

# Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking Director’s Report

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

The proposed rule amendments are to increase water quality fees in 2026 for fiscal year 2027. Not more than once per year, DEQ proposes rule amendments for adoption by the EQC to update water quality fees provided by ORS 468B.051. This statute authorizes the EQC to annually adjust fees by 3% per year for fees associated with:

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

At the January 2026 EQC meeting, DEQ staff provided the Commission with an informational presentation describing the scope and context of the proposed 2026 fee increases.

In addition to a 3% increase (authorized by ORS 468B.051), DEQ also proposes increasing some of the above program fees by more than 3% as authorized by the 2025 Oregon Legislature with the adoption of policy option package 120 in DEQ's 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget. DEQ proposes amending rules to increase water quality fees by the following amounts above the fees that went into effect on Nov. 1, 2025:

- Three percent for NPDES/WPCF fees effective November 2026.
- Three percent for Onsite fees; plus an additional 30% (for a total of 33%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.

- Three percent for 401 Dredge and Fill fees; plus an additional 20% (for a total of 23%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.
- Three percent for Wastewater Operator Certification fees; plus a two-phase fee increase captured in two tables in the fee rulemaking: a 17% fee increase plus the annual 3% increase (total 20%) effective July 2026, and a 12% fee increase effective July 2027.
- Three percent for Underground Injection Control fees; plus an additional 15% (for a total of 18%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.

In addition, this rulemaking includes a minor revision updating the OAR 340-049-0055 (10) The current language states, “A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination,” and DEQ is proposing to update this rule to read: “A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination **or as determined by the examination contractor**”.

This update is proposed to give our exam contractor, Water Professionals International, or WPI, the ability to update the scoring methodology based on best practices. WPI provides standardized exams for over 40 other states, provinces, and territories, and using the same scoring methodology is beneficial for reciprocity, which is critical as we lose experienced operators to retirement.

At the March 2026 EQC meeting, the Commission delegated approval authority for the proposed rulemaking to DEQ Director Leah Feldon.

# Statement of need

## What need would the proposed rule address?

Fee-funded programs require periodic fee increases to keep pace with rising costs to support current service levels. DEQ program fee payers have clearly indicated a preference for more frequent fee adjustments of a smaller magnitude, rather than infrequent adjustments that require larger magnitude increases.

Until recently, the EQC had authority to adjust fees for some, but not all water quality fee types to accommodate inflation-based increases to the cost of providing services. In 2023, the Legislature enacted HB 3208 which expanded EQC authority to allow for 3% annual adjustments to a broader range of water quality fee categories, including fees related to: Onsite Septic Program, Wastewater Operator Certification Program, Section 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certifications, and Underground Injection Control Program. The EQC used this authority for all eligible water quality fee types beginning in November 2024.

However, the Onsite Septic Program, Wastewater Operator Certification Program, Section 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certifications, and Underground Injection Control Program had not increased fees for the past 6 to 12 years prior to November 2024. While a 3% annual increase serves to provide predictability to fee payers, it is often not sufficient to keep pace with actual increases to the cost of providing services. As a result, DEQ must periodically seek legislative approval to recalibrate fees in order to maintain current service level staffing.

Without periodic recalibration of fees, in addition to 3% fee increases per year, these programs will need to reduce staffing levels – seriously jeopardizing program services – or request higher percentage fee increases in the 2027-2029 biennium to establish sufficient revenue to support program services.

**Table 1: Acronyms**

| Acronym | Complete Phrase                                 |
|---------|---|
| FTE     | Full Time Equivalent                            |
| LAB     | Legislatively Adopted Budget                    |
| RAC     | Rules Advisory Committee                        |
| EPA     | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency            |
| EQC     | Environmental Quality Commission                |
| NPDES   | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| OAR     | Oregon Administrative Rules                     |
| POP     | Policy Option Package                           |

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| WPCF | Water Pollution Control Facility |
| UIC  | Underground Injection Control    |

### **How would the proposed rule address the need?**

DEQ intends to apply the new fees to invoices beginning July 1, 2026 for Onsite, Operator Certification, 401 Dredge and Fill and UIC, and Nov. 1, 2026 for all other programs. The new fees will 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.

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

If approved, DEQ would begin receiving the increased fee revenue in July 2026 for Onsite, Operator Certification, 401 Dredge and Fill and UIC. All other Water Quality program fees go into effect in November 2026. The funding will address staffing needs and enable DEQ to sustain improvements to the programs.

# 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 | 340-049-0055 |

| 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:<br><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/WaterQualityProgram-FinalReport.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/WaterQualityProgram-FinalReport.pdf</a> |

| Document title                                      | Document location   |
|---|---|
| DEQ 2025-2027 Legislatively Adopted Budget          | DEQ Headquarters  |
| DEQ's water quality permit database                 | DEQ Headquarters  |
| Businesses by size or firm of 50 or fewer employees | <p>Oregon Employment Department website reports<br/> 875 Union Street NE<br/> Salem, OR 97311</p> <p><a href="#"><u>A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - QualityInfo</u></a></p> |

# Fee Analysis

At the January meeting DEQ staff provided the EQC with an informational presentation describing the scope and context of the proposed 2026 fee increases. At the March 2026 EQC meeting, the commission delegated approval authority 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, reporting and licensing 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:*

*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.*

*The commission may not increase a fee described in subsection (1) of this section more than once each calendar year. The amount of the annual increase may not exceed the anticipated increase in the cost of administering the program to which the fee is applicable or 3%, whichever is lower, unless a larger increase is provided for in the Department of Environmental Quality's legislatively approved budget.*

The fee increase rulemaking consists of the following:

a) Three percent increase for Water Quality fees effective Nov. 1, 2026:

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
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits; Annual Fees Table 70H
- Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fees, Table 70D
- Annual Pretreatment Fees, Table 70E
- All NPDES and WPCF Permits, Technical Activity, Plan Review and Other Fees, Table 70F
- General NPDES and WPCF Permits, Application and Annual Fees, Table 70G, **excluding** 700PM fees under authority ORS 468B.118

- Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees, and Surcharges, Table 70I, UIC fees authorized by rule, ORS 468B.195 and ORS 468B.196
- b) Eighteen percent increase for Underground Injection Control Permits and Surcharges effective July 1, 2026  
OAR 340-045-0075  
Fees authorized by rule shown in table 70I would be increased by 18%.
  - c) Twenty-three percent increase for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification Program Support effective July 1, 2026  
OAR 340-048-0055  
All fees described in this section would be increased by 23%.
  - d) Thirty-three percent increase for Onsite Wastewater Management Septic Program effective July 1, 2026  
OAR 340-071-0800  
All fees in Tables 9 A – C, E, & F would be increased by 33%
  - e) Twenty-percent increase for Wastewater Operator Certification Program effective July 1, 2026  
OAR 340-049-0065  
Tables B and C All fees described in these tables would be increased by 20% effective July 2026  
In addition, this rulemaking will have a small update to current language for OAR 340-049-0055 (10) which states: “A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination” and DEQ recommends updating this rule to read as follows: “A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination or as determined by the examination contractor”.
  - f) Twelve percent increase for Wastewater Operator Certification Program effective July 1, 2027  
OAR 340-049-0065  
Tables D and E  
All fees described in these tables would be increased by 12% effective July 2027

## Reasons

ORS 468B.051 gives the EQC authority to adjust permitting fees by 3% per year to accommodate inflation-based increases to the cost of providing services.

The EQC authorized a 3% increase for all eligible water quality fee types beginning in November 2024. However, the Onsite Septic Program, Wastewater Operator Certification Program, Section 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certifications, and Underground

Injection Control Program that recently received authority for the annual 3% increases did not have any significant fee increases in the 6-12 years preceding before 2024.

**Table 2: Water Quality fee increase 10-year history**

| Program                 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 401                     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3%   | 3%   |
| UIC                     | -    | -    | -    | 7%   | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3%   | 3%   |
| Onsite                  | -    | 3%   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 17%  | 3%   |
| Operator Certification* | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3%   | 3%   |
| NPDES/WPCF/Stormwater   | 12%  | 3%   | 7%   | 3%   | 13%  | 11%  | 3%   | 3%   | 3%   | 3%   |

\*Note: Last recalibration increase for Operator Certification was 2013.

While a 3% annual increase serves to provide predictability to fee payers, it is often not sufficient to keep pace with actual increases to the cost of providing services. Without recalibration of fees, in addition to the 3% fee increase per year, these programs will need to reduce staffing levels – seriously jeopardizing program services. The following paragraphs summarize specific circumstances associated with each program area necessitating the fee increase:

### **NPDES and WPCF Permitting Programs associated with fees in OAR 340-045-0075**

The proposed fees will cover costs associated with implementing the permitting programs and delivering services to regulated entities. In 2018, the Water Quality Permitting Program agreed in a legal settlement to update 90% of significantly backlogged NPDES permits by 2028. Without this increase, DEQ would have to reduce permitting staff and would not reach this deadline. The NPDES and WPCF permitting program oversees 307 NPDES Individual permits, 199 WPCF Individual permits, and 1,062 General Permit registrants. The stormwater program oversees 22 MS4 permits and 2,316 General Permit registrants.

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

The proposed fee increase will enable DEQ’s UIC Program to continue protecting Oregon’s underground drinking water sources and aquifers by preventing groundwater contamination, as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The UIC Program regulates systems that inject fluids below the ground surface—such as drywells, geothermal return wells, aquifer storage and recovery wells, and remediation wells—to ensure these activities do not threaten groundwater quality or public health. The fee revenue supports critical program functions including inspections, complaint response, and technical assistance to environmental consultants and local governments. Currently, 2.4 FTE staff oversee approximately 45,000 registered UICs and process hundreds of new applications each year. DEQ proposes a 3% plus an additional 15% increase (18% total) effective July 2026 to address rising operational costs and maintain current service levels. Without this increase, the program could face a funding shortfall by 2028, resulting in delayed permit processing, reduced oversight and potential risks to Oregon’s groundwater resources.

These adjustments will stabilize the program's revenue, ensure consistent staffing, and uphold the state's commitment to safe and sustainable groundwater management.

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

The proposed fee increase will allow the 401 program to continue reviewing and evaluating water quality compliance under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for projects that require a federal license or permit to conduct activities that may result in a discharge to waters of the U.S. Section 401 of the CWA requires states to certify that such federally licensed or permitted activities will comply with state water quality standards and other applicable requirements. The proposed fee increase will assist in the retention of the 4.0 FTE in the 401 Dredge and Fill Certification program statewide that provides education and customer service to applicants and reviews approximately 250 application requests and applications for modifications for 401 water quality certifications per year.

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

The proposed fee increases will help maintain current program service levels. The annual 3% fee increase includes both direct service fees for residential and small commercial permitting and related activities, as well as WPCF-OS fees for larger commercial systems, permitting and related activities. The additional 30% recalibration increase includes residential and small commercial direct service applications for site evaluations, construction-installation permits, alterations, repairs, authorization notices, as well as sewage disposal service licensing and reporting, material plan reviews, product approvals, and application surcharge fees. The Onsite Program oversees 662 WPCF Individual Permits.

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

The Operator Certification program is self-supported and relies on fees from applicants seeking certification, program support fees paid by some permit holders and late fees to support 2.3 FTE to carry out statewide efforts. The proposed fee increase will help maintain current program service levels, 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). Staff are responsible for educating operators, processing applications and renewals, evaluating course curricula for continuing education units, and coordinating with the Oregon Health Authority to ensure coordination between the state's drinking water and wastewater operator certification efforts. DEQ's Operator Certification Program has not had a significant fee increase in over 10 years. There are approximately 1,400 operators with wastewater collection and/or treatment certifications in the program, and almost 400 classified systems of varying sizes that are invoiced for the annual program support fee.

## **Fee proposal alternatives considered**

### **Not increasing fees**

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

### **Fee payer**

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

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits (Individual and General)
- Water Pollution Control Facility permits (Individual and General)
- Wastewater System Operator Certifications
- WPCF UIC Permit holders
- UIC rule authorization applicants
- Facilities with "high" risk rule authorized UICs
- Dredge and Fill 401 Water Quality Certifications
- Onsite Wastewater Management Program applications

### **Affected party involvement in fee-setting process**

A Fiscal Advisory Committee was convened for this rulemaking with interested parties representing the impacted communities including business, industries and municipalities.

### **Summary of impacts**

With existing data, the Water Quality Program cannot determine the extent to which the proposed fees would affect each consumer. Some indirect impact on the public is anticipated if the permit holder increases the cost of goods and services or fees charged to ratepayers to offset the 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 \$47, 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 \$88. The cost of an application for a residential home builder for a medium risk UIC to drain a driveway area would increase

from \$142 to \$167. The annual fee for a UIC General Permit holder would increase from \$884 to \$910.

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

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

Table 1 below outlines the Budgeted Costs justification for the 3% fee increase. Over two years, the average cost per FTE covered by the fee increase has risen 13.51%, or approximately 6.76% per year. This rate of increase is based on a comparison of the current service level in the 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget, or LAB, with the 2023-25 LAB.

**Table 3. Budget Cost Increases, Oct. 22, 2025**

| <b>Budget Period</b>                  | <b>Cost per FTE</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget  | \$375,976           |
| 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget  | \$426,788           |
| Percent increase over two-year period | 13.51%              |
| Percent Increase over one-year period | 6.76%               |

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

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

### **Wastewater Operator Certification**

The 2.3 FTEs of the Wastewater Operator Certification Program are 100% fee funded. Budgeted expenditures in the 2025-27 LAB exceed projected revenues even after including additional revenue from the proposed 3% fee increase that went into effect Nov. 1, 2025. To prevent a shortfall, fees need to raise an additional 32 percent (2026: 3% + 17% and 2027: 12%). 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.

## **Onsite Wastewater Management Program (septic systems)**

DEQ is requesting a 33% fee increase, as authorized by ORS 468B.051 (up to 3%) and Policy Option Package 120 (30%), to help fund increases in the cost of administering the program along with recalibrating current fees to align with expenditures of administering the program. The approved budget includes these fee increases as part of the 2025-2027 biennium and restores two of the three positions in the program that were previously part of a revenue shortfall package. The LAB modified the current service level budget by eliminating 3.0 FTE from the program; 2.0 of these FTE were restored by Policy Option Package 120.

## **Underground Injection Control Rule Authorization**

The 2.4 FTEs of the Underground Injection Control Program are mostly fee funded. Our most recent fee increase of 3% took effect Nov. 1, 2025. In 2019, fees increased 7%, however prior to 2019 rule authorization fees (the most common type of UIC registration) had not increased in the 12 previous years. Including the standard 3% fee increase, the proposed fee increase is for up to 18% in July 2026 for the UIC Program. 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.

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

DEQ is proposing an 23% fee increase as authorized by ORS 468B.051 (up to 3%) and POP 120 (20%) to help fund the increasing cost of administering the program and to reset the fees to support the existing staff level. Without the 23% increase, current projections show the program ending the 2025-27 biennium with an inadequate ending fund balance that would require expenditure reductions in the 2027-29 biennium.

# Statement of Fiscal and Economic Impact

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

## Statement of cost of compliance

### State and federal agencies

The effect of the proposed fee increases on state agencies depends on the permit type. Oregon state agencies hold approximately 123 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 \$21 and \$657. This affects approximately six state agencies (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70C).
- Annual fees for general NPDES and WPCF permits will increase between \$15 and \$27. This affects approximately ten state agencies (OAR 340-045-0075, Table 70G).
- Annual compliance determination fees for WPCF permits will increase between \$2 and \$47. This affects approximately eight state agencies (OAR 340-071-0140, Table 9D).
- Annual fees for WPCF UIC Individual permit holders will increase \$122.
- Annual fees for WPCF UIC General Permit holders will increase by \$26(OAR 340-045-0075 –Table 70I). This affects two state agencies.
- Annual fees for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification permit holders will increase between \$240 and \$4,338. This affects approximately four state agencies and six federal agencies (OAR 340-048-0055 – Table 9G).

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 20% increase July 1, 2026 and a 12% increase July 1, 2027 in cost to apply or renew the person's certification, if they cover that cost for employees. For example, a federal facility would see an increase in the fee to apply for or renew an operators' certificate of \$29 to \$50 beginning July 1, 2026, and an additional \$21 to \$36 beginning July 1, 2027.

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 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.

**Table 4: Sample Examples of Fee Increases for Different Permit Holders**

| Fee type  | Prior to fee rulemaking (Now) | With proposed fee increases for 2026 |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Annual Compliance Fee for NPDES permit for WWTP, 1MGD, Type C2a                             | \$10,696                      | \$11,017 (3%)                        |
| Program Support fee to Op Cert  | \$381                         | \$457 (3% + 17%)                     |
| Operator Certification renewal for Grade II certificates, per person                        | \$168                         | \$201 (3% + 17%)                     |
| Annual Fee for 1200-U UIC General Permit for city with 14 medium risk, and 4 high risk UICs | \$1,492                       | \$1,534 (3%)                         |
| 401 WQC for wetland impact  | \$1,044                       | \$1,284 (3% + 20%)                   |

Examples of the 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 11 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 \$2 for holding tanks to \$47 for an on-site sewage lagoon with no discharge. This will affect approximately 84 local government permits (OAR 340-071-0140, Table 9D).

- Annual fees for WPCF UIC Individual permit holders will increase \$122, annual fees for WPCF UIC General Permit holders will increase by \$26 (OAR 340-045-0075 – Table 70I). This affects 37 local governments and public entities.
- Annual fees for 401 Dredge and Fill Water Quality Certification permit holders will increase between \$240 and \$4,338. (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 20% increase (ranging from \$29-\$50) in the cost to apply or renew a person's certification, if they cover that cost for employees. They would also see 20% increase in their annual fee to support the program ranging from \$16 to \$7,129, based on the size of the facility.
- The onsite surcharge increases from \$120 to \$159 will not be paid directly by local government entities (unless they apply for a license or submit a septic application then they would pay 33% more, which is the same as what 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 3% fee increase would affect approximately 150 wastewater permit holders that are large businesses. For example, large businesses that require an Industrial NPDES Tier 1 permit (pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industries) would pay an additional \$1,003 in annual fees.

