding 100 (per person) 3000 Day — without gyms, cafeterias. or 450 (per person) showers Schools: Day — with gyms, 25 (per person) 750 cafeterias and showers Day — with cafeteria, but 20 (per person) 600 without gyms or showers 10 (per vehicle Service Stations 500 served) Swimming pools and bathhouses 10 (per person) 300 300 Movie 5 (per seat) 20 (per car Theaters: Drive-In 1000 space)

OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS				
•	ithout individual water and hookups	50	(per space)	300
Travel trailer parks — with individual water and sewer hookups			(per space)	500
Workers:	Construction — as semi- permanent camps	50	(per person)	1000
Day — at schools and offices		15	(per shift)	150
* Except as otherwise provided in these rules.				



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.

	Soil Group		
Effective Soil Depth	Α	В	С
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.

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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.

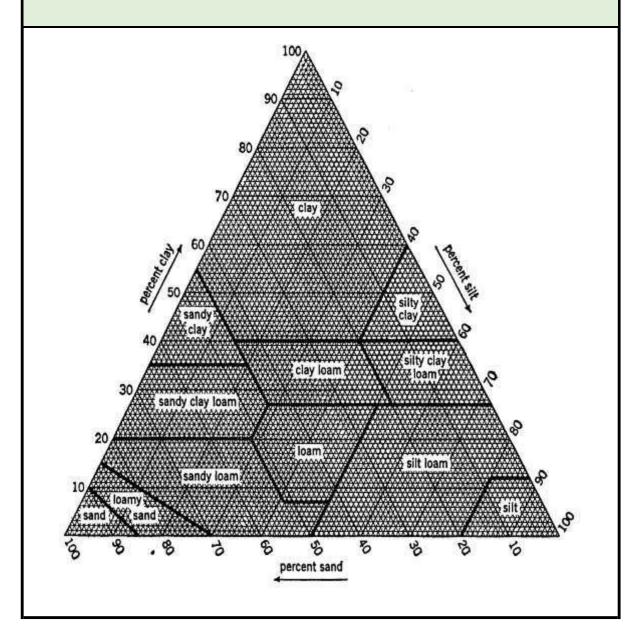
Depth to Temporary Groundwater	Soil Group		
Beptir to Temporary Groundwater	Α	В	С
24" to Less than 48"	100	125	150
48" or More	50	75	125

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.





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

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

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TABLE 8

MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Items requiring separation	Self-Contained Nonwater- Carried Waste Disposal	Unsealed Earth Type Privies, Graywater Waste Disposal Sump and Seepage Chambers
Groundwater supplies including springs and cisterns	50'	100'
Surface public waters, excluding intermittent streams	50'	00'
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

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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

OAR 340-071-0140 **TABLE 9B** PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF **PERMITS**

Effective August 1, 2024

Type of Fee		System Type				Plan Review fees for	
		A	В	С	D	Ш	Commercial Facility Systems
	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
Construction- Installation Permit Fees	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

Fee Subject	Fee	Field Visit required	No Field Visit required
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

Туре	Fee	Field Visit required	No Field Visit required
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 Nov. 1, 2025

Effective Nov. 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	

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D

WPCF PERMIT FEES

Effective Nov. 1, 2025			
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			
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		
Annual Compliance Determination fee			
Onsite sewage lagoon with no discharge	\$1,581		
Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities less than 2,500	\$659		

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D		
WPCF PERMIT FEES Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
gpd		
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	

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9E SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE LICENSE AND TRUCK INSPECTION FEES Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
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

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9F OTHER FEES Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
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	

OAR 340-048-0055 TABLE 9G 401 Fees Effective Nov. 1, 2025			
Tier 1	\$1,044		
Tier 2A	\$4,565		
Tier 2B	\$12,842		
Tier 3	\$18,862		
Tier 4 - \$14,440 per month or average monthly cost of a senior level technical staff position.	\$14,873		

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TABLE B		
Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification		
Fee Schedule		
Application Type	Fee	

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
Reciprocity Application Type	Fee
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

Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)	Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee		
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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Table 70A

Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application and Modification Fees

Effective Nov. 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 Fees¹

	Major		
	At Permit Renewal	Prior to Expiration	Minor
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

Туре	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			
Food or beverage processing - includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption:								
B02	Washing or packing only	N	\$4,646	N	\$4,276			
B03	Processing – small. Flow ≤ 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 ≥ 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year	N	\$9,805	N	\$9,430			
B05	Processing – large. Flow ≥ 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year	\$33,436	\$29,379	\$31,032	\$29,001			
	Prima	ry Smeltin	g or Refinir	ıg:				
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	\$19,119	\$15,060	\$16,715	\$14,690			

