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Re: DEQ Request for PFAS Information/Sampling
Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Eugene Terminal
ECSI # 1355

Dear Ryan,

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Cleanup Program is reaching out to you regarding the storage and potential use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the Kinder Morgan facility in Eugene. DEQ has classified this facility as a Tier 1 site, a designation used for facilities with a high potential for PFAS impacts, including sites involved in fire training or response using Class B foams, metal plating and finishing, and bulk fuel storage.

Information I requested and you provided regarding PFAS indicates that Kinder Morgan's Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Eugene Terminal facility located at 1765 Prairie Rd in Eugene, Oregon, stores Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) which contains PFAS chemicals. While no records indicate that AFFF has been used or deployed at the site, undocumented historical releases remain possible. Given this potential, environmental releases may have occurred.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in April 2024¹, and in the same month issued legally enforceable drinking water standards, or Maximum Contaminant Levels, for PFOA, PFOS, and four additional PFAS: perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (HFPO-DA, also called GenX), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS). In September 2025, these same compounds were designated by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission as hazardous substances under Oregon Administrative Rules (340-122-0115(30)).² Moving forward, DEQ's Cleanup will require consideration of PFAS as contaminants of interest as they would any other regulated contaminant.

¹ Designation of PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under CERCLA. EPA; April 2024.2

² PFAS 2025 rulemaking: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/rulemaking/Pages/PFAS-2025.aspx>

Given the storage and possible use or release of AFFF at your facility, we request that you perform the following:

- 1) Conduct sampling and analysis of shallow soil and groundwater for the presence of PFAS around the AFFF storage and containment area and the bulk fuel storage tanks.
- 2) Conduct sampling and analysis for PFAS from select groundwater monitoring wells on the site.

Sampling for PFAS is recommended as a proactive action to collect preliminary information on the presence or absence of these chemicals in the soil and groundwater at the Eugene facility. PFAS will be included as a contaminant of interest in future releases and sampling for these chemicals will be a regulatory requirement at that time.

Information on DEQ's recent rulemaking effort can be found at [PFAS2025](#). Further information can be found at our [PFAS in Cleanup](#) webpage, including a link to our [PFAS Fact Sheet](#), which outlines DEQ's prioritization framework and approach for addressing PFAS. General inquiries about PFAS and the Cleanup Program can be addressed to CleanupPFASWorkGroup@deq.oregon.gov

We will contact you to confirm receipt of this letter and to discuss the potential approach for PFAS sampling at the Eugene facility, if you agree to proceed.

Respectfully,

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