The 3% fee increase would affect approximately 21 WPCF UIC Individual Permit holders that are large businesses. For example, a grocery chain with an individual UIC permit would pay an annual fee increase of \$122.

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 20% cost increase ranging from \$29 to \$50. Additionally, their annual program support fee would rise by 20%, ranging from \$16 to \$7,129, depending on the facility's average dry weather flow.

## **Onsite Wastewater Management Program (septic systems)**

A few large businesses will be impacted by this fee increase. Product manufacturers of alternative treatment technologies (secondary treatment systems used in some septic systems) applying for product review approval and listing will pay about \$655 to \$1,310 more in application fees and annually \$204 more per model to renew their listing. Applying for a one-time tank approval will cost about \$235 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 \$830. 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 \$4,016 to approximately \$5,340), for direct service counties that DEQ directly administers. There is also a surcharge applied to all applications across the state that will increase from \$120 to \$159 per application.

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

**Table 5: Sewage Disposal Service License Fees**

| License Type   | Current Fees   | Proposed Fees  |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Onsite Surcharge for each three-year license application | \$120          | \$159          |
| Site Disposal Service three-year license - NEW           | \$527 per year | \$700 per year |
| Site Disposal Service three-year license - RENEWAL       | \$397 per year | \$528 per year |

### **Small businesses – businesses with 1-50 employees**

According to 2023 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 \$208 over the previous year’s annual fee.

For example: a small business having five, rule-authorized, high risk UICs (e.g. a truck sales and repair operation), the annual fee would increase from \$565 (currently \$113 per UIC x 5 UICs) to \$665 (\$133 per UIC x 5 UICs). Small businesses having wastewater treatment facilities requiring a certified operator, would experience a 20% increase (ranging from \$29 to \$50) in the cost of the certification, if they cover that cost. Additionally, small businesses would experience a 20% increase in their annual Operator Certification program support fee averaging around \$16. 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 \$527 to \$700 per year. Renewal license annual costs will increase from \$397 to \$528 per year. There is also a surcharge applied to all applications that will increase from \$120 to \$159 per application. Oregon-based septic tank manufacturers are also primarily small businesses and obtain a one-time product approval that will cost about \$235 more than current fees; application fee would increase from \$594 to \$790, in addition to a surcharge increase from \$120 to \$159 per application.

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

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

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

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

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

The Water Quality Program will meet with a rules advisory committee on Nov. 19, 2025. The committee is composed of a diverse group of interested parties representing a wide cross section of permit and certification holders. During and after the meeting, committee members' input will be requested concerning potential impacts to small businesses and how impacts can be reduced. During the public comment period, the Water Quality Program will request input on whether to consider other options for achieving the rules' substantive goals while reducing the rules' negative economic impact on small businesses.

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

| Document title                             | Document location  |
|--|--|
| Fee increase calculations                  | DEQ Headquarters   |
| Recommendations and Implementation Plan    | DEQ web page:<br><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/WaterQualityProgram-FinalReport.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/WaterQualityProgram-FinalReport.pdf</a> |
| DEQ 2025-2027 Legislatively Adopted Budget | DEQ Headquarters   |
| DEQ's water quality permit database        | DEQ Headquarters   |

| Document title                                      | Document location   |
|---|---|
| Businesses by size or firm of 50 or fewer employees | Oregon Employment Department website reports<br>875 Union Street NE<br>Salem, OR 97311<br><a href="#">A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - A Snapshot of Oregon Firms by Size Class, 2023 - QualityInfo</a> |

## 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. A summary of their input can be found in the advisory committee section of this document.

## 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 \$471 for a construction stormwater permit if the parcel is part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres. If the system is served by an onsite septic system, then a 33% increase would be applied, raising the fee from \$1,429 to \$1,900.
- Requiring the builder to pay an additional \$246 to \$3,420 for a dredge-fill 401 water quality certification if the parcel contains wetlands and/or waters proposed for impact.
- 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 Wastewater Management Programs (septic systems)**

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 \$861.

**Table 6: Total Cost of an Alternative Treatment Technology System for New Construction**

| <b>Fee Type</b>  | <b>Current Fees</b> | <b>Proposed Fees</b> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Onsite Surcharge | \$120               | \$159                |
| Site Evaluation* | \$843               | \$1,121              |
| Onsite Surcharge | \$120               | \$159                |
| Type D Permit*   | \$1,532             | \$2,037              |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$2,615</b>      | <b>\$3,476</b>       |

\* 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 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).

Without the fee increase, water quality programs will be unable to provide ongoing permit, licensing and certification program functions at current service levels. 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. This could have a disproportionate impact on environmental justice 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, 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.

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

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

# Land-use considerations

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

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

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

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

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

Statewide goals also specifically reference the following DEQ programs:

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

## Determination

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

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

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

# EQC Prior Involvement

DEQ presented an informational item to the EQC in January 2026. At the March EQC meeting, the EQC delegated approval authority to DEQ Director Leah Feldon.

## **Discussion topics included:**

### **A conversation about what constitutes the need for recalibration above the 3% annual fee increase.**

Recalibration is triggered when cumulative costs outpace the 3% annual increase allowed by statute. Most program costs are personnel-related (salaries and benefits), which have risen significantly due to collective bargaining agreements (6% and 7% increases over two years, totaling 13%). While DEQ absorbs minor gaps for a few years, sustained cost growth eventually requires legislative approval for recalibration. These recalibrations do **not** expand services—they maintain current service levels by covering unavoidable cost increases.

### **What discretion does EQC have in approving these increases?**

EQC has limited discretion because the legislature sets both the authority and the percentage caps. The Commission's role is to adopt rulemaking that implements statutory allowances, enabling DEQ to invoice and collect fees. Delegation to DEQ Director Leah Feldon is often recommended for efficiency when increases are legislatively mandated.

### **How do these increases impact municipalities and their ability to absorb costs?**

DEQ responded with suggestions made by the RAC that DEQ is currently examining ways to implement. For example, RAC feedback highlighted concerns about affordability and budgeting challenges. RAC feedback also requested cumulative impact illustrations and examples of entities with multiple regulatory obligations.

### **Are there efforts to improve efficiency or reduce costs (e.g., simplifying permits)?**

DEQ tracks efficiency through metrics like backlog reduction and permit turnover rates.

Permit complexity often stems from updated federal and state regulations since older permits were issued (e.g., permits from 2005 now require compliance with new standards). DEQ regularly reviews templates, incorporates interested parties' feedback, and evaluates opportunities for streamlining without compromising environmental protection.

### **Could contracting out permitting save costs?**

This would result in minimal savings because permitting requires specialized regulatory expertise and coordination with compliance and enforcement teams. Efficiency gains are

more achievable through internal process improvements and technology upgrades rather than outsourcing.

### **How does Oregon compare to other states on fees and efficiency?**

DEQ actively benchmarks against other states through national associations and peer networks. Not all states are alike and comparisons are nuanced due to state-specific environmental standards (e.g., salmon habitat in Oregon).

Additionally, DEQ participates in national forums on permitting efficiency, transparency and process improvements.

# Advisory Committee

## Background

DEQ convened the 2026 Fee Increase Rulemaking Fiscal advisory committee in December. 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 2026 Rulemaking web page](#).

**Table 7: 2026 Rules Advisory Committee Members**

| Name                     | Representing                               |
|--------------------------|--|
| Jason Green              | OAWU                                       |
| Lisette Hamer-Richardson | Affordable Septic                          |
| Mark Landauer            | Special District Association of Oregon     |
| Geoff Rabinowitz         | Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies |
| Peggy Lynch              | League of Women Voters                     |
| Jenny MacKrell           | Klamath County                             |
| Jared Kistner            | Port of Portland                           |
| Jackie White             | Northwest Pulp & Paper Association         |

## Meeting notifications

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

- Sent GovDelivery bulletins, a free e-mail subscription service, to the following lists:
  - Rulemaking
  - DEQ Public Notices
  - Water Quality Permitting
  - 700-PM Mining Permit Information
  - Nonpoint Source Water Quality
  - Onsite (Septic) Sewage Systems
  - Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking
  - Onsite permit holders
  - Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
  - Water Quality Standards
- Added advisory committee announcements to DEQ's calendar of public meetings at [DEQ Calendar](#).

## Committee discussions

DEQ is proposing a 3% increase and also proposes increasing some of the above program fees by more than 3% as authorized by the 2025 Oregon Legislature with the adoption of policy option package 120 in DEQ's 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget. DEQ proposes amending rules to increase water quality fees by the following amounts above the 2026 fees:

- Three percent for NPDES/WPCF fees effective November 2026.
- Three percent for Onsite fees; plus an additional 30% (for a total of 33%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.
- Three percent for 401 Dredge and Fill fees; plus an additional 20% (for a total of 23%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.
- Three percent for Wastewater Operator Certification fees; plus a two-phase fee increase captured in two tables in the fee rulemaking: a 17% fee increase plus the annual 3% increase (total 20%) effective July 2026, and a 12% fee increase effective July 2027.
- Three percent for Underground Injection Control fees; plus an additional 15% (for a total of 18%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.

In addition, this rulemaking includes a minor revision updating the OAR 340-049-0055 (10) The current language states, "A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination," and DEQ is proposing to update this rule to read: "A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination or as **determined by the examination contractor**".

The committee provided the following input during the Rules Advisory Committee Meeting:

- The committee recommended including more concrete examples in the fiscal impact statement, such as impacts on small, medium, and large NPDES permit holders, to better illustrate the range of financial effects. **Recommendation:** Show how the proposed fees would impact different types of permittees including cities, counties and utilities.
- RAC members discussed how DEQ allocates staff resources across programs and whether a workload analysis has been conducted.
- RAC members discussed the need for the fiscal impact statement to more clearly express how the financial burden would impact local governments, specifically smaller ports and municipalities. The committee noted that larger entities have an easier time absorbing fee increases but smaller entities will have a significant budgetary strain. **Recommendation:** Consider notifying small municipalities of proposed fee increases earlier to be included in their budget cycles which begin in February.
- RAC members discussed the cumulative impacts from multiple DEQ program fee increases. For example, many entities hold multiple permits (e.g., NPDES,

stormwater, 401), and the combined effect of increases across programs can be substantial. **Recommendation:** Include examples of entities that have multiple permit types and regulatory obligations in the FIS to highlight the cumulative financial burden. (See below)

- RAC members highlighted the need for transparency with DEQ’s YDO technology fee revenues and expenditures. **Recommendation:** Provide information about where technology fees are applied and how DEQ uses this revenue.
- RAC members underscored the importance of ongoing, reasonable fee increases to avoid potential larger fee recalibrations in the future.
- The RAC expressed support for ensuring fee-funded programs are adequately staffed to ensure fee-payers receive services that they pay for in a timely fashion. DEQ should be transparent about any staffing changes which will impact service delivery.
- Permittees who haven’t renewed their permit in many years face the financial and regulatory burden of bringing their facilities into compliance.
- DEQ presented a draft racial equity statement, and the committee did not raise any objections or suggest any edits.
- The RAC and DEQ heard comments from the public during this meeting. DEQ received input on the broader financial impacts of regulatory compliance beyond permit fees. Things like costs for additional sampling for permit renewals, labor costs when facilities are reclassified, new program implementation costs, and capital project costs driven by regulatory requirements. DEQ also received input from the public about the financial burden of permit fees on conservation projects which already operate on limited budgets. The public advocated for a fee tier or exemption for restoration work since such projects align with DEQ’s environmental mission and goals. The public and RAC members expressed interest in greater transparency in YDO fees and their impact on the agency.

The RAC supported regular modest fee adjustments and emphasized transparency in technology fee usage. They requested that DEQ illustrate the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed fee increase on an entity that holds multiple permits. An example is provided below.

**Table 8: Fee Increase Examples**

| Example   | Current fees | Proposed increase | Proposed fees |
|---|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| NPDES individual permit<br>Annual Compliance Fee<br>1MGD, Type C2a    | \$10,696     | 3%                | \$11,017      |
| Operator Certification<br>Program Support fee<br>ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD | \$381        | 3% + 17%          | \$457         |

|   |         |          |         |
|---|---------|----------|---------|
| Operator Certification<br>Renewal fee<br>Grade II certificates, per person                | \$168   | 3% + 17% | \$201   |
| 1200-U UIC General Permit<br>Annual Fee<br>City with 14 medium risk, and 4 high risk UICs | \$1,492 | 3%       | \$1,534 |
| 401 WQC for<br>Wetland impact fee   | \$1,044 | 3% + 20% | \$1,284 |

The examples listed in Table 4 do not include the Your DEQ Online technology fee that was established under Senate Bill 58 in 2021. The technology fee allows DEQ to pay for continued maintenance and operation of the Your DEQ Online system. DEQ can only collect the amount needed to cover these continued costs. The fee is currently 4%, but that figure may go down over time as more programs begin to use Your DEQ Online. All programs that are a part of this rulemaking are using the Your DEQ Online system except for the residential Onsite Program. The residential Onsite Program is closely tied to local building and planning departments and for consistency across the state, the Onsite Program uses the same system the local building and planning departments use.

Notification of the rule change proposal, RAC meeting, and Dec. 17, 2025 public hearing was provided to interested parties via GovDelivery, Secretary of State Bulletin publication, direct emails to legislative committees, and the DEQ website. DEQ reviewed and responded to all comments received by the Dec. 31, 2025, deadline, including concerns about cumulative costs and recommendations for enhanced transparency.

# Public Engagement

## Public notice

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

- On Nov. 26, 2025 Filing notice with the Oregon Secretary of State for publication in the December 2025 Oregon Bulletin;
- Posting the Notice, Invitation to Comment and Draft Rules on the web page for this rulemaking, located at: [Water Quality Fees 2026](#)
- Emailing approximately 23,238 interested individuals who signed up for notification on the following DEQ lists through GovDelivery:
  - 700-PM Mining Permit Information
  - DEQ Public Notices
  - Nonpoint Source Water Quality
  - Onsite (Septic) Sewage Systems
  - Rulemaking
  - Stormwater
  - Wastewater System Operator Certification Program
  - Water Quality Permits
  - Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking, - Onsite permit holders
- Emailing the following key legislators required under ORS 183.335:
  - Interim Senate Committee on Natural Resources
    - Chair Senator Jeff Golden
    - Vice-Chair Senator Todd Nash
  - Interim House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water
    - Co-Chair Representative Ken Helm
    - Co-Chair Representative Mark Owens
    - Vice-Chair Representative Sarah McDonald
  - Interim House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
    - Chair Representative John Lively
    - Vice-Chair Representative Mark Gamba
    - Vice-Chair Representative Bobby Levy
  - Interim Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
    - Co-Chair Senator Courtney Neron Misslin
    - Co-Chair Representative Emerson Levy
- Posting on the DEQ event calendar: [DEQ Calendar](#)

## 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

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Date</b>              | Dec. 17, 2025        |
| <b>Place</b>             | Virtual Zoom Meeting |
| <b>Start Time</b>        | 4 p.m.               |
| <b>End Time</b>          | 4:35 p.m.            |
| <b>Presiding Officer</b> | 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 during the hearing.

## Summary of Public Comments and DEQ Responses

### Public comment period

DEQ accepted public comment on the proposed rulemaking from Nov. 26, 2025, until 4 p.m. on Dec. 31, 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

#### SH, Oregon

Hello,

W/regard to an increase in storm water fees, who pays them? I can say for sure that, in the town I live in, the city/town gov't passes on the cost of every increase in increased fees attached to the water & sewer bill. While the actual storm water "disposal" consists of open channels that property owners are supposed to maintain, and, the storm water system overall is so poor that water measurements along the coast within town limits runs a high *E. coli* count at 1-2 testing areas frequently. The town has never, for some reason, learned how that's happening at one site, but currently blames it on septic systems that need to be replaced somewhere in the city along that particular creek (which runs under part of the city/parking lot & out onto the beach to run into the ocean. Far as I know either the city or county has the power to require replacement of such septic systems (or at least clean out) but that never seems to happen.

One way or another, those living within the city pay the cost of storm water fee permit increases while not necessarily being protected from pollution of those same storm waters, or from having to maintain storm water channels on city ROWs that are impossible to mow and difficult to string trim because of the shape of the channel.

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#### **DEQ RESPONSE:**

Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record.

With existing data, the Water Quality Program cannot determine the exact 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 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 \$47, divided by the population served by the public agency. For Water Pollution Control Facility Underground Injection Control Individual permit holders (large municipalities typically with populations exceeding 10,000 people), the fee would increase by approximately \$88. The cost of an application for a residential home builder for a medium risk UIC to drain a driveway area would increase from \$142 to \$167. The annual fee for a UIC General Permit holder would increase from \$884 to \$910.

DEQ is proposing this fee increase to keep pace with the rising costs of administering programs that protect Oregon's waters. For most of the programs included in this proposed rulemaking, there have not been any significant increases in 6 to 12 years despite DEQ's costs increasing by about 6.76% each year. (This rate of increase is based on a comparison of the current service level in the 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget, or LAB, with the 2023-25 LAB.)

While a 3% annual increase serves to provide predictability to feepayers, it is often not sufficient to cover actual increases to the cost of providing services. Without recalibration of

fees, in addition to the 3% fee increase per year, these programs will need to reduce staffing levels – seriously jeopardizing program services and the environment.

In addition, this fee is not a proposed increase to individual residential or business utility rates. The Public Utility Commission regulates utility rates.