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70B Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees

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	Mining Operations –	includes a	ggregate o	r ore proce	ssing:			
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			
All fa	ncilities not elsewhere c		hich dispos remediated	-				
B14	Tier 1 sources	\$33,436	N	\$31,032	N			
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B15	Tier 2 sources	N	\$6,467	N	\$6,099			
	Description	NPDES Tier 1	\$6,467 NPDES Tier 2		\$6,099 WPCF Tier 2			
		NPDES	NPDES	WPCF				

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70B **Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees** Effective Nov. 1, 2025 All facilities which dispose of wastewater B18 only by evaporation from Ν Ν Ν \$2,511 watertight ponds or basins **Timber and Wood Products** Sawmills, log storage, B19 \$9,377 \$5,318 \$6,973 \$4,941 instream log storage Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard B20 \$9,915 \$5,857 \$7,514 \$5,487 manufacturing, wood products \$8,390 \$5,985 **B21** Wood preserving \$4,329 \$3,956

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

December 11 and	Ту	1	New Permit	NPDES	WPCF	Modifications 3	
Description	Туре	Criteria ¹	App. Fee ²	Annual Fee (5yr)	Annual Fee (10yr)	Major	Minor
	A1	Flow ≥ 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$132,019		\$30,555	\$1,672
	A2	25 mgd ≤ Flow < 50 mgd	\$60,960	\$77,589		\$30,555	\$1,672
	А3	10 mgd ≤ Flow < 25 mgd	\$60,960	\$36,568		\$30,555	\$1,672
Non- Lagoon Treatment Systems	Ва	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$23,439	\$21,906	\$30,555	\$1,672
,	C1a	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$15,761	\$14,230	\$30,555	\$1,672
	C2a	1 mgd ≤ 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

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	New NPD		NPDES	WPCF	Modifications 3		
Description	Туре	Criteria ¹	Permit App. Fee ²	Annual Fee (5yr)	Annual Fee (10yr)	Major	Minor
	Bb	5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd	\$60,960	\$12,393		\$30,555	\$1,672
Lagoons Discharging to	C1b	2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd	\$60,960	\$8,616		\$30,555	\$1,672
Surface Waters	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
Nondischarging 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	MS 4	See 40 C.F.R. § 122.26	\$33,855	Please see Table 70H	0.5.0	\$2,938	\$1,672

Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow, or as defined in 40 C.F.R.
 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 Nov. 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 Nov. 1, 2025

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

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70F

All NPDES and WPCF¹ Permits: Technical Activity, Plan Review, and Other Fees

Effective Nov. 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 ²	\$2,380			
Disposal system plan review ²	\$950			
Environmental management plan review ³	\$950			
Other Fees				
Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver	\$1,157			
Permit transfer, legal name change.	\$147			

- Does not include 0071 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.
- 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

Num ber	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee
100-J	NPDES	Cooling water/heat pumps	\$387	\$884

Num ber	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee
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
900-J	NPDES	Seafood processing	\$387	\$884
1400- A	WPCF	Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is ≤ 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
	Resid	dential and Commercial Gray	water and Industrial Re	use

Num ber	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee
		Water		
2401	WPCF	Tier 1 graywater reuse and disposal system for residential systems: ≤ 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: ≤ 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 ≤ 25,000 gallons/day	\$862	\$884

Num ber	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee
		Stormwater Genera	al Permits ²	
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
		Mining General	Permits	
600	WPCF	Offstream small scale mining – Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year	\$0	\$0
	VVPCF	Offstream small scale mining - Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year	\$387	\$0
700-	NPDES	Suction dredges (gravity and	\$0	\$25

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Num ber	Туре	Description	New Permit App. Fee ¹	Annual Fee	
PM		syphon)			
700		Suction dredges (motorized)	\$250	\$250	
700- PM	NPDES	Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)	\$250		
1000	WPCF	Gravel mining	\$387	\$884	
Other General Permits					
All c	other perm	its not elsewhere classified.	\$862	\$884	

New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee.
 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

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.		