## **Comment 2**

**Joanne Bigman, Oregon**

No fee increases. Cut fees 3% per year till gone.

### **DEQ RESPONSE:**

Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record. As a state agency, DEQ has a mission to protect Oregon's rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater quality. DEQ keeps these waters safe for a multitude of beneficial uses such as drinking water, fish habitat, recreation and irrigation. The legislature established DEQ's budget to include multiple funding streams including licensing and permitting fees. The proposed fees would affect individuals, businesses and government agencies that hold, apply for, or renew water quality permits, licenses and/or certifications.

## **Comment 3**

**Joni Plotkin, Philomath, OR**

Dear DEQ,

I am just one individual living in a neighborhood of single-family units. Most of these in the last 5 years were built by individuals. The experience of the builds has been that the cost of permits has skyrocketed to the point that it is difficult to build a home that stays within a realistic home value. The cost of the fees pushes the cost of the build. The homeowner ends up with a very expensive home that they then must also pay expensive taxes on. Then if they want to water their vegetable garden, for example, the water bill is also sky high. I appreciate clean water and a clean environment, but I see the reality of fees causing single family homes to be a thing of the past. Is there a way for rising fees to be less of a burden on single family housing?

My two cents.

Joni Plotkin

### **DEQ RESPONSE:**

DEQ Response: Thank you for your comment, it has been added to the record. The proposed fees would only affect individuals, businesses and government agencies that need DEQ permits, licenses and/or certifications.

In your county, single family residences needing an onsite permit would only be subject to the 33% increase on the DEQ surcharge fee which is currently \$120 and would increase by

\$39 to \$159. All other onsite fees in your area are established by your local county government that administers the onsite program, not DEQ.

As you alluded to, costs are increasing across multiple businesses and industries. DEQ's costs for administering programs have increased at a rate of 6.76% per year and the onsite program has not received significant fee increases since 2011 with the exception of a 17% increase in 2024 to support new positions approved by the legislature. Without recalibration of fees, in addition to the 3% fee increase per year, the program will need to reduce staffing levels – seriously jeopardizing program services and the environment.

In addition, this fee is not a proposed increase to individual residential or business utility rates. The Public Utility Commission regulates utility rates.

## **Comment 4**

**Laurie Funfar, Portland, OR**

To the Environmental Quality Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I write in strong and unequivocal opposition to granting the EQC authority to automatically raise fees by up to 3% each year for water-quality permitting and certification programs, including Stormwater, WPCF, NPDES, General Permits, 401 Certification, Wastewater Operator Certification, UIC, and Onsite Wastewater programs.

### **1. An Overbroad and Legally Questionable Delegation of Authority**

This proposal hands the Commission an open-ended power to increase fees indefinitely—without required findings, without demonstrated need, and without any public-interest analysis. Such unchecked authority lacks the legal standards necessary for a valid delegation and invites misuse.

### **2. A Serious Erosion of Legislative Oversight and Public Accountability**

Annual fee increases function as quasi-taxation. The legislature—not an unelected agency—must retain control over this power. By allowing self-executing increases, the proposal sidesteps democratic oversight and shuts the public out of future fee decisions.

### **3. High Risk of Fees Drifting Far Beyond Actual Costs**

Regulatory fees must reflect real program costs. Automatic annual increases virtually guarantee that fees will eventually exceed legitimate needs, turning them into revenue-raising tools rather than lawful cost-recovery mechanisms.

### **4. No Requirements for Better Performance**

The Commission would be permitted to raise fees every year with no obligation to improve service, reduce backlogs, or increase efficiency. Burdening the regulated community without demanding accountability from the agency is unreasonable and unacceptable.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal and instead require legislative review, transparent justification, and firm procedural safeguards before any fee increase is considered.

In addition, I oppose the proposal due to its significant and disproportionate economic harm to small businesses, local communities, and families.

#### 1. Harm to Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Many permit holders are small contractors, farms, home-based businesses, and sole proprietors—entities that operate on razor-thin margins. Annual automatic increases create financial instability and directly deter investment, innovation, and business formation.

#### 2. Compounding Costs That Become Punitive Over Time

A 3% yearly increase compounds rapidly. Over a decade, fees could rise more than 30%, imposing thousands of dollars in new costs. For small entities, this is not “modest”—it is a major and escalating financial burden.

#### 3. Direct Hardship on Families, Especially in Rural Areas

Families relying on septic systems or rural wastewater infrastructure already face high costs. For many, these fees are unavoidable. Annual increases—imposed without regard for income or regional economic realities—hit working families the hardest and worsen housing and utility affordability.

#### 4. Uneven Impacts That Deepen Economic Inequality

Large corporations can absorb these increases; small businesses and households cannot. This proposal exacerbates existing inequities and penalizes those least able to shoulder additional costs.

#### 5. No Demonstrated Link Between Higher Fees and Better Service

The Commission is asking families and small businesses to pay more every year with zero commitment to faster processing, reduced backlogs, or improved customer service. Without guarantees of performance, these increases amount to an automatic tax.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal in its entirety and replace it with a transparent, accountable, and equitable process—one that requires real justification for any increase and respects the economic realities facing small businesses and families.

Respectfully,

Laurie Funfar

#### **DEQ RESPONSE:**

Thank you for your comment. It has been added to the record.

Oregon law already authorizes DEQ to do a 3% fee increase for water quality programs each year to keep up with the yearly increase of programmatic costs. If DEQ's costs increase at a faster pace than this 3% increase, DEQ can be directed by the legislature to increase fees by more than 3%.

This year, the Oregon Legislature authorized DEQ to increase fees to keep pace with increasing costs of administering programs by approving policy option package 120. For most of the programs included in this proposed rulemaking, there have not been any significant increases in 6 to 12 years despite DEQ's costs increasing by about 6.76% each year. (This rate of increase is based on a comparison of the current service level in the 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget, or LAB, with the 2023-25 LAB.)

While a 3% annual increase serves to provide predictability to fee payers, it is often not sufficient to cover actual increases to the cost of providing services. Without recalibration of fees, in addition to the 3% fee increase per year, these programs will need to reduce staffing levels – seriously jeopardizing program services.

In addition, DEQ program fee payers have clearly indicated a preference for more frequent fee adjustments of a smaller magnitude, rather than infrequent adjustments that require larger magnitude increases.

DEQ analyzed data about the impacts on small and large businesses alike. Some examples include:

- The 3% fee increase would affect approximately 150 wastewater permit holders that are large businesses. For example, large businesses that require an Industrial NPDES Tier 1 permit (pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industries) would pay an additional \$1,003 in annual fees.
- The 3% fee increase would affect approximately 21 WPCF UIC Individual Permit holders that are large businesses. For example, a grocery chain with an individual UIC permit would pay an annual fee increase of \$122.
- A small business having five, rule-authorized, high risk UICs (e.g. a truck sales and repair operation), the annual fee would increase from \$565 (currently \$113 per UIC x 5 UICs) to \$665 (\$133 per UIC x 5 UICs). Small businesses having wastewater treatment facilities requiring a certified operator, would experience a 20% increase (ranging from \$29 to \$50) in the cost of the certification, if they cover that cost.

DEQ convened the 2026 Fee Increase Rulemaking Fiscal advisory committee in December. The committee met once and included representatives from local governments, industry, water quality permit holders, environmental and community involvement organizations. The committee offered their support for the water quality fee increase with recommendations on transparency, earlier communication, more real-life examples and a need for further discussion about program efficiency.

The Water Quality Program's mission is to protect and improve Oregon's water quality. This is accomplished through the cohesive teamwork of DEQ water quality staff. Starting with the collection and evaluation of water quality data to develop water quality standards and clean water plans, providing grants and technical assistance to reduce nonpoint pollution

sources, lending to communities to build and upgrade treatment facilities, assuring wastewater operators are certified to ensure wastewater treatment facilities run smoothly and effectively, protecting waters during and after construction, and finishing the cycle by implementing the Clean Water Act and Oregon Revised Statutes through the issuance of water quality permits to publicly owned treatment systems and industrial dischargers. Protecting and improving Oregon's rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater quality keeps Oregon's waters safe for drinking water, fish habitat, recreation and irrigation.

## **Comment 5**

**Goeff Rabinowitz, Mark Landauer and Michael Martin, OR**

**Dear Mr. Simpson:**

The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA), League of Oregon Cities (LOC), and Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) appreciate the opportunity to submit joint comments on the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) proposed rule amendments to increase water quality program fees. Our organizations, which represent local government water quality services providers across the state, were represented on the Fees Rulemaking Advisory Committee, and we appreciate that our input at these meetings was heard and is reflected in the final rulemaking documents.

It is our understanding that the rules, if adopted, will implement the following fee increases that will impact our local government water quality services providers for the following program increases and changes:

- 3% for NPDES/WPCF fees effective November 2026
- 3% for Onsite fees; plus an additional 30% (for a total of 33%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026
- 3% for 401 Dredge and Fill fees; plus an additional 20% (for a total of 23%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026
- 3% for Wastewater Operator Certification fees; plus a two-phase fee increase captured in two tables in the fee rulemaking: a 17% fee increase plus the annual 3% increase (total 20%) effective July 2026. In addition, this rulemaking will have a small update to current language for OAR 340-049-0055 (10) which states: "A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination" and DEQ recommends updating this rule to read as follows: "A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination or as determined by the examination contractor".
- 3% for Underground Injection Control fees; plus an additional 15% (for a total of 18%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026

Pursuant to ORS 468B.051, the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) has the authority to increase fees up to 3% per year as requested by DEQ for the following programs, Stormwater Permitting, Water Pollution Control Facility Permitting, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting, General Permits, 401 Dredge and Fill

Water Quality Certification, Wastewater System Operator Certification, Underground Injection Control and Residential Onsite Septic System programs. Not all of these programs have historically been able to have an annual increase of up to 3% as allowed by ORS 468B.051 until the passage of HB 3208 in 2023 for the Onsite Septic Program, Wastewater Operator Certification Program, Section 401 Dredge & Fill Water Quality Certifications, and Underground Injection Control Program.

Because of the inability to incrementally increase the fees for the programs listed above, DEQ is now proposing to “recalibrate” the fees to maintain current service levels. We agree that maintaining service levels for these programs is in the best interest of our members and supports the shared goal of protecting water quality. As such, LOC, SDAO and ACWA support the proposed fee increase for 2026.

State and local governments share in the commitments and obligations to protect and improve water quality in Oregon. We are partners in this effort and the significant needs and challenges we face related to resource adequacy and the affordability of our services need solutions that reflect this partnership. *To this point, it also needs to be stated that local governments in Oregon are under increasing fiscal pressures, not just for water quality but across their full budget spectrums.* Incremental increases, such as those proposed by DEQ for the 2026 Water Quality fee increase will have real world impacts and will very likely cause rate payer increases.

Because of this, we want to be clear that any future increases beyond the 3% as described above, will be heavily scrutinized. This includes the expectation that DEQ will have performed a full program(s) efficient analysis and implemented any and all necessary program operational changes before asking for a permit fee increase. Further, future fiscal analysis cannot be conducted in a vacuum. The expectation is for any permit fee increase to perform a more complete fiscal analysis of how ALL DEQ fee increases from that year will impact the different local governments in totality. Additionally, we are requesting that DEQ inform the public of the impact that YDO has had to date on increasing program efficiency. Finally, it will also be important to explore other funding sources, such as an increase in the proportion of funding born by the State’s general fund, in order to address the increasing affordability challenges posed by escalating utility fees at the local level.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed fee rulemaking, and we look forward to future dialogue with DEQ to address ongoing concerns and to partner in generating solutions.

Sincerely, Geoff Rabinowitz, Association of Clean Water Agencies; Michael Martin, League of Oregon Cities; Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon

**DEQ RESPONSE:**

Thank you for your comment. It has been added to the record. Additionally, thank you for participating in our Rules Advisory Committee and providing a thorough review of our rulemaking.

As stated during the Rules Advisory Committee meeting, DEQ understands the need for an efficiency analysis of our water quality programs and the impact YDO has on our service delivery. Further, DEQ will be looking at ways to show a more comprehensive impact on local governments; additionally, DEQ will be reviewing ways to communicate expected increases to local governments sooner to match their budget cycles.

As a response, we are looking into your suggestions and working with timelines and interested parties to devise solutions for greater transparency. DEQ commits to ongoing conversations with ACWA about ways to improve in these areas.

DEQ is always looking at ways to create greater program efficiency and we look forward to partnering with you on this endeavor.

# Implementation

## Notification

DEQ proposes amending rules to increase water quality fees by the following amounts above the fees that went into effect on Nov. 1, 2025:

- Three percent for NPDES/WPCF fees effective November 2026.
- Three percent for Onsite fees; plus an additional 30% (for a total of 33%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.
- Three percent for 401 Dredge and Fill fees; plus an additional 20% (for a total of 23%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.
- Three percent for Wastewater Operator Certification fees; plus a two-phase fee increase captured in two tables in the fee rulemaking: a 17% fee increase plus the annual 3% increase (total 20%) effective July 2026, and a 12% fee increase effective July 2027.
- Three percent for Underground Injection Control fees; plus an additional 15% (for a total of 18%) recalibration increase authorized by legislature under POP 120. Effective July 2026.

DEQ would notify affected parties by:

- Posting notification on relevant, DEQ permit-related webpages
- Emailing interested parties on the following DEQ lists through GovDelivery:
  - Rulemaking
  - 700-PM Mining Permit Information
  - 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

# 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).

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## Non-discrimination statement

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# Draft Rules – Edits Highlighted

## Key to Identifying Changed Text:

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New/inserted text

**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

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- (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 permit-related 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.

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**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 468.020, 468B.020 & 468B.035

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 468.065, 468B.015, 468B.035 & 468B.050

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## Fee Tables

| <b>Table 70A</b>  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits:</b>  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| <b>Application and Modification Fees</b>  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| Effective November 1, <del>2025</del> 2026  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| <b>Application fees for new industrial permits</b>  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| Tier 1 Industrial Facilities  | <del>\$95,628</del> <b>\$98,496</b> |                                     |                                   |
| Tier 2 Industrial Facilities  | <del>\$19,243</del> <b>\$19,820</b> |                                     |                                   |
| Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)   | <del>\$907</del> <b>\$934</b>       |                                     |                                   |
| 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.  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| <b>Modification Fees<sup>1</sup></b>  |                                     |                                     |                                   |
|   | <b>Major</b>                        |                                     | <b>Minor</b>                      |
|   | <b>At Permit Renewal</b>            | <b>Prior to Expiration</b>          |                                   |
| Tier 1 Industrial Facilities  | <del>\$24,023</del> <b>\$24,743</b> | <del>\$47,736</del> <b>\$49,168</b> | <del>\$1,672</del> <b>\$1,722</b> |
| Tier 2 Industrial Facilities  | <del>\$6,106</del> <b>\$6,289</b>   | <del>\$9,537</del> <b>\$9,823</b>   | <del>\$1,672</del> <b>\$1,722</b> |
| <sup>1</sup> : 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. |                                     |                                     |                                   |

**Table 70B**  
**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 20252026**

| Type  | Description   | NPDES Tier 1         | NPDES Tier 2         | WPCF Tier 1          | WPCF Tier 2          |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| B01   | Pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industry  | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | N                    | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | N                    |
| <b>Food or beverage processing includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption</b> |   |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| B02   | Washing or packing only   | N                    | \$4,646<br>\$4,785   | N                    | \$4,276<br>\$4,404   |
| B03   | Processing – <b>small</b><br>Flow ≤ 0.1 mgd, or 0.1 < flow < 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year                                  | N                    | \$6,948<br>\$7,156   | N                    | \$6,573<br>\$6,770   |
| B04   | Processing – <b>medium</b><br>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<br>\$10,099  | N                    | \$9,430<br>\$9,712   |
| B05   | Processing – <b>large</b><br>Flow ≥ 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year   | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | \$29,379<br>\$30,260 | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | \$29,001<br>\$29,871 |
| <b>Primary Smelting or Refining:</b>  |   |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| B06   | Aluminum  | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | \$29,379<br>\$30,260 | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | \$29,001<br>\$29,871 |
| B07   | Non-ferrous metals utilizing sand chlorination separation facilities  | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | \$29,379<br>\$30,260 | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | \$29,001<br>\$29,871 |
| B08   | Ferrous and non-ferrous metals not elsewhere classified   | \$19,119<br>\$19,692 | \$15,060<br>\$15,511 | \$16,715<br>\$17,216 | \$14,690<br>\$15,130 |
| B09   | Chemical manufacturing with discharge of process wastewater   | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | \$29,379<br>\$30,260 | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | \$29,001<br>\$29,871 |
| B10   | Cooling water discharges in excess of 20,000 BTU per second   | \$19,119<br>\$19,692 | \$15,060<br>\$15,511 | \$16,715<br>\$17,216 | \$14,690<br>\$15,130 |
| <b>Mining Operations – includes aggregate or ore processing:</b>  |   |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| B11   | <b>Large</b><br>over 500,000 cubic yards per year or involving chemical leaching  | \$33,436<br>\$34,439 | \$29,379<br>\$30,260 | \$31,032<br>\$31,962 | \$29,001<br>\$29,871 |
| B12   | <b>Medium</b><br>100,000 to 500,000 cubic yards per year  | N                    | \$10,285<br>\$10,593 | N                    | \$9,911<br>\$10,208  |
| B13   | <b>Small</b><br>less than 100,000 cubic yards per year  | N                    | \$3,129<br>\$3,222   | N                    | \$2,755<br>\$2,837   |
| <b>All facilities not elsewhere classified which dispose of process wastewater including remediated groundwater:</b>          |   |                      |                      |                      |                      |