OAR 340-045-0075 Table 70I

Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees and Surcharges

T	Decembetion	ription Application Annua		Class of	Surcharge	
Type	Description			Injection	Application	Annual
	Low Risk Stormwater Only	None	None	Low Risk	\$113	None
Authorized By Rule ¹	Non- Stormwater Injection ²	None	None	Medium Risk	\$142	None
by Rule	All Other UIC's			Low Risk	\$113	None
	Draining Stormwater	None	None	Medium Risk	\$142	None
	from Any Surface			High Risk	\$339	\$113
1200-U				Low Risk	\$152	None
General	Stormwater Injection	\$862	\$884	Medium Risk	\$192	None
Permit ³	mjoodon			High Risk	\$463	\$152
1900-B General Permit	Injection During Geothermal Exploration	\$862	\$884			
Туре	Description			Application Fe	es	
	Preclosure Notification fee			\$103		
Other	Sewage Drill Hole Closure Fee			\$103		
Type	Description	Application	Annual	al Individual WPCF Modificati		ons
Туре	Description		Fee	Major	Mino	r
Individual WPCF Permit	As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146	\$19,243	\$4,071	\$3,190	\$1,672	2

- 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

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OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 1 MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES

(All measurements in feet unless otherwise noted)

(All measurements in feet unless otherwise noted)					
Items Requiring	From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area	From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units			
1. Groundwater Supp	lies and Wells	*100	50		
	Upgradient	50	50		
2. Springs	Downgradient	100	50		
	Year round	100	50		
**3. Surface Public Waters	Seasonal	50	50		
4. Intermittent Streams	Piped (watertight not less than 20' from any part of the onsite system)	20	20		
	Unpiped	50	50		
	On a slope of three percent or less	20	10		
5. Groundwater Interceptors	On a slope greater than three percent: Upgradient	10	5		
	On a slope greater than three percent: 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	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth Within 48 Inches of Surface	50	25
Inches (top of downslope cut)	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
	Which Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	50	10
8. Downgradient Escarpments	Which Do Not Intersect Layers that Limit Effective Soil Depth	25	10
9. Property	_ines	10	5
10. Water Li	nes	10	10
 Foundation Lines of any Building, Including Garages and Out Buildings 		10	5
12. Underground		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

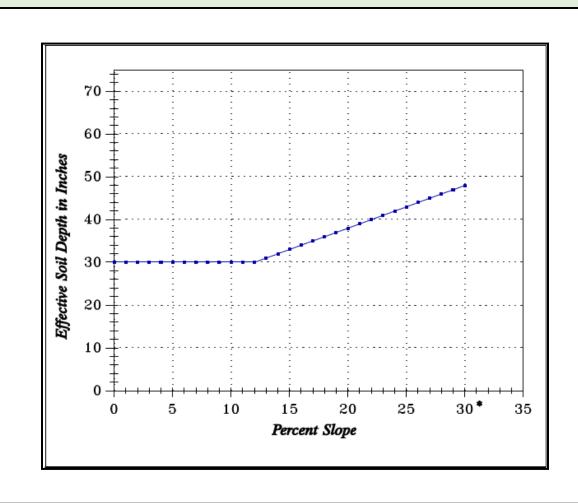
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Type of Establishment			ons Per Day	Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day
Air	oorts	5 (p	er passenger)	150
Bathhouses and	d swimming pools	10	(per person)	300
	Campground with central comfort stations	35	(per person)	700
	With flush toilets, no showers	25	(per person)	500
Camps:(4 Persons per Campsite, where	Construction camps — semi- permanent	50	(per person)	1000
Applicable)	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			(per resident member)	2000

OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS 25 (per non- resident Country clubs member present) 150 (per bedroom) **Boarding houses** 600 Boarding houses additional for non-10 (per person) residential boarders **Dwellings:** Rooming houses 80 (per person) 500 Condominiums, Multiple family 300 (per unit) 900 dwellings — including apartments Column 2 Column 1 **Minimum** Type of Establishment **Gallons Per Gallons Per Day** Establishment Per Day 300 (not exceeding Single family dwellings 450* 2 bedrooms) Dwellings: Single family dwellings 75 (for third & each 450 — with more than 2 succeeding bedroom) bedrooms Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — with 35 (per person per 300 shower facilities) shift) Factories (exclusive of industrial wastes — without 15 (per person per 150 shower facilities) shift) 250 (per bed space) Hospitals 2500 Hotels with private baths 600 120 (per room) Hotels without private baths 100 (per room) 500 Institutions other than hospitals 125 (per bed space) 1250