**Table 70B**  
**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

|                                 |  |                                 |                               |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| B14                             | Tier 1 sources   | <del>\$33,436</del><br>\$34,439 | N                             | <del>\$31,032</del><br>\$31,962 | N                             |
| B15                             | Tier 2 sources   | N                               | <del>\$6,467</del><br>\$6,661 | N                               | <del>\$6,099</del><br>\$6,281 |
| <b>Type</b>                     | <b>Description</b>   | <b>NPDES Tier 1</b>             | <b>NPDES Tier 2</b>           | <b>WPCF Tier 1</b>              | <b>WPCF Tier 2</b>            |
| B16                             | All facilities not elsewhere classified disposing of non-process wastewaters e.g. small cooling water discharges, boiler blowdown, filter backwash | N                               | <del>\$4,329</del><br>\$4,458 | N                               | <del>\$3,956</del><br>\$4,074 |
| B17                             | Fish hatcheries and other confined feeding operations on individual permits except permits the Oregon Department of Agriculture administers.       | N                               | <del>\$3,791</del><br>\$3,904 | N                               | <del>\$3,417</del><br>\$3,519 |
| B18                             | All facilities disposing of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins   | N                               | N                             | N                               | <del>\$2,511</del><br>\$2,586 |
| <b>Timber and Wood Products</b> |  |                                 |                               |                                 |                               |
| B19                             | Sawmills, log storage, instream log storage  | <del>\$9,377</del><br>\$9,658   | <del>\$5,318</del><br>\$5,477 | <del>\$6,973</del><br>\$7,182   | <del>\$4,941</del><br>\$5,089 |
| B20                             | Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard manufacturing, wood products  | <del>\$9,915</del><br>\$10,212  | <del>\$5,857</del><br>\$6,032 | <del>\$7,514</del><br>\$7,739   | <del>\$5,487</del><br>\$5,651 |
| B21                             | Wood preserving  | <del>\$8,390</del><br>\$8,641   | <del>\$4,329</del><br>\$4,458 | <del>\$5,985</del><br>\$6,164   | <del>\$3,956</del><br>\$4,074 |

**Table 70C**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits: Application, Annual and**  
**Modification Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Description                  | Type    | Criteria <sup>1</sup>  | New Permit App <sup>2</sup>     | NPDES Annual (5yr)                | WPCF Annual (10yr)              | Modifications <sup>3</sup>      |                               |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              |         |                        |                                 |                                   |                                 | Major                           | Minor                         |
| Non-Lagoon Treatment Systems | A1      | Flow ≥ 50 mgd          | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$132,019</del><br>\$135,979 |                                 | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | A2      | 25 mgd ≤ Flow < 50 mgd | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$77,589</del><br>\$79,916   |                                 | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | A3      | 10 mgd ≤ Flow < 25 mgd | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$36,568</del><br>\$37,665   |                                 | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | Ba      | 5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd  | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$23,439</del><br>\$24,142   | <del>\$21,906</del><br>\$22,563 | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | C1<br>a | 2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd   | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$15,764</del><br>\$16,233   | <del>\$14,230</del><br>\$14,656 | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | C2<br>a | 1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd   | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$10,696</del><br>\$11,016   | <del>\$9,163</del><br>\$9,437   | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|                              | Da      | Flow < 1 mgd           | <del>\$12,314</del><br>\$12,683 | <del>\$3,384</del><br>\$3,485     | <del>\$3,141</del><br>\$3,235   | <del>\$6,236</del><br>\$6,423   | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |

**Table 70C**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits:**  
**Application, Annual and Modification Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 20252026**

| Description   | Type | Criteria <sup>1</sup>  | New Permit App <sup>2</sup>     | NPDES Annual (5yr)              | WPCF Annual (10yr)            | Modifications <sup>3</sup>      |                               |
|---|------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   |      |                        |                                 |                                 |                               | Major                           | Minor                         |
| Lagoons Discharging to Surface Waters   | Bb   | 5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd  | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$12,393</del><br>\$12,764 |                               | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|   | C1b  | 2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd   | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$8,616</del><br>8,874     |                               | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|   | C2b  | 1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd   | <del>\$60,960</del><br>\$62,788 | <del>\$6,289</del><br>6,477     |                               | <del>\$30,555</del><br>\$31,471 | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
|   | Db   | Flow < 1 mgd           | <del>\$12,314</del><br>\$12,683 | <del>\$2,386</del><br>2,457     |                               | <del>\$6,236</del><br>6,423     | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
| Nondischarging Lagoons  | E    | No discharge flow      | <del>\$6,236</del><br>6,423     |                                 | <del>\$1,988</del><br>\$2,047 | <del>\$3,190</del><br>3,285     | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |
| Alkaline-stabilization facilities   | F    |                        | <del>\$1,672</del><br>1,722     |                                 | <del>\$683</del><br>703       |                                 | <del>\$735</del><br>\$757     |
| Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)   |      |                        | <del>\$907</del><br>\$934       |                                 |                               |                                 |                               |
| <b>Refer to Table 70D and 70E for applicable population and pretreatment fees for the permits listed above.</b> |      |                        |                                 |                                 |                               |                                 |                               |
| Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System   | MS4  | See 40 C.F.R. § 122.26 | <del>\$33,855</del><br>\$34,870 | Refer to Table 70H              |                               | <del>\$2,938</del><br>3,026     | <del>\$1,672</del><br>\$1,722 |

1. Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow.

2. New permit applications must include the annual fee in addition to the new permit application fee.

3. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.

**Table 70D**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fee**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Population range   | Annual fee                     |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 500,000+           | <del>\$177,369</del> \$182,690 |
| 400,000 to 499,999 | <del>\$135,686</del> \$139,756 |
| 300,000 to 399,999 | <del>\$94,006</del> \$96,826   |
| 200,000 to 299,999 | <del>-\$52,320</del> \$53,889  |
| 150,000 to 199,999 | <del>\$42,314</del> \$43,583   |
| 100,000 to 149,999 | <del>-\$27,868</del> \$28,704  |
| 50,000 to 99,999   | <del>\$17,447</del> \$18,001   |
| 25,000 to 49,999   | <del>\$7,854</del> \$8,089     |
| 15,000 to 24,999   | <del>\$4,471</del> \$4,605     |
| 10,000 to 14,999   | <del>\$2,911</del> \$2,998     |
| 5,000 to 9,999     | <del>\$1,769</del> \$1,822     |
| 1,000 to 4,999     | <del>\$527</del> \$542         |
| 100 to 999         | <del>-\$97</del> \$99          |
| 0 to 99            | \$0                            |

**Table 70E**  
**Annual Pretreatment Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Description                 | Fee                                     |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Pretreatment Fee            | <del>\$3,038</del> \$3,129              |
| Significant Industrial User | <del>\$1,012</del> \$1,042 per industry |

**Table 70F**

**All NPDES and WPCF<sup>1</sup> Permits: Technical Activity, Plan Review, and Other Fees**

Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026

| Activity   | Fee                          |
|--|------------------------------|
| New or substantially modified sewage treatment facility  | <del>\$13,984</del> \$14,403 |
| Minor facility or pump station modifications   | <del>-\$1,518</del> \$1,563  |
| Major system or pressure system expansion  | <del>\$1,065</del> \$1,096   |
| Minor system expansion or modification   | <del>\$300</del> \$309       |
| New or substantially modified septage alkaline stabilization facility  | <del>-\$1,518</del> \$1,563  |
| Site inspection and evaluation <sup>2</sup>  | <del>-\$2,380</del> \$2,451  |
| Disposal system plan review <sup>2</sup>   | <del>\$950</del> \$978       |
| Environmental management plan review <sup>3</sup>  | <del>\$950</del> \$978       |
| Other Fees   |                              |
| Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver  | <del>-\$1,157</del> \$1,191  |
| Permit transfer, legal name change.  | <del>\$147</del> \$151       |
| <p>1. Does not include Onsite septic systems. Please see Tables 9A-9F in OAR 340-071 for appropriate technical activity fees.</p> <p>2. This fee only applies when these activities are required for DEQ's review of a general permit application.</p> <p>3. This fee is not charged to new applicants for individual NPDES and WPCF permits. Plans updated after the permit is issued are subject to plan review as specified in the permit. This includes but is not limited to biosolids management plan and recycled water use plan.</p> |                              |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Number   | Type  | Description  | New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup> | Annual Fee                |
|--|-------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100-J  | NPDES | Cooling water/heat pumps   | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 200-J  | NPDES | Filter backwash  | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 300-J  | NPDES | Fish hatcheries  | <del>\$620</del> \$638           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 400-J  | NPDES | Log ponds  | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 500-J  | NPDES | Boiler blowdown  | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 900-J  | NPDES | Seafood processing   | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1400-A   | WPCF  | Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is ≤ 82000 gallons/day and is only disposed of by land irrigation.                                   | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$518</del><br>\$533 |
| 1400-B   | WPCF  | Wineries and small food processors not otherwise eligible for a 1400A general permit.  | <del>\$620</del> \$638           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1500-A   | NPDES | Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up   | <del>\$620</del> \$638           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1500-B   | WPCF  | Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up   | <del>\$620</del> \$638           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1700-A   | NPDES | Vehicle and equipment wash water   | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1700-B   | WPCF  | Vehicle and equipment wash water   | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 1900-J   | NPDES | Non-contact geothermal heat exchange   | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 2000-J   | NPDES | Pesticide use irrigation districts   | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| 2300-A   | NPDES | Pesticide general permit   | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |
| <b>Residential and Commercial Graywater and Industrial Reuse Water</b> |       |  |                                  |                           |
| 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 | <del>-\$57</del> \$58            | <del>\$46</del> \$47      |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Number | Type | Description   | New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup> | Annual Fee                |
|--------|------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2402   | WPCF | Tier 2 graywater reuse and disposal system for:<br>≤ 1,200 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit | <del>\$634</del> \$653           | <del>\$57</del> \$58      |
| 2501   | WPCF | Industrial reuse water free of human and animal waste suitable for reuse without secondary or advanced treatment and ≤ 25,000 gallons/day               | <del>\$862</del> \$887           | <del>\$884</del><br>\$910 |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Number  | Type  | Description  | New Permit App. Fee <sup>1</sup> | Annual Fee                 |
|---|-------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Stormwater General Permits<sup>2</sup></b>   |       |  |                                  |                            |
| 1200-A  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Sand, gravel, and other non-metallic mining   | <del>-\$1,515</del> \$1,560      | <del>\$1,558</del> \$1,604 |
| 1200-C  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities – one acre or more  | <del>\$1,515</del> \$1,560       | <del>\$1,558</del> \$1,604 |
| 1200-C  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities – less than one acre and part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres                            | <del>\$442</del> \$455           | \$0                        |
| 1200-CA   | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities performed by public agencies – one acre or more   | <del>\$1,515</del> \$1,560       | <del>\$1,558</del> \$1,604 |
| 1200-Z  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Industrial  | <del>-\$1,515</del> \$1,560      | <del>\$1,558</del> \$1,604 |
| 4000-MS4  | NPDES | Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4):<br>Conveyance system owned or operated by municipality, special district, hospital, port, school district, etc. | <del>\$1515</del> \$1,560        | Refer to:<br>Table 70H     |
| <b>Mining General Permits</b>   |       |  |                                  |                            |
| 600   | WPCF  | Offstream small scale mining:<br>Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year   | \$0                              | \$0                        |
|   |       | Offstream small scale mining:<br>Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year   | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | \$0                        |
| 700-PM  | NPDES | Suction dredges (gravity and syphon)   | \$0                              | \$25                       |
| 700-PM  | NPDES | Suction dredges (motorized)  | \$250                            | \$250                      |
|   |       | Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)  | \$250                            |                            |
| 1000  | WPCF  | Gravel mining  | <del>\$387</del> \$398           | <del>\$884</del> \$910     |
| <b>Other General Permits</b>  |       |  |                                  |                            |
| All other permits not elsewhere classified.   |       |  | <del>-\$862</del> \$887          | <del>\$884</del> \$910     |
| <sup>1.</sup> New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee.<br><sup>2.</sup> Stormwater construction and industrial permits are also administered by public agencies and local districts under contract with DEQ. |       |  |                                  |                            |

**Table 70H  
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits: Annual  
Fees  
Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

| Population-based cost-per-person, except counties and other                        | Annual Fee                          |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Cost-per-person  | <del>\$0.134</del> <b>\$0.138</b>   |
| Counties, Phase I  | <del>\$12,296</del> <b>\$12,664</b> |
| Counties, Phase II<br>(non-traditional MS4s, hospitals, public universities, etc.) | <del>\$3,071</del> <b>\$3,163</b>   |
| Oregon Department of Transportation MS4*   | <del>\$49,193</del> <b>\$50,668</b> |
| *Fee for ODOT MS4 assessed only in the absence of a separate revenue agreement.    |                                     |

**Table 70I**  
**Underground Injection Control Permits**  
**Application Fees, Annual Fees and Surcharges**  
**Effective ~~November 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2026**

| Type  | Description  | Application Fee              | Annual Fee                 | Class of Injection            | Surcharge                  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|   |  |                              |                            |                               | Application                | Annual                 |
| Authorized By Rule <sup>1</sup>   | Low Risk Stormwater Only                             | None                         | None                       | Low Risk                      | <del>\$113</del> \$133     | None                   |
|   | Non-Stormwater Injection <sup>2</sup>                | None                         | None                       | Medium Risk                   | <del>\$142</del> \$167     | None                   |
|   | All Other UIC's Draining Stormwater from Any Surface | None                         | None                       | Low Risk                      | <del>\$113</del> \$133     | None                   |
|   |  |                              |                            | Medium Risk                   | <del>\$142</del> \$167     | None                   |
| 1200-U General Permit <sup>3</sup>  | Stormwater Injection                                 | <del>\$862</del> \$887       | <del>\$884</del> \$910     | Low Risk                      | <del>\$152</del> \$156     | None                   |
|   |  |                              |                            | Medium Risk                   | <del>-\$192</del> \$197    | None                   |
|   |  |                              |                            | High Risk                     | <del>\$463</del> \$476     | <del>\$152</del> \$156 |
| 1900-B General Permit   | Injection During Geothermal Exploration              | <del>\$862</del> \$887       | <del>\$884</del> \$910     |                               |                            |                        |
| Type  | Description  | Application Fees             |                            |                               |                            |                        |
| Other   | Preclosure Notification                              | <del>-\$103</del> \$121      |                            |                               |                            |                        |
|   | Sewage Drill Hole Closure                            | <del>\$103</del> \$106       |                            |                               |                            |                        |
| Type  | Description  | Application Fee              | Annual Fee                 | Individual WPCF Modifications |                            |                        |
|   |  |                              |                            | Major                         | Minor                      |                        |
| Individual WPCF Permit  | As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146       | <del>\$19,243</del> \$19,820 | <del>\$4,071</del> \$4,193 | <del>\$3,190</del> \$3,285    | <del>\$1,672</del> \$1,722 |                        |
| <sup>1.</sup> 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.<br><sup>2.</sup> Includes aquifer storage and recovery, low temperature geothermal injection, remediation and other underground injection control systems that do not drain stormwater.<br><sup>3.</sup> 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. |  |                              |                            |                               |                            |                        |

**Division 71**  
**ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

**340-071-0800**

**Tables**

Tables for Division 071.

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**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 454.615, 454.625 & 468.020

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 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, 468.035, 468.045, 468.065, 468B.050, 468B.055 & 468B.080

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# OAR 340-071-0800

## Division 71 Tables

Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026

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

|                             |  |    |    |
|-----------------------------|--|----|----|
| 5. Groundwater Interceptors | On a slope of three percent or less                    | 20 | 10 |
|                             | On a slope greater than three percent:<br>Upgradient   | 10 | 5  |
|                             | On a slope greater than three percent:<br>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)   | 25   | 25  |
|   | Unlined: Upgradient  | 25   | 25  |
|   | Unlined: Downgradient  | 50   | 50  |
| 7. Manmade cuts downgradient in excess of 30 inches from the top of the downslope cut that: | Intersect layers that limit effective soil depth within 48 inches of surface | 50   | 25  |
|   | do not intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                      | 25   | 10  |
| 8. Downgradient escarpments:  | that intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                        | 50   | 10  |
|   | that do not intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                 | 25   | 10  |
| 9. Property lines   |  | 10   | 5   |
| 10. Water lines   |  | 10   | 10  |
| 11. Foundation lines of any building, including garages and out buildings                   |  | 10   | 5   |
| 12. Underground utilities   |  | 10   | —   |
| * 50-foot setback for wells constructed with special standards granted by WRD.              |  |  |   |
| **This does not prevent stream crossings of pressure effluent sewers.                       |  |  |   |

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

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

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**TABLE 2**  
**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

|  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Country clubs  |  | 25<br>(per non- resident member present)          | —  |
| Dwellings:   | Boarding houses  | 150 (per bedroom)                                 | 600  |
|  | Boarding houses – additional for non-residential boarders      | 10 (per person)                                   | —  |
|  | Rooming houses   | 80 (per person)                                   | 500  |
|  | Condominiums, Multiple family dwellings — including apartments | 300 (per unit)                                    | 900  |
| <b>Type of Establishment</b>   |  | <b>Column 1</b>                                   | <b>Column 2</b>                                  |
|  |  | <b>Gallons Per Day</b>                            | <b>Minimum Gallons per Establishment per Day</b> |
| Dwellings:   | Single family dwellings  | 300<br>(not exceeding 2 bedrooms)                 | 450*   |
|  | Single family dwellings with more than 2 bedrooms              | 75 (for third & each succeeding bedroom)          | 450  |
|  | Single family dwellings with accessory dwelling unit (ADU)     | 600 (not exceeding 2 bedrooms in either dwelling) | 750*   |
|  | Accessory dwelling unit (ADU)                                  | 300 (per unit)                                    | -  |
| Factories: exclusive of industrial wastes <b>with</b> shower facilities    |  | 35 (per person per shift)                         | 300  |
| Factories: exclusive of industrial wastes <b>without</b> shower facilities |  | 15 (per person per shift)                         | 150  |
| Hospitals  |  | 250 (per bed space)                               | 2500   |

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TABLE 2  
QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

|   |   |  |      |
|---|---|--|------|
| Hotels with private baths                                   | 120 (per room)  | 600  |      |
| Hotels without private baths                                | 100 (per room)  | 500  |      |
| Institutions other than hospitals                           | 125 (per bed space)                                     | 1250   |      |
| Laundries: self-service                                     | 500 (per machine)                                       | 2500   |      |
| Mobile home parks   | 250 (per space)   | 750  |      |
| Motels:<br><b>with</b> bath, toilet and kitchen wastes      | 100 (per bedroom)                                       | 500  |      |
| Motels:<br><b>without</b> kitchens                          | 80 (per bedroom)  | 400  |      |
| Picnic Parks:<br>toilet wastes only                         | 5 (per picnicker)                                       | 150  |      |
| Picnic Parks:<br>with bathhouses, showers and flush toilets | 10 (per picnicker)                                      | 300  |      |
| Restaurants   | 40 (per seat)   | 800  |      |
| Restaurants:<br>single-service                              | 2 (per customer)  | 300  |      |
| Restaurants:<br>with bars and/or lounges                    | 50 (per seat)   | 1000   |      |
| <b>Type of Establishment</b>                                | <b>Column 1</b>   | <b>Column 2</b>                                  |      |
|   | <b>Gallons Per Day</b>                                  | <b>Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day</b> |      |
| Schools:  | Boarding  | 100 (per person)                                 | 3000 |
|   | Day: <b>without</b> gyms, cafeterias or showers         | 15 (per person)                                  | 450  |
|   | Day: <b>with</b> gyms, cafeterias and showers           | 25 (per person)                                  | 750  |
|   | Day: <b>with</b> cafeteria, but without gyms or showers | 20 (per person)                                  | 600  |
| Service Stations  | 10 (per vehicle served)                                 | 500  |      |
| Swimming pools and bathhouses                               | 10 (per person)   | 300  |      |
| Theaters:   | Movie   | 5 (per seat)                                     | 300  |

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**TABLE 2**  
**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

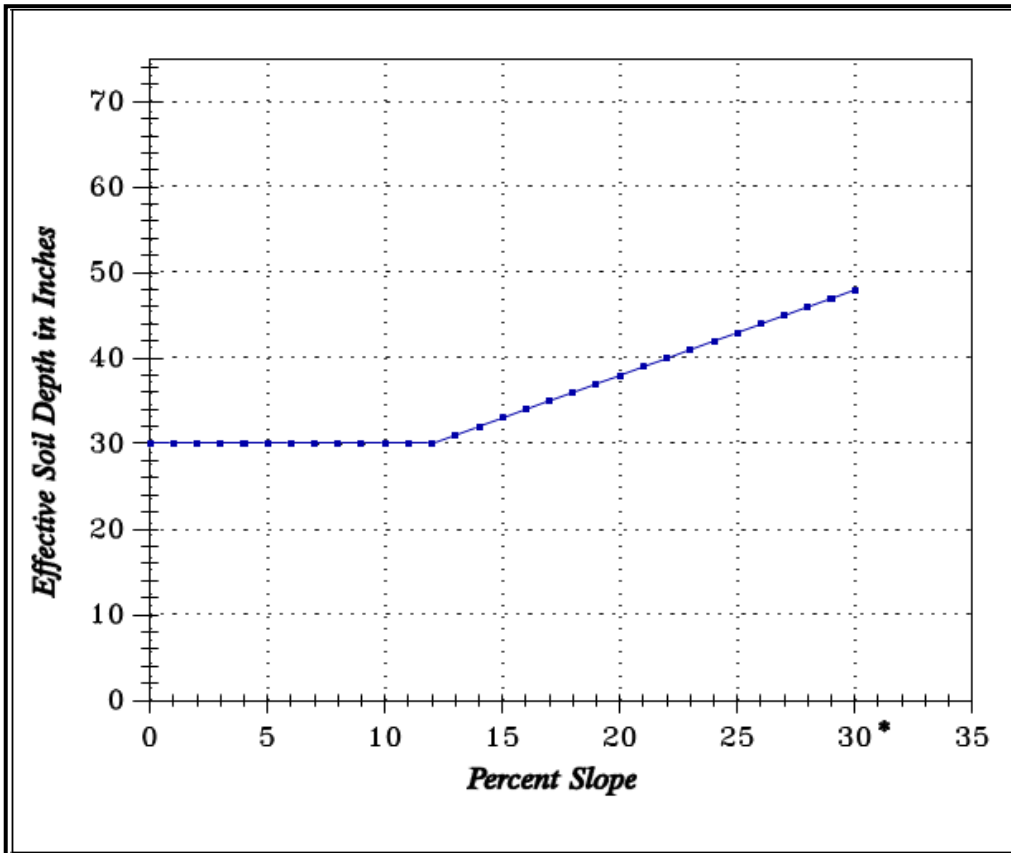
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|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
|   | Drive-In                             | 20 (per car space) | 1000 |
| Travel trailer parks: <b>without</b> individual water and sewer hookups |                                      | 50 (per space)     | 300  |
| Travel trailer parks: <b>with</b> 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.

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TABLE 3

SLOPE, EFFECTIVE SOIL DEPTH RELATIONSHIP



\*When slope exceeds 30 percent, rules on steep slope system apply. (refer OAR-340-071-0310)

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TABLE 4**

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

| Effective Soil Depth | Soil Group |     |     |
|----------------------|------------|-----|-----|
|                      | A          | B   | C   |
| 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 sewage flow determined from soil texture versus depth to temporary groundwater.**

| Depth to Temporary Groundwater | Soil Group |     |     |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|
|                                | A          | B   | C   |
| 24" to Less than 48"           | 100        | 125 | 150 |
| 48" or More                    | 50         | 75  | 125 |

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

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

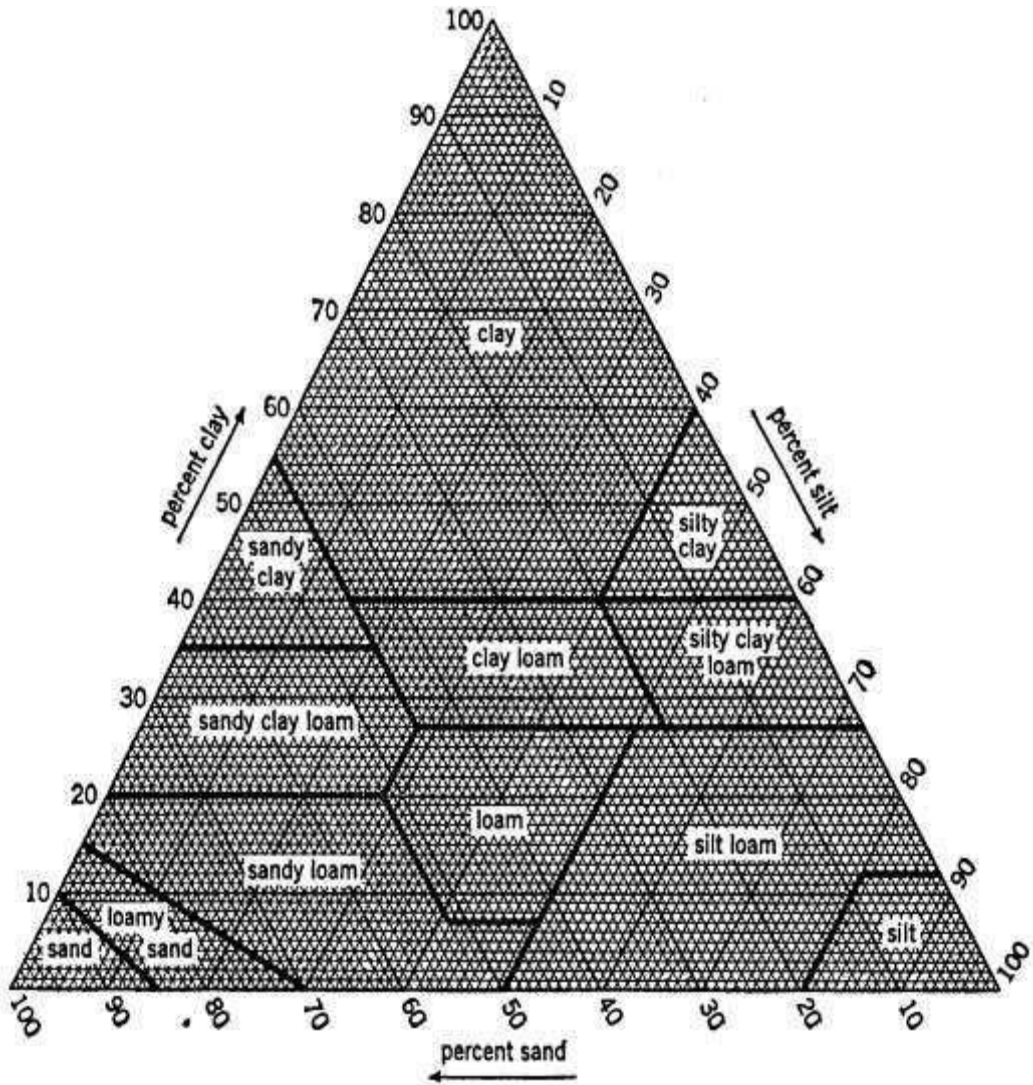
Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

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

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TABLE 6

SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION CHART



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**TABLE 7**  
**USDA SOIL CLASSIFICATION SIZES OF SOIL**  
**SEPARATES**

| <b>Particle-Size Classes</b> | <b>Sieve Sizes</b> | <b>Millimeters</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Clay                         |                    | .002               |
| Silt                         | 270                | .050               |
| Very Fine Sand               | 200                | .075               |
|                              | 140                | .1                 |
| Fine Sand                    | 60                 | .25                |
| Medium Sand                  | 35                 | .5                 |
| Coarse Sand                  | 18                 | 1.0                |
| Very Coarse Sand             | 10                 | 2.0                |
| Fine Gravel                  | 4                  | 4.75               |
|                              | 3/8"               | 9.5                |
|                              | 1/2                | 12.5               |
| Course Gravel                | 3"                 | 76.2               |
| Cobbles                      | 10"                | 250                |

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**TABLE 8**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES (All Measurements in Feet Unless Otherwise Noted)**

| <b>Items Requiring Setback</b>                        | <b>Self-contained nonwater-carried waste disposal</b> | <b>Unsealed earth type privies, graywater, waste disposal sump and seepage chambers</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Groundwater supplies including springs and cisterns   | 50'   | 100'  |
| Surface public waters, excluding intermittent streams | 50'   | 100'  |
| Intermittent streams                                  | 50'   | 50'   |
| Property line   | 25'   | 25'   |

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**TABLE 9A**  
**SITE EVALUATION AND EXISTING SYSTEM**  
**EVALUATION FEES**  
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**New Site Evaluation Fees**

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

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Single family dwelling - First lot  | <del>-\$843</del> \$1,121   |
| Single family dwelling - Each additional lot evaluated during initial visit | <del>-\$843</del> \$1,121   |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,000 gpd or less             | <del>-\$843</del> \$1,121   |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd               | <del>\$1,061</del> \$1,411  |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd               | <del>-\$1,280</del> \$1,702 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd               | <del>-\$1,498</del> \$1,992 |
| Commercial facility s with a design capacity of 2,501-3,000 gpd             | <del>\$1,718</del> \$2,284  |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,001-3,500 gpd               | <del>\$1,936</del> \$2,574  |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,501-4,000 gpd               | <del>-\$2,153</del> \$2,863 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,001-4,500 gpd               | <del>\$2,372</del> \$3,154  |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,501-5,000 gpd               | <del>-\$2,591</del> \$3,446 |
| Commercial facility with a design flow greater than 5,000 gpd               | <del>-\$2,859</del> \$3,802 |
| Site Evaluation Report Review fee   | <del>\$794</del> \$1,056    |
| Existing System Evaluation Report fee                                       | <del>\$794</del> \$1,056    |

**OAR 340-071-0140**  
**TABLE 9B**  
**PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT**  
**SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**  
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| Type of Fee  |  | System Type                        |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      | Plan Review fees for Commercial Facility Systems |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|  |  | A                                  | B                                    | C                                    | D                                    | E                                    |  |
| Construction:<br>Installation Permit   | For systems with a design capacity of less than <b>600 gpd</b> | <del>\$555</del><br><b>\$738</b>   | <del>\$1,072</del><br><b>\$1,425</b> | <del>\$1,250</del><br><b>\$1,662</b> | <del>\$1,532</del><br><b>\$2,037</b> | <del>\$1,886</del><br><b>\$2,508</b> | \$0  |
|  | For systems with a design capacity of <b>601-1,000 gpd</b>     | <del>\$555</del><br><b>\$738</b>   | <del>\$1,072</del><br><b>\$1,425</b> | <del>\$1,250</del><br><b>\$1,662</b> | <del>\$1,532</del><br><b>\$2,037</b> | <del>\$1,886</del><br><b>\$2,508</b> | <del>\$456</del><br><b>\$606</b>                 |
|  | For systems with a design capacity of <b>1,001-1,500 gpd</b>   | <del>\$674</del><br><b>\$896</b>   | <del>\$1,191</del><br><b>\$1,584</b> | <del>\$1,369</del><br><b>\$1,820</b> | <del>\$1,628</del><br><b>\$2,165</b> | <del>\$2,060</del><br><b>\$2,739</b> | <del>\$535</del><br><b>\$711</b>                 |
|  | For systems with a design capacity of <b>1,501-2,000 gpd</b>   | <del>\$794</del><br><b>\$1,056</b> | <del>\$1,310</del><br><b>\$1,742</b> | <del>\$1,489</del><br><b>\$1,980</b> | <del>\$1,726</del><br><b>\$2,295</b> | <del>\$2,123</del><br><b>\$2,823</b> | <del>\$614</del><br><b>\$816</b>                 |
|  | For systems with a design capacity of <b>2,001-2,500 gpd</b>   | <del>\$912</del><br><b>\$1,212</b> | <del>\$1,429</del><br><b>\$1,900</b> | <del>\$1,607</del><br><b>\$2,137</b> | <del>\$1,823</del><br><b>\$2,424</b> | <del>\$2,243</del><br><b>\$2,983</b> | <del>\$695</del><br><b>\$924</b>                 |
| Reinspection fee   |  | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$63</b>    | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$63</b>      | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$63</b>      | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$63</b>      | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$63</b>      | <del>\$123</del><br><b>\$163</b>                 |
| Pump Evaluation Fee: For all permits that specify the use of a pump except for sand filter, Alternative treatment technologies, Recirculating gravel filter, and pressurized distribution systems. |  | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$5</b>      | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$5</b>        | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$5</b>        | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$5</b>        | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$5</b>        | <del>\$79</del><br><b>\$105</b>                  |

**System Type Key:**  
Type A = Gray Water waste disposal sumps  
Type B = Holding tanks  
Type C = Standard subsurface, Absorption trenches in sapolite, 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)

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**TABLE 9C**  
**OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS**  
**NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS**  
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| Fee Subject  | Fee                        | Field Visit required     | No Field Visit required |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Minor Alteration Permit  | <del>\$327</del> \$434     |                          |                         |
| Major Alteration Permit  | <del>\$684</del> \$909     |                          |                         |
| Minor Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling                                 | <del>\$317</del> \$421     |                          |                         |
| Major Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling                                 | <del>\$663</del> \$881     |                          |                         |
| Minor Repair Permit - Commercial Facility                                    | <del>\$575</del> \$764     |                          |                         |
| Major Repair Permit - Commercial Facility                                    | <del>\$1,250</del> \$1,662 |                          |                         |
| Permit Denial Review   | <del>\$436</del> \$579     |                          |                         |
| Permit Transfer, Reinstatement, or Renewal                                   |                            | <del>\$645</del> \$857   | <del>\$188</del> \$250  |
| Authorization Notice   |                            | <del>\$774</del> \$1,029 | <del>\$198</del> \$263  |
| Authorization Notice Denial Review   | <del>\$794</del> \$1,056   |                          |                         |
| Renewal of hardship authorization for temporary dwelling                     |                            | <del>\$408</del> \$542   | <del>\$123</del> \$163  |
| Alternative system inspection - Holding tanks                                | <del>\$476</del> \$633     |                          |                         |
| Variance from onsite system rules  | <del>\$2,581</del> \$3,432 |                          |                         |
| Land use clearance   | <del>\$61</del> \$81       |                          |                         |
| Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – hard copy submittal               | <del>\$37</del> \$49       |                          |                         |
| Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks – online submittal                  | <del>\$30</del> \$39       |                          |                         |
| Alternative system inspection - Other alternative systems listed in Table 9B | <del>\$655</del> \$871     |                          |                         |

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TABLE 9C  
OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF  
PERMITS**

| Type   | Fee                         | Field Visit required | No Field Visit required |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – <b>hard copy submittal</b> | <del>\$74</del> <b>\$98</b> |                      |                         |
| Annual report evaluation - Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology – <b>online submittal</b>    | <del>\$61</del> <b>\$81</b> |                      |                         |