OAR 340-071-0220 TABLE 2 QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS Laundries — self-service 500 (per machine) 2500 750 Mobile home parks 250 (per space) 100 Motels — with bath, toilet, and kitchen wastes (per bedroom) 500 Motels — without kitchens 400 80 (per bedroom) 150 Picnic Parks — toilet wastes only (per picnicker) Picnic Parks — with bathhouses, showers, and 10 (per picnicker) 300 flush toilets Restaurants 800 40 (per seat) 2 (per customer) 300 Restaurants — single-service Restaurants — with bars and/or lounges 1000 50 (per seat) Column 1 Column 2 Minimum Type of Establishment Gallons Per **Gallons Per Day** Establishment Per Day 100 3000 Boarding (per person) Day — without gyms, 450 15 (per person) cafeterias, or showers Schools: Day — with gyms, 750 25 (per person) cafeterias and showers Day — with cafeteria, but 20 (per person) 600 without gyms or showers 10 (per vehicle served) Service Stations 500 Swimming pools and bathhouses 300 10 (per person) 300 Movie (per seat) Theaters: Drive-In 20 (per car space) 1000 Travel trailer parks — without individual water and 50 (per space) 300 sewer hookups

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	TABLE 2					
C	QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS					
Travel trailer parks — with individual water and sewer hookups 100 (per space) 500						
Workers:	Construction — as semi- permanent camps	50 (per person)	1000			
Day — at schools and offices		15 (per shift)	150			
* Except as otherwise provided in these rules.						





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.

	Soil Group		
Effective Soil Depth	Α	В	С
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.

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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.

Depth to Temporary Groundwater	Soil Group		
Dopar to Tomporary Groundwater	Α	В	С
24" to Less than 48"	100	125	150
48" or More	50	75	125

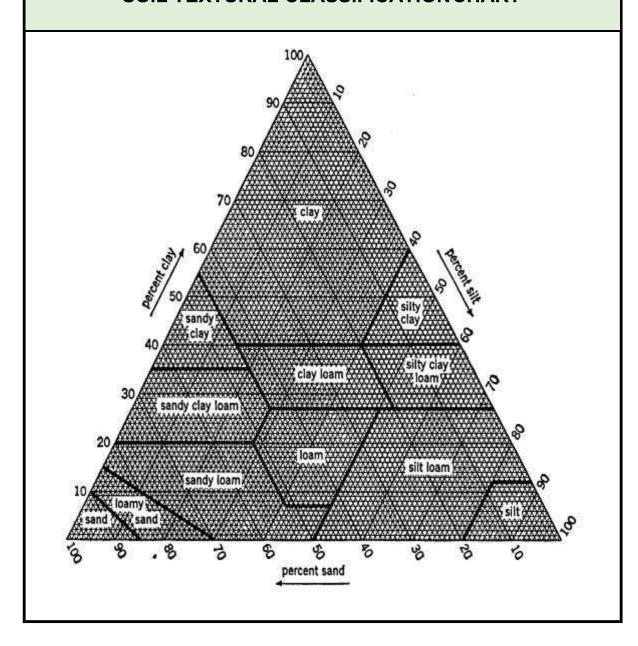
Soil Group A — Sand, Loamy Sand, Sandy Loam.

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.

OAR 340-071-0100 TABLE 6 SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION CHART



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

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

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TABLE 8

MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

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

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TABLE 9A

SITE EVALUATION AND EXISTING SYSTEM EVALUATION FEES

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New Site Evaluation Fees

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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			

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9B PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS Effective Nov. 1, 2025

Type of Fee		System Type					Plan Review
		A	В	С	D	Е	fees for Commercial Facility Systems
	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
Construction- Installation Permit Fees	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
Rein	spection 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 Nov. 1, 2025

Fee Subject	Fee	Field Visit required	No Field Visit required
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

Туре	Fee	Field Visit required	No Field Visit required
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

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	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 F	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		\$1,075		

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

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capacity of 3,501 - 4,000 gpd	,	
Plan Review fee		
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	
Annual Complian	ce Determination fee	
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	

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WPCF PERMIT FEES Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
Other systems with design capacities less than 20,000 gpd	\$659	
Other systems with design capacities 20,000 gpd or more	\$1,317	

OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9E Sewage Disposal Service License and Truck Inspection Fees Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
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	

OAR 340-071-0140 Table 9F - Other Fees Effective Nov. 1, 2025			
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		

OAR 340-048-0055 Table 9G 401 Fees Effective Nov. 1, 2025		
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		
Application Type	Fee	
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	
Reciprocity Application Type	Fee	
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

Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)	Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee
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: \$51 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater.	\$52