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D  
WPCF PERMIT FEES  
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|  | Application filing fee for all systems | Permit processing with a design capacity of 1,200 gpd or less | Permit processing with a design capacity over 1,200 gpd |
|--|--|---|---|
| New application  | <del>\$129</del> \$132                 | <del>\$1,055</del> \$1,086                                    | <del>-\$5,278</del> \$5,436                             |
| Permit renewal (involving request for effluent limit modifications)          | <del>\$129</del> \$132                 | <del>\$524</del> \$539  | <del>-\$2,641</del> \$2,720                             |
| Permit renewal (without request for effluent limit modifications)            | <del>\$129</del> \$132                 | <del>\$264</del> \$271  | <del>\$1,317</del> \$1,356                              |
| Permit modification (involving increase in effluent limitations)             | <del>\$129</del> \$132                 | <del>\$524</del> \$539  | <del>\$2,641</del> \$2,720                              |
| Permit modification (not involving an increase in effluent limits)           | <del>\$129</del> \$132                 | <del>\$393</del> \$404  | <del>\$1,317</del> \$1,356                              |
| <b>Plan Review fee</b>   |  |   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity less than <b>600 gpd</b>    |  | \$0   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>600 - 1,000 gpd</b>   |  | <del>-\$501</del> \$516                                       |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>1,001 - 1,500 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$591</del> \$608  |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>1,501 - 2,000 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$680</del> \$700  |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>2,001 - 2,500 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$767</del> \$790  |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>2,501 - 3,000 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$901</del> \$928  |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>3,001 - 3,500 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$988</del> \$1,017                                      |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>3,501 - 4,000 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$1,075</del> \$1,107                                    |   |
| <b>Plan Review fee</b>   |  |   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>4,001 - 4,500 gpd</b> |  | <del>\$1,161</del> \$1,195                                    |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>4,501 - 5,000 gpd</b> |  | <del>-\$1,252</del> \$1,289                                   |   |

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9D**  
**WPCF PERMIT FEES**  
**Effective November 1, ~~2025~~2026**

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Commercial facilities with a design capacity <b>greater than 5,000 gpd</b>   | <del>-\$1,317</del> <b>\$1,356</b> |
| Single family dwelling   | <del>\$264</del> <b>\$271</b>      |
| <b>Annual Compliance Determination fee</b>   |                                    |
| Onsite sewage lagoon with no discharge   | <del>\$1,581</del> <b>\$1,628</b>  |
| Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities <b>less than 2,500 gpd</b>   | <del>-\$659</del> <b>\$678</b>     |
| Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities of <b>2,500 - 20,000 gpd</b>   | <del>\$1,317</del> <b>\$1,356</b>  |
| Holding tanks: if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner <b>does not submit</b> 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 <b>are not available</b> for inspection by DEQ. | <del>\$524</del> <b>\$539</b>      |
| Holding tanks: if by the date specified by DEQ, the owner <b>submits</b> 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 logs for the holding tanks <b>are available</b> for inspection by DEQ.            | <del>-\$55</del> <b>\$56</b>       |
| Other systems with design capacities <b>less than 20,000 gpd</b>   | <del>\$659</del> <b>\$678</b>      |
| Other systems with design capacities <b>20,000 gpd or more</b>   | <del>\$1,317</del> <b>\$1,356</b>  |

| <b>OAR 340-071-0140</b><br><b>TABLE 9E</b><br><b>SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE LICENSE AND TRUCK</b><br><b>INSPECTION FEES</b><br><b>Effective <del>November 1, 2025</del> July 1, 2026</b> |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| New 3-year business license   | <del>\$527</del> \$700 per year  |
| Renewal of business license   | <del>\$397</del> \$528 per year  |
| Additional license fee for additional pumper vehicles   | <del>\$18</del> \$23 per vehicle |
| Transfer of or amendments to license  | <del>\$248</del> \$329           |
| Reinstatement of suspended license  | <del>\$310</del> \$412           |
| Pumper truck inspections:<br>First vehicle, each inspection   | <del>\$123</del> \$163           |
| Pumper truck inspections:<br>Each additional vehicle, each inspection   | <del>\$61</del> \$81             |

| <b>OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9F</b><br><b>OTHER FEES</b><br><b>Effective <del>November 1, 2025</del> July 1, 2026</b> |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Innovative or Alternative Technology Review  | <del>\$1,985</del> \$2,640 |
| Alternative Technology Review (greater than 1,500 gpd)   | <del>\$3,971</del> \$5,281 |
| Alternative Treatment Technology Annual Compliance Determination Fee (per listed model)                            | <del>\$620</del> \$824     |
| Material Plan Review   | <del>\$594</del> \$790     |
| Department Surcharge   | <del>\$120</del> \$159     |

## Division 48

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

#### 340-048-0055

#### Fee Schedule for Certifications

- (1) Applicability. The fees established in this rule apply to any person, including a federal agency, submitting an application for certification to DEQ.
- (2) Fee Determinations. To determine the appropriate fee to process and review an application for certification, DEQ will do the following:
  - (a) Perform an initial review of the application and other materials submitted;
  - (b) Determine the estimated program costs incurred by DEQ in reviewing the proposed project based on the types of tasks expected, the amount of staff time and other expenses, and assign a tier using the criteria in Section (3);
  - (c) Submit an invoice or, if necessary, multiple invoices, to the applicant based on the appropriate fee schedule provided in Section (4); and
  - (d) As necessary, revise an assigned tier based on documentation of the expected types of tasks or program costs incurred, if appropriate, and notify the applicant of such revisions.
- (3) Project Tiers. The following tier schedule describes the types of tasks expected to appropriately process and review proposed projects for certification:
  - (a) Tier 1 — This tier applies to those projects that incur minimal program costs and impacts to water quality. To qualify under this tier, the project must meet the following:
    - (A) Potential for minimal impacts to water quality;
    - (B) Low level of public participation;
    - (C) No more than standard coordination with federal state or local agencies required;
    - (D) Stormwater management plan review not required or will be addressed through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting process;
    - (E) Limited technical assistance needed; or
    - (F) Within the scope of a United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 404 category requiring a DEQ 401 certification and involving only a stormwater management plan or sediment evaluation review component;
    - (G) Within the scope of the proposed application, the project has been modified or altered that the DEQ 401 review and certification requires re-issuance, including DEQ public notice.
  - (b) Tier 2A — This tier applies to those projects that incur a higher than minimal amount of program costs and impacts to water quality. To qualify under this tier, the project must meet some of the following:

- (A) Potential for greater than minimal impacts to water quality;
  - (B) Basic level of public participation required, including but not limited to response to comment;
  - (C) No more than standard coordination with federal state or local agencies required;
  - (D) Limited stormwater management plan review or technical assistance to a reviewing permitted entity or agent required;
  - (E) Limited technical assistance needed; or
  - (F) Sediment characterization, if required, finds sediment and new surface suitable for in-water exposure.
- (c) Tier 2B — This tier applies to those projects that incur higher program costs due to greater potential impacts on water quality. To qualify for this tier, the project must meet a majority of the following:
- (A) Potential for greater water quality impacts if the waterway is identified on DEQ's 303(d) list or is covered by a total maximum daily load, or multiple waters of the state are affected;
  - (B) High level of public participation required with potential for one or more public meetings or hearings;
  - (C) More than standard coordination with multiple federal, state or local agencies required, including but not limited to one or more meetings or pre-application site visit;
  - (D) Complex stormwater management plan review and coordination required;
  - (E) Moderate and on-going level of technical assistance needed;
  - (F) Large or complex compensatory mitigation review required;
  - (G) Sediment characterization, if required, finds sediment or new surface unsuitable for in-water exposure, so that coordination with the DEQ Solid Waste or Environmental Cleanup programs is necessary; or
  - (H) Preparation of a full evaluation and findings report needed.
- (d) Tier 3 — This tier applies to those projects that incur very high program costs because a large area is affected, a high degree of complexity is involved or greater potential water quality impacts may result. To qualify for this tier, the project must meet a majority of the following:
- (A) Potential for greater water quality impacts if the waterway is identified on DEQ's 303(d) list or covered by a total maximum daily load, or multiple waters of the state are affected;
  - (B) High level of public participation required with extensive public comments and the potential for one or more public meetings or hearings;
  - (C) Substantially more than standard coordination with multiple federal, state or local agencies required, including but not limited to one or more meetings;
  - (D) Complex stormwater management plan review and coordination required;
  - (E) High level or iterative technical assistance required or substantive project revisions received;
  - (F) Large or complex compensatory mitigation review required;
  - (G) Site visit(s) needed to understand impacts and advise on potential alternatives;
  - (H) Sediment characterization finds sediment or new surface unsuitable for in-water exposure or contaminated soil is likely to be present, so that coordination with the DEQ Solid Waste or Environmental Cleanup Programs is necessary; or
  - (I) Preparation of a full evaluation and findings report needed.

(e) Tier 4 — This tier applies to those projects that incur the highest program costs because a very large area is affected, an extremely high degree of complexity is involved, or a very high level of public participation is expected. To qualify for this tier, the project must meet all of the following:

(A) All of the applicable factors identified in Tier 3; and

(B) Coordination with the Governor's Office in conjunction with other state agencies, tribal nations and the federal government;

(C) Review of additional documents such as National Environmental Policy Act Resource Reports, Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements.

(4) Fee Schedules.

(a) See Table 1 for fees that apply to tiers assigned under Sections (2) and (3).

(b) In lieu of fees established by this section, DEQ may at its discretion enter into an intergovernmental agreement with another state or federal agency that provides for the payment of the estimated or actual costs of processing an application for certification.

(5) Review of Fee Determinations. An applicant may seek review of DEQ's determination of the appropriate fee as follows:

(a) An applicant may seek review of the fee determination by submitting a written request to the DEQ regional administrator within 30 days of receipt of an invoice. The request must state the specific reasons and provide documentation that the applicant believes supports a different fee amount. Upon receiving such a request, the DEQ regional administrator must respond within 60 days of receipt and render a decision.

(b) That decision may include:

(A) Determination that a different fee tier will apply subject to making specifically identified modifications to the proposed project;

(B) Denial of a request for a different fee amount; or;

(C) The determination that the proposed project meets the criteria for a different tier.

(c) If an applicant is not satisfied by the decision of the DEQ regional administrator, the applicant is entitled to request review by the DEQ director in the same manner as described in subsections (a) and (b) above.

(d) An applicant who is dissatisfied with the review of the director retains the right to a contested case hearing as provided in ORS chapter 183, provided the applicant has sought relief through subsections (a) through (c).

(6) Certification of Hydroelectric Projects. Fees for certification of a hydroelectric project as proposed to be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must be paid in accordance with ORS 468.065(3). Fees for a certification related to a hydroelectric project but for a license or approval not issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are based on the actual expenses incurred by the department, including expenses of the Environmental Quality Commission, related to the certification review and decision. In consultation with the applicant, DEQ will establish a periodic basis for billing the applicant.

(7) DEQ may approve a payment schedule for fees, including the submission of multiple invoices, for multi-year projects or projects assigned as a Tier 4.

(8) DEQ must receive the payment of the full invoiced fee before issuing a certification, and a review made pursuant to subsection (5) does not suspend the requirement to pay the appropriate fee. An application for

certification is considered withdrawn if the applicant fails to pay the appropriate fee within 90 days of the invoice date. An applicant may request that DEQ grant an extension of time to pay the appropriate fee to an applicant upon a showing of good cause, and DEQ will continue processing the application for certification. DEQ may refund the fee or some portion if it determines that no certification is required, that minimal program costs were not incurred, a revised tier assignment is provided or the wrong application has been filed.

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Table 9G

| <b>401 Fees</b><br><b>Effective <del>November 1, 2025</del> July 1, 2026</b>         |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Tier 1   | <del>\$1,044</del> <b>\$1,284</b>   |
| Tier 2A  | <del>\$4,565</del> <b>\$5,614</b>   |
| Tier 2B  | <del>\$12,842</del> <b>\$15,795</b> |
| Tier 3   | <del>\$18,862</del> <b>\$23,200</b> |
| Tier 4   | <del>\$14,873</del> <b>\$18,293</b> |
| <b>Per month</b> or average monthly cost of a senior level technical staff position. | <b>\$14,873</b> <b>\$18,293</b>     |

**Division 49**  
**WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

**340-049-0055**  
**Examinations**

- (1) Persons applying for new certificates requiring examinations, including certificates at higher grades, must be approved for examination by the Department.
- (2) To be admitted to an examination, a person must file a complete application with payment of the fee(s) required by OAR 340-049-0065(1) and meet the education and experience qualifications for the certificate type and grade sought, unless the person has obtained a conditional waiver under section (7) of this rule.
- (3) Examinations will be administered by the Department or its designee at places and times set by the Department.
- (4) To be considered for admittance to examinations, applications for certification must be submitted to the Department by no later than the first day of the month preceding the month of the examination.
- (5) The Department, at its discretion, may administer written or oral examinations at times other than those scheduled, without public notice.
- (6) The Department will notify applicants whether they are eligible for examinations and the conditions of eligibility.
- (7) The Department may waive the education or experience requirements for admission to an examination under the following conditions:
  - (a) The applicant provides evidence to the satisfaction of the Department of current enrollment in a course of study that will meet education qualifications in OAR 340-049-0030 for the type and grade of certificate the applicant is seeking not later than the end of the fourth calendar month following the month in which the examination is given, or
  - (b) The applicant is currently gaining operating experience, acceptable to the Department, that will meet certificate qualifications in OAR 340-049-0030 for the type and grade of certificate the applicant is seeking not later than the end of the fourth calendar month following the month in which the examination is given, or
  - (c) The applicant does not meet the experience or supervision requirements for a standard small wastewater system certificate, Provisional or standard Grade I wastewater treatment or collection certificate under this Division but is otherwise determined by the Department to be qualified by education and has completed or is participating in a Department-approved training program. This applicant may take a Small Wastewater System, Grade I treatment or Grade I collection examination and upon passing the examination will be recognized by the Department as an operator in training (OIT) for a period not to exceed 36 calendar months, unless approved by the Department in writing, during which time the applicant must meet experience requirements for a standard or Provisional certificate in OAR 340-049-0030, and

(d) Any applicant receiving an experience or education waiver for admission to an examination must pay the post-examination application fee for evaluation of certificate qualification as shown in OAR 340-049-0065(1) at the time of submitting proof of meeting education or experience qualifications, and

(e) The Department will withhold certification from any applicant passing an examination until evidence of education or experience qualification is furnished. If any applicant fails to complete all requirements for certification within the allowed time period in this section, the Department will not consider the examination results for any purpose.

(8) Examinations must consist of material in content and level appropriate to each certificate type and grade.

(9) The Department or its designee will score all examinations and notify applicants of the results. Examinations will not be returned to the applicant.

(10) A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination **or as determined by the examination contractor.**

(11) Any person who fails an examination may retake the examination at a later date by submitting an application for re-examination along with the proper examination fee listed in OAR 340-049-0065(1) and by the deadline established in 340-049-0055(4).

(12) Any person who does not apply for re-examination within one year of the date from which the initial exam was taken must submit a new application for examination along with the proper fee listed in OAR 340-049-0065(1).

(13) An applicant may not take the same certificate type and grade examination more than twice in a twelve-month period unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department specific education completed in the subject area of the examination.

(14) Persons with disabilities may request special accommodation for testing. No additional fee will be required for disability accommodation under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **340-049-0065**

#### **Fee Schedules for Wastewater System Operator Certification and Operator Certification Program Support**

(1) Operator Certification Fee Schedule. Fees for new applications for certification, fees related to taking the exam, fees for evaluating reciprocity, fees for renewal of certification, and fees for reinstating certificates are found in Table B.

(2) Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule. The annual fee paid by wastewater systems to support the wastewater operator certification program is in Table C.

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## Tables

| <b>TABLE B</b><br><b>Wastewater System Operator Certification:</b><br><b>Operator Certification Fee Schedule</b><br><b>Effective <del>November 1, 2025</del> July 1, 2026</b> |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Application Type  | Fee                     |
| Small Wastewater Systems  | <del>\$148</del> \$177  |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>or</b> Collection   | <del>-\$148</del> \$177 |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>and</b> Collection  | <del>\$212</del> \$254  |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection  | <del>\$180</del> \$216  |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection   | <del>-\$212</del> \$254 |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection  | <del>\$254</del> \$304  |
| Examination Fee   | <del>\$106</del> \$127  |
| Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee  | <del>\$254</del> \$304  |
| Post-examination Application Fee  | <del>-\$52</del> \$62   |
| Two-year Certification Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two   | <del>\$168</del> \$201  |
| Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two  | <del>\$296</del> \$355  |
| Reciprocity Application Type  | Fee                     |
| Grade I Treatment <b>or</b> Collection  | <del>\$168</del> \$201  |
| Grade I Treatment <b>and</b> Collection   | <del>-\$254</del> \$304 |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection  | <del>\$200</del> \$240  |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection   | <del>\$232</del> \$278  |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection  | <del>-\$275</del> \$330 |

**TABLE C**  
**Wastewater System Operator Certification:**  
**Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule**  
**Effective ~~November 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2026**

| Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)  | Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee |
|--|---|
| ADWF less than 0.075 MGD   | <del>\$84</del> <b>\$100</b>                      |
| ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD   | <del>\$106</del> <b>\$127</b>                     |
| ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD   | <del>\$200</del> <b>\$240</b>                     |
| ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD   | <del>\$381</del> <b>\$457</b>                     |
| ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD   | <del>\$890</del> <b>\$1,068</b>                   |
| ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD   | <del>\$1,951</del> <b>\$2,341</b>                 |
| ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD   | <del>\$3,819</del> <b>\$4,582</b>                 |
| ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD   | <del>\$6,365</del> <b>\$7,638</b>                 |
| ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD   | <del>\$8,911</del> <b>\$10,693</b>                |
| ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD   | <del>\$12,730</del> <b>\$15,276</b>               |
| ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD   | <del>\$17,823</del> <b>\$21,387</b>               |
| ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD  | <del>\$25,461</del> <b>\$30,553</b>               |
| ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater  | <del>\$35,646</del> <b>\$42,775</b>               |
| Late Fee: <del>\$52</del> <b>\$62</b> or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater. | <del>-\$52</del> <b>\$62</b>                      |

**TABLE D**  
**Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification**  
**Fee Schedule**  
**Effective July 1, ~~2026~~2027**

| Application Type   | Fee                     |
|--|-------------------------|
| Small Wastewater Systems   | <del>\$177</del> \$198  |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>or</b> Collection        | <del>\$177</del> \$198  |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>and</b> Collection       | <del>-\$254</del> \$284 |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection                                     | <del>-\$216</del> \$241 |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection                                    | <del>\$254</del> \$284  |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection                                     | <del>\$304</del> \$340  |
| Examination Fee  | <del>\$127</del> \$142  |
| Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee                         | <del>-\$304</del> \$340 |
| Post-examination Application Fee                                     | <del>\$62</del> \$69    |
| Two-year Certification Renewal Fee:<br>One Certificate or Two        | <del>-\$201</del> \$225 |
| Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two | <del>\$355</del> \$397  |
| Reciprocity Application Type   | Fee                     |
| Grade I Treatment <b>or</b> Collection                               | <del>\$201</del> \$225  |
| Grade I Treatment <b>and</b> Collection                              | <del>\$304</del> \$340  |
| Grade II - Treatment or Collection                                   | <del>\$240</del> \$268  |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection                                    | <del>-\$278</del> \$311 |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection                                     | <del>\$330</del> \$369  |

**TABLE E**  
**Wastewater System Operator Certification:**  
**Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule**  
**Effective July 1, ~~2026~~2027**

| Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)   | Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee |
|---|---|
| ADWF less than 0.075 MGD  | <del>\$100</del> \$112                            |
| ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD  | <del>\$127</del> \$142                            |
| ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD  | <del>\$240</del> \$268                            |
| ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD  | <del>\$457</del> \$511                            |
| ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD  | <del>\$1,068</del> \$1,196                        |
| ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD  | <del>\$2,341</del> \$2,621                        |
| ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD  | <del>\$4,582</del> \$5,131                        |
| ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD  | <del>\$7,638</del> \$8,554                        |
| ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD  | <del>\$10,693</del> \$11,976                      |
| ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD  | <del>\$15,276</del> \$17,109                      |
| ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD  | <del>\$21,387</del> \$23,953                      |
| ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD   | <del>\$30,553</del> \$34,219                      |
| ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater   | <del>\$42,775</del> \$47,908                      |
| Late Fee: <del>\$62</del> 69 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater. | <del>\$62</del> \$69                              |

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## OAR 340-045-0075

### Fee Tables

| <b>Table 70A</b>  |                              |                                |              |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits:<br/>Application and Modification Fees</b>  |                              |                                |              |
| <b>Effective November 1, 2026</b>   |                              |                                |              |
| <b>Application fees for new industrial permits</b>  |                              |                                |              |
| Tier 1 Industrial Facilities  | \$98,496                     |                                |              |
| Tier 2 Industrial Facilities  | \$19,820                     |                                |              |
| Special WPCF Permits (OAR 340-045-0061)   | \$934                        |                                |              |
| 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.  |                              |                                |              |
| <b>Modification Fees <sup>1</sup></b>   |                              |                                |              |
|   | <b>Major</b>                 |                                | <b>Minor</b> |
|   | <b>At Permit<br/>Renewal</b> | <b>Prior to<br/>Expiration</b> |              |
| Tier 1 Industrial Facilities  | \$24,743                     | \$49,168                       | \$1,722      |
| Tier 2 Industrial Facilities  | \$6,289                      | \$9.823                        | \$1,722      |
| 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. |                              |                                |              |

**Table 70B**  
**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Type   | Description  | NPDES<br>Tier 1 | NPDES<br>Tier 2 | WPCF<br>Tier 1 | WPCF<br>Tier 2 |
|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| B01  | Pulp, paper, or other fiber pulping industry   | \$34,439        | N               | \$31,962       | N              |
| <b>Food or Beverage Processing</b><br>Includes produce, meat, poultry, seafood or dairy for human, pet, or livestock consumption |  |                 |                 |                |                |
| B02  | Washing or packing only  | N               | \$4,785         | N              | \$4,404        |
| B03  | Processing: <b>small</b><br>Flow ≤ 0.1 mgd, or 0.1 < flow < 1 mgd for less than 180 days per year                                  | N               | \$7,156         | N              | \$6,770        |
| B04  | Processing: <b>medium</b><br>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               | \$10,099        | N              | \$9,712        |
| B05  | Processing: <b>large</b><br>Flow ≥ 1 mgd for 180 or more days per year   | \$34,439        | \$30,260        | \$31,962       | \$29,871       |
| <b>Primary Smelting or Refining</b>  |  |                 |                 |                |                |
| B06  | Aluminum   | \$34,439        | \$30,260        | \$31,962       | \$29,871       |
| B07  | Non-ferrous metals utilizing sand chlorination separation facilities   | \$34,439        | \$30,260        | \$31,962       | \$29,871       |
| B08  | Ferrous and non-ferrous metals not elsewhere classified  | \$19,692        | \$15,511        | \$17,216       | \$15,130       |
| B09  | Chemical manufacturing with discharge of process wastewater  | \$34,439        | \$30,260        | \$31,962       | \$29,871       |
| B10  | Cooling water discharges in excess of 20,000 BTU per second  | \$19,692        | \$15,511        | \$17,216       | \$15,130       |
| <b>Mining Operations: includes aggregate or ore processing</b>   |  |                 |                 |                |                |
| B11  | <b>Large:</b><br>over 500,000 cubic yards per year or involving chemical leaching  | \$34,439        | \$30,260        | \$31,962       | \$29,871       |
| B12  | <b>Medium:</b><br>100,000 to 500,000 cubic yards per year  | N               | \$10,593        | N              | \$10,208       |

**Table 70B**

**Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees**

**Effective November 1, 2026**

|     |   |   |         |   |         |
|-----|---|---|---------|---|---------|
| B13 | <b>Small:</b><br>less than 100,000 cubic yards per year | N | \$3,222 | N | \$2,837 |
|-----|---|---|---------|---|---------|

| All facilities not elsewhere classified disposing of process wastewater:<br>includes remediated groundwater |  |              |              |             |             |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| B14   | Tier 1 sources   | \$34,439     | N            | \$31,962    | N           |
| B15   | Tier 2 sources   | N            | \$6,661      | N           | \$6,281     |
| Type  | Description  | NPDES Tier 1 | NPDES Tier 2 | WPCF Tier 1 | WPCF Tier 2 |
| B16   | All facilities not elsewhere classified disposing of non-process wastewaters e.g. small cooling water discharges, boiler blowdown, filter backwash | N            | \$4,458      | N           | \$4,074     |
| B17   | Fish hatcheries and other confined feeding operations on individual permits except permits the Oregon Department of Agriculture administers.       | N            | \$3,904      | N           | \$3,519     |
| B18   | All facilities disposing of wastewater only by evaporation from watertight ponds or basins   | N            | N            | N           | \$2,586     |
| Timber and Wood Products  |  |              |              |             |             |
| B19   | Sawmills, log storage, instream log storage  | \$9,658      | \$5,477      | \$7,182     | \$5,089     |
| B20   | Hardboard, veneer, plywood, particle board, pressboard manufacturing, wood products  | \$10,212     | \$6,032      | \$7,739     | \$5,651     |
| B21   | Wood preserving  | \$8,641      | \$4,458      | \$6,164     | \$4,074     |

**Table 70C**

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

**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Description                  | Type | Criteria <sup>1</sup>  | New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup> | NPDES Annual Fee (5yr) | WPCF Annual Fee (10yr) | Modifications <sup>3</sup> |         |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
|                              |      |                        |                                  |                        |                        | Major                      | Minor   |
| Non-Lagoon Treatment Systems | A1   | Flow ≥ 50 mgd          | \$62,788                         | \$135,979              |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | A2   | 25 mgd ≤ Flow < 50 mgd | \$62,788                         | \$79,916               |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | A3   | 10 mgd ≤ Flow < 25 mgd | \$62,788                         | \$37,665               |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | Ba   | 5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd  | \$62,788                         | \$24,142               | \$22,563               | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | C1a  | 2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd   | \$62,788                         | \$16,233               | \$14,656               | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | C2a  | 1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd   | \$62,788                         | \$11,016               | \$9,437                | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|                              | Da   | Flow < 1 mgd           | \$12,683                         | \$3,485                | \$3,235                | \$6,423                    | \$1,722 |

**Table 70C**

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

Effective November 1, 2026

| Description   | Type | Criteria <sup>1</sup>  | New Permit App. Fee <sup>2</sup> | NPDES Annual Fee (5yr) | WPCF Annual Fee (10yr) | Modifications <sup>3</sup> |         |
|---|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
|   |      |                        |                                  |                        |                        | Major                      | Minor   |
| Lagoons Discharging to Surface Waters   | Bb   | 5 mgd ≤ Flow < 10 mgd  | \$62,788                         | \$12,764               |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|   | C1b  | 2 mgd ≤ Flow < 5 mgd   | \$62,788                         | \$8,874                |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|   | C2b  | 1 mgd ≤ Flow < 2 mgd   | \$62,788                         | \$6,477                |                        | \$31,471                   | \$1,722 |
|   | Db   | Flow < 1 mgd           | \$12,683                         | \$2,457                |                        | \$6,423                    | \$1,722 |
| Non-discharging Lagoons   | E    | No discharge flow      | \$6,423                          |                        | \$2,047                | \$3,285                    | \$1,722 |
| Alkaline-stabilization facilities   | F    |                        | \$1,722                          |                        | \$703                  |                            | \$757   |
| Special WPCF Permits<br>OAR 340-045-0061  |      |                        | \$934                            |                        |                        |                            |         |
| <b>Please see Table 70D and 70E for applicable population and pretreatment fees for the permits listed above.</b> |      |                        |                                  |                        |                        |                            |         |
| Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System   | MS4  | See 40 C.F.R. § 122.26 | \$34,870                         | Please see Table 70H   |                        | \$3,026                    | \$1,722 |

4. Based on Average Dry Weather Design Flow.

5. New permit applications must include the annual fee in addition to the new permit application fee.

6. DEQ may charge the environmental management plan review fee amount in Table 70F when only the environmental management plan required by the permit requires review.

**Table 70D**  
**Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fee**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Population range   | Annual fee |
|--------------------|------------|
| 500,000+           | \$182,690  |
| 400,000 to 499,999 | \$139,756  |
| 300,000 to 399,999 | \$96,826   |
| 200,000 to 299,999 | \$53,889   |
| 150,000 to 199,999 | \$43,583   |
| 100,000 to 149,999 | \$28,704   |
| 50,000 to 99,999   | \$18,001   |
| 25,000 to 49,999   | \$8,089    |
| 15,000 to 24,999   | \$4,605    |
| 10,000 to 14,999   | \$2,998    |
| 5,000 to 9,999     | \$1,822    |
| 1,000 to 4,999     | \$542      |
| 100 to 999         | \$99       |
| 0 to 99            | \$0        |

**Table 70E**  
**Annual Pretreatment Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Description                 | Fee                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Pretreatment Fee            | \$3,129              |
| Significant Industrial User | \$1,042 per industry |

**Table 70F**

**All NPDES and WPCF<sup>1</sup> Permits:  
Technical Activity, Plan Review, and Other Fees  
Effective November 1, 2026**

| Activity   | Fee      |
|--|----------|
| New or substantially modified sewage treatment facility  | \$14,403 |
| Minor facility or pump station modifications   | \$1,563  |
| Major system or pressure system expansion  | \$1,096  |
| Minor system expansion or modification   | \$309    |
| New or substantially modified septage alkaline stabilization facility  | \$1,563  |
| Site inspection and evaluation <sup>2</sup>  | \$2,451  |
| Disposal system plan review <sup>2</sup>   | \$978    |
| Environmental management plan review <sup>3</sup>  | \$978    |
| Other Fees   |          |
| Annual temporary or permanent electronic reporting requirement waiver  | \$1,191  |
| Permit transfer, legal name change.  | \$151    |
| <p>4. Does not include Onsite septic systems. Please see Tables 9A-9F in OAR 340-071 for appropriate technical activity fees.</p> <p>5. This fee only applies when these activities are required for DEQ's review of a general permit application.</p> <p>6. This fee is not charged to new applicants for individual NPDES and WPCF permits. Plans updated after the permit is issued are subject to plan review as specified in the permit. This includes but is not limited to biosolids management plan and recycled water use plan.</p> |          |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Number   | Type  | Description   | New Permit App <sup>3</sup> . | Annual <sup>4</sup> |
|--|-------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 100-J  | NPDES | Cooling water/heat pumps  | \$398                         | \$910               |
| 200-J  | NPDES | Filter backwash   | \$398                         | \$910               |
| 300-J  | NPDES | Fish hatcheries   | \$638                         | \$910               |
| 400-J  | NPDES | Log ponds   | \$398                         | \$910               |
| 500-J  | NPDES | Boiler blowdown   | \$398                         | \$910               |
| 900-J  | NPDES | Seafood processing  | \$398                         | \$910               |
| 1400-A   | WPCF  | Wineries and seasonal fresh pack operations whose wastewater flow is ≤ 82000 gallons/day and is only disposed of by land irrigation.  | \$398                         | \$533               |
| 1400-B   | WPCF  | Wineries and small food processors not otherwise eligible for a 1400A general permit.   | \$638                         | \$910               |
| 1500-A   | NPDES | Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up  | \$638                         | \$910               |
| 1500-B   | WPCF  | Petroleum hydrocarbon clean-up  | \$638                         | \$910               |
| 1700-A   | NPDES | Vehicle and equipment wash water  | \$887                         | \$910               |
| 1700-B   | WPCF  | Vehicle and equipment wash water  | \$887                         | \$910               |
| 1900-J   | NPDES | Non-contact geothermal heat exchange  | \$887                         | \$910               |
| 2000-J   | NPDES | Pesticide use irrigation districts  | \$887                         | \$910               |
| 2300-A   | NPDES | Pesticide general permit  | \$887                         | \$910               |
| <b>Residential and Commercial Graywater and Industrial Reuse Water</b> |       |   |                               |                     |
| 2401   | WPCF  | <b>Tier 1:</b> graywater reuse and disposal for residential systems:<br>≤ 300 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit    | \$58                          | \$47                |
| 2402   | WPCF  | <b>Tier 2 :</b> graywater reuse and disposal for residential systems:<br>≤ 1,200 gallons/day, or equivalent specific geographic area graywater reuse and disposal area permit | \$653                         | \$58                |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Number | Type | Description  | New Permit App <sup>3</sup> . | Annual <sup>4</sup> |
|--------|------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2501   | WPCF | <b>Industrial reuse</b> water free of human and animal waste suitable for reuse without secondary or advanced treatment and ≤ 25,000 gallons/day | \$887                         | \$910               |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Number  | Type  | Description  | New Permit App <sup>3</sup> . | Annual <sup>4</sup>  |
|---|-------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Stormwater General Permits<sup>2</sup></b> |       |  |                               |                      |
| 1200-A  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Sand, gravel, and other non-metallic mining   | \$1,560                       | \$1,604              |
| 1200-C  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities - one acre or more  | \$1,560                       | \$1,604              |
| 1200-C  | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities – less than one acre and part of a common plan of development disturbing one or more acres                            | \$455                         | \$0                  |
| 1200-CA                                       | NPDES | Stormwater:<br>Construction activities – one acre or more and performed by public agencies   | \$1,560                       | \$1,604              |
| 1200-Z  | NPDES | Stormwater: Industrial   | \$1,560                       | \$1,604              |
| 4000-MS4                                      | NPDES | Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4):<br>Conveyance system owned or operated by municipality, special district, hospital, port, school district, etc. | \$1,560                       | Please see Table 70H |
| <b>Mining General Permits</b>                 |       |  |                               |                      |
| 600   | WPCF  | Offstream small scale mining:<br>Processing < 5 cubic yds/day, or < 1,500 cubic yds/year   | \$0                           | \$0                  |
|   |       | Offstream small scale mining:<br>Processing 1,500 -10,000 cubic yds/year   | \$398                         | \$0                  |
| 700-PM  | NPDES | Suction dredges (gravity and syphon)   | \$0                           | \$25                 |
| 700-PM  | NPDES | Suction dredges (motorized)  | \$250                         | \$250                |
|   |       | Permit renewal fee every five years (in addition to the annual fee)  | \$250                         |                      |
| 1000  | WPCF  | Gravel mining  | \$398                         | \$910                |
| <b>Other General Permits</b>                  |       |  |                               |                      |

**Table 70G**  
**General NPDES and WPCF Permits:**  
**Application and Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Number                                     | Type | Description | New Permit App <sup>3</sup> . | Annual <sup>4</sup> |
|--|------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| All other permits not elsewhere classified |      |             | \$887                         | \$910               |

<sup>3</sup>. New permit applications must include both the new permit application fee and the first year's annual fee.

<sup>4</sup>. Stormwater construction and industrial permits are also administered by public agencies and local districts under contract with DEQ.

**Table 70H**  
**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits: Annual Fees**  
**Effective November 1, 2026**

| Population-based cost-per-person, except counties and other                       | Annual Fee |
|---|------------|
| Cost-per-person   | \$0.138    |
| Counties, Phase I   | \$12,664   |
| Counties, Phase II:<br>non-traditional MS4s, hospitals, public universities, etc. | \$3,163    |
| Oregon Department of Transportation MS4*  | \$50,668   |

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

**Table 70I**  
**Underground Injection Control Permits**  
**Application Fees, Annual Fees and Surcharges**  
**Effective July 1, 2026**

| Type                               | Description  | Application      | Annual     | Class of Injection            | Surcharge   |        |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|
|                                    |  |                  |            |                               | Application | Annual |
| Authorized By Rule <sup>1</sup>    | Low Risk Stormwater                                  | None             | None       | Low Risk                      | \$133       | None   |
|                                    | Non-Stormwater Injection <sup>2</sup>                | None             | None       | Medium Risk                   | \$167       | None   |
|                                    | All Other UIC's draining stormwater from any surface | None             | None       | Low Risk                      | \$133       | None   |
|                                    |  |                  |            | Medium Risk                   | \$167       | None   |
| 1200-U General Permit <sup>3</sup> | Stormwater Injection                                 | \$887            | \$910      | Low Risk                      | 156         | None   |
|                                    |  |                  |            | Medium Risk                   | \$197       | None   |
|                                    |  |                  |            | High Risk                     | \$476       | \$156  |
| 1900-B General Permit              | Injection during Geothermal Exploration              | \$887            | \$910      |                               |             |        |
| Type                               | Description  | Application Fees |            |                               |             |        |
| Other                              | Preclosure Notification                              | \$121            |            |                               |             |        |
|                                    | Sewage Drill Hole Closure                            | \$106            |            |                               |             |        |
| Type                               | Description  | Application Fee  | Annual Fee | Individual WPCF Modifications |             |        |
|                                    |  |                  |            | Major                         | Minor       |        |
| Individual WPCF Permit             | As defined in 40 CFR parts 9, 144, 145 and 146       | \$19,820         | \$4,193    | \$3,285                       | \$1,722     |        |

<sup>4.</sup> 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.

<sup>5.</sup> Includes aquifer storage and recovery, low temperature geothermal injection, remediation and other underground injection control systems that do not drain stormwater.

<sup>6.</sup> 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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## Division 71 Tables

Effective November 1, 2026

| <b>OAR 340-071-0220</b><br><b>TABLE 1</b><br><b>MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES</b><br><b>ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</b> |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Items Requiring Setback  |  | From Subsurface Absorption Area Including Replacement Area | From Septic Tank and Other Treatment Units, Effluent Sewer and Distribution Units |
| 1. Groundwater Supplies and Wells  |  | *100   | 50  |
| 2. Springs   | Upgradient   | 50   | 50  |
|  | Downgradient   | 100  | 50  |
| **3. Surface Public Waters   | Year round   | 100  | 50  |
|  | Seasonal   | 50   | 50  |
| 4. Intermittent Streams  | <b>Piped</b> (watertight not less than 20 feet from any part of the onsite system) | 20   | 20  |
|  | <b>Unpiped</b>   | 50   | 50  |
| 5. Groundwater Interceptors  | On a slope of three percent or less  | 20   | 10  |
|  | 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)   | 25   | 25  |
|   | Unlined: Upgradient  | 25   | 25  |
|   | Unlined: Downgradient  | 50   | 50  |
| 7. Manmade cuts downgradient in excess of 30 inches from the top of the downslope cut that: | Intersect layers that limit effective soil depth within 48 inches of surface | 50   | 25  |
|   | do not intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                      | 25   | 10  |
| 8. Downgradient escarpments:  | that intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                        | 50   | 10  |
|   | that do not intersect layers that limit effective soil depth                 | 25   | 10  |
| 9. Property lines   |  | 10   | 5   |
| 10. Water lines   |  | 10   | 10  |
| 11. Foundation lines of any building, including garages and out buildings                   |  | 10   | 5   |
| 12. Underground utilities   |  | 10   | —   |

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

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

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

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

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**TABLE 2**  
**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

|  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Country clubs  |  | 25<br>(per non- resident member present)          | —  |
| Dwellings:   | Boarding houses  | 150 (per bedroom)                                 | 600  |
|  | Boarding houses – additional for non-residential boarders      | 10 (per person)                                   | —  |
|  | Rooming houses   | 80 (per person)                                   | 500  |
|  | Condominiums, Multiple family dwellings — including apartments | 300 (per unit)                                    | 900  |
| <b>Type of Establishment</b>   |  | <b>Column 1</b>                                   | <b>Column 2</b>                                  |
|  |  | <b>Gallons Per Day</b>                            | <b>Minimum Gallons per Establishment per Day</b> |
| Dwellings:   | Single family dwellings  | 300<br>(not exceeding 2 bedrooms)                 | 450*   |
|  | Single family dwellings with more than 2 bedrooms              | 75 (for third & each succeeding bedroom)          | 450  |
|  | Single family dwellings with accessory dwelling unit (ADU)     | 600 (not exceeding 2 bedrooms in either dwelling) | 750*   |
|  | Accessory dwelling unit (ADU)                                  | 300 (per unit)                                    | -  |
| Factories: exclusive of industrial wastes <b>with</b> shower facilities    |  | 35 (per person per shift)                         | 300  |
| Factories: exclusive of industrial wastes <b>without</b> shower facilities |  | 15 (per person per shift)                         | 150  |
| Hospitals  |  | 250 (per bed space)                               | 2500   |

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**TABLE 2**  
**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

|   |   |  |      |
|---|---|--|------|
| Hotels with private baths                                   | 120 (per room)  | 600  |      |
| Hotels without private baths                                | 100 (per room)  | 500  |      |
| Institutions other than hospitals                           | 125 (per bed space)                                     | 1250   |      |
| Laundries: self-service                                     | 500 (per machine)                                       | 2500   |      |
| Mobile home parks   | 250 (per space)   | 750  |      |
| Motels:<br><b>with</b> bath, toilet and kitchen wastes      | 100 (per bedroom)                                       | 500  |      |
| Motels:<br><b>without</b> kitchens                          | 80 (per bedroom)  | 400  |      |
| Picnic Parks:<br>toilet wastes only                         | 5 (per picnicker)                                       | 150  |      |
| Picnic Parks:<br>with bathhouses, showers and flush toilets | 10 (per picnicker)                                      | 300  |      |
| Restaurants   | 40 (per seat)   | 800  |      |
| Restaurants:<br>single-service                              | 2 (per customer)  | 300  |      |
| Restaurants:<br>with bars and/or lounges                    | 50 (per seat)   | 1000   |      |
| <b>Type of Establishment</b>                                | <b>Column 1</b>   | <b>Column 2</b>                                  |      |
|   | <b>Gallons Per Day</b>                                  | <b>Minimum Gallons Per Establishment Per Day</b> |      |
| Schools:  | Boarding  | 100 (per person)                                 | 3000 |
|   | Day: <b>without</b> gyms, cafeterias or showers         | 15 (per person)                                  | 450  |
|   | Day: <b>with</b> gyms, cafeterias and showers           | 25 (per person)                                  | 750  |
|   | Day: <b>with</b> cafeteria, but without gyms or showers | 20 (per person)                                  | 600  |
| Service Stations  | 10 (per vehicle served)                                 | 500  |      |
| Swimming pools and bathhouses                               | 10 (per person)   | 300  |      |
| Theaters:   | Movie   | 5 (per seat)                                     | 300  |

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**TABLE 2**  
**QUANTITIES OF SEWAGE FLOWS**

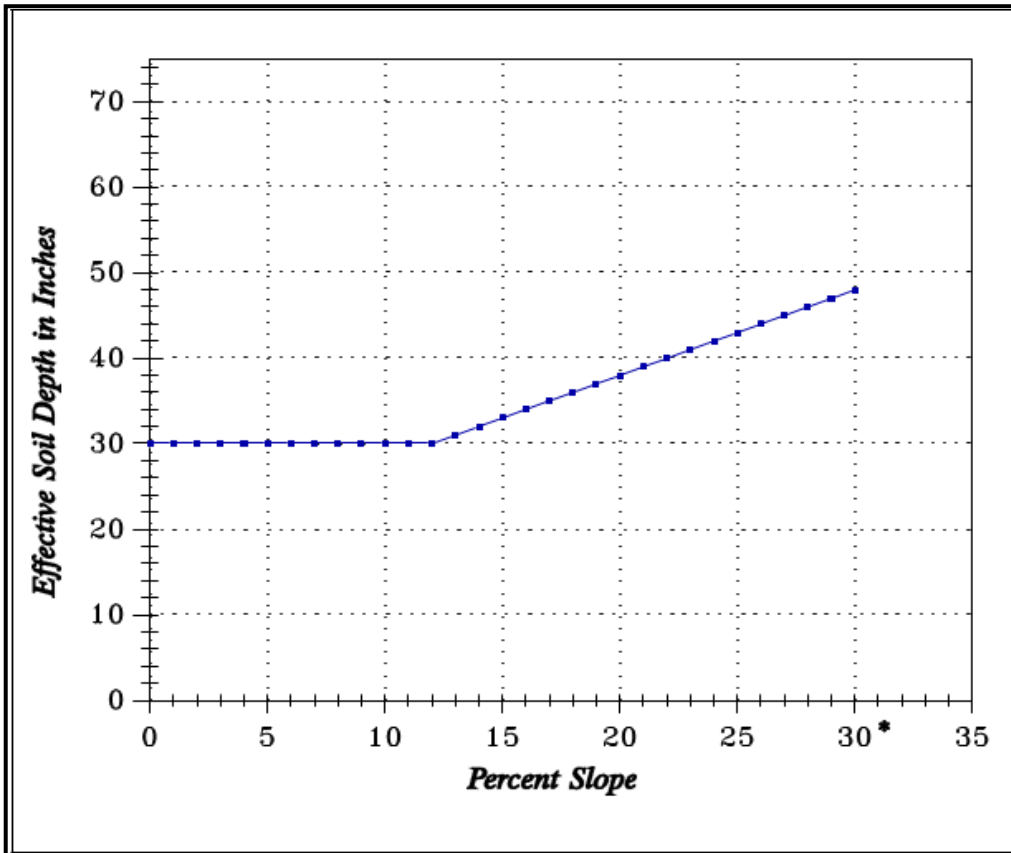
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|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
|   | Drive-In                             | 20 (per car space) | 1000 |
| Travel trailer parks: <b>without</b> individual water and sewer hookups |                                      | 50 (per space)     | 300  |
| Travel trailer parks: <b>with</b> 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.

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TABLE 3

SLOPE, EFFECTIVE SOIL DEPTH RELATIONSHIP



\*When slope exceeds 30 percent, rules on steep slope system apply. (refer OAR-340-071-0310)

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TABLE 4**

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

| Effective Soil Depth | Soil Group |     |     |
|----------------------|------------|-----|-----|
|                      | A          | B   | C   |
| 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 sewage flow determined from soil texture versus depth to temporary groundwater.**

| Depth to Temporary Groundwater | Soil Group |     |     |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|
|                                | A          | B   | C   |
| 24" to Less than 48"           | 100        | 125 | 150 |
| 48" or More                    | 50         | 75  | 125 |

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

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

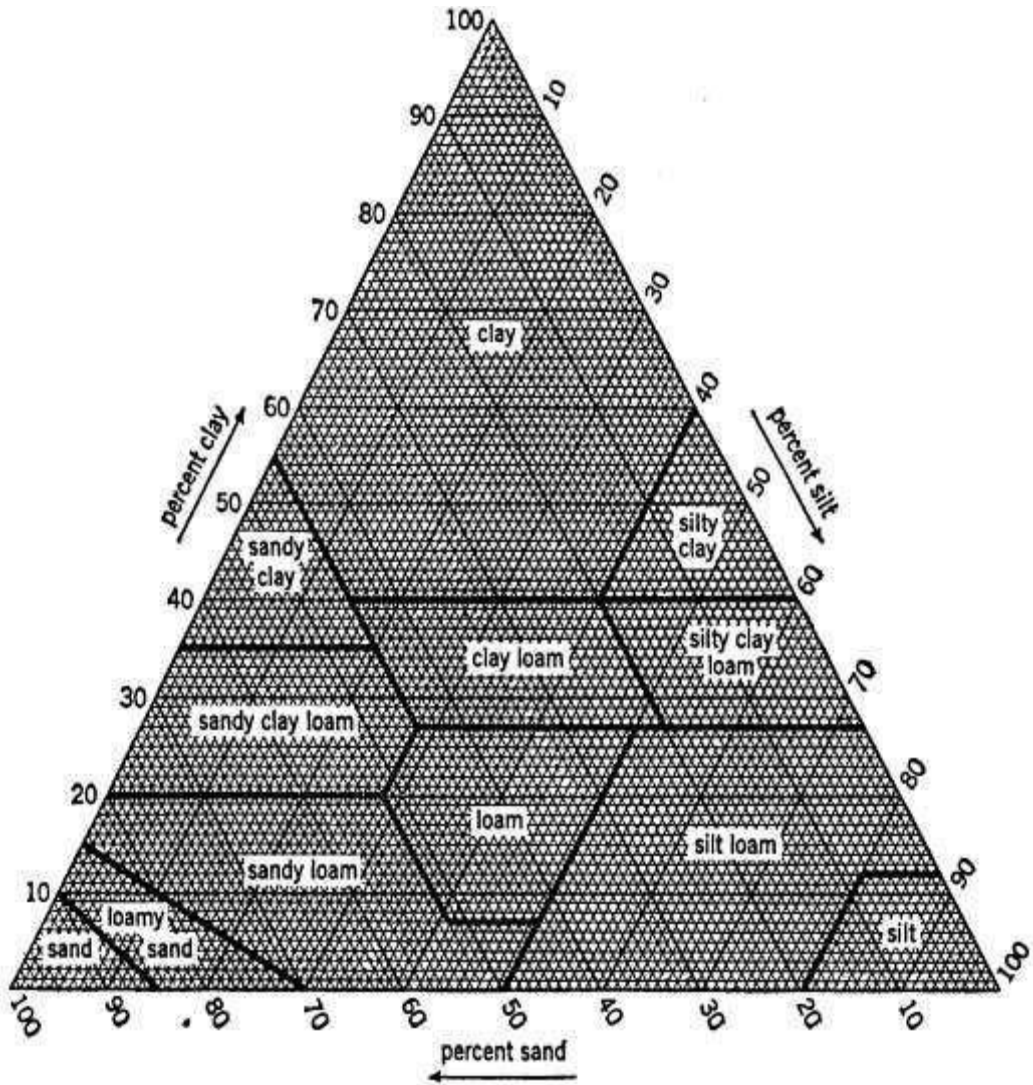
Soil Group C — Silty Clay Loam, Sandy Clay, Silty Clay, Clay.

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

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TABLE 6

SOIL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION CHART



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**TABLE 7**  
**USDA SOIL CLASSIFICATION SIZES OF SOIL**  
**SEPARATES**

| <b>Particle-Size Classes</b> | <b>Sieve Sizes</b> | <b>Millimeters</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Clay                         |                    | .002               |
| Silt                         | 270                | .050               |
| Very Fine Sand               | 200                | .075               |
|                              | 140                | .1                 |
| Fine Sand                    | 60                 | .25                |
| Medium Sand                  | 35                 | .5                 |
| Coarse Sand                  | 18                 | 1.0                |
| Very Coarse Sand             | 10                 | 2.0                |
| Fine Gravel                  | 4                  | 4.75               |
|                              | 3/8"               | 9.5                |
|                              | 1/2                | 12.5               |
| Course Gravel                | 3"                 | 76.2               |
| Cobbles                      | 10"                | 250                |

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**TABLE 8**

**MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES FOR NONWATER-CARRIED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES (All Measurements in Feet Unless Otherwise Noted)**

| <b>Items Requiring Setback</b>                        | <b>Self-contained nonwater-carried waste disposal</b> | <b>Unsealed earth type privies, graywater, waste disposal sump and seepage chambers</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Groundwater supplies including springs and cisterns   | 50'   | 100'  |
| Surface public waters, excluding intermittent streams | 50'   | 100'  |
| Intermittent streams                                  | 50'   | 50'   |
| Property line   | 25'   | 25'   |

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**TABLE 9A**

**SITE EVALUATION AND EXISTING SYSTEM  
EVALUATION FEES**

**Effective July 1, 2026**

**New Site Evaluation Fees**

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

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Single family dwelling - First lot  | \$1,121 |
| Single family dwelling - Each additional lot evaluated during initial visit | \$1,121 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,000 gpd or less             | \$1,121 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,001-1,500 gpd               | \$1,411 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 1,501-2,000 gpd               | \$1,702 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 2,001-2,500 gpd               | \$1,992 |
| Commercial facility s with a design capacity of 2,501-3,000 gpd             | \$2,284 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,001-3,500 gpd               | \$2,574 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 3,501-4,000 gpd               | \$2,863 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,001-4,500 gpd               | \$3,154 |
| Commercial facility with a design capacity of 4,501-5,000 gpd               | \$3,446 |
| Commercial facility with a design flow greater than 5,000 gpd               | \$3,802 |
| Site Evaluation Report Review fee   | \$1,056 |
| Existing System Evaluation Report fee                                       | \$1,056 |

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TABLE 9B

PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS

Effective July 1, 2026

| Type of Fee   |  | System Type |         |         |         |         | Plan Review fees for Commercial Facility Systems |
|---|--|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
|   |  | A           | B       | C       | D       | E       |  |
| Construction: Installation Permit Fees  | For systems with a design capacity of <b>less than 600 gpd</b> | \$738       | \$1,425 | \$1,662 | \$2,037 | \$2,508 | \$0  |
|   | For systems with a design capacity of <b>601-1,000 gpd</b>     | \$738       | \$1,425 | \$1,662 | \$2,037 | \$2,508 | \$606  |
|   | For systems with a design capacity of <b>1,001-1,500 gpd</b>   | \$896       | \$1,584 | \$1,820 | \$2,165 | \$2,739 | \$711  |
|   | For systems with a design capacity of <b>1,501-2,000 gpd</b>   | \$1,056     | \$1,742 | \$1,980 | \$2,295 | \$2,823 | \$816  |
|   | For systems with a design capacity of <b>2,001-2,500 gpd</b>   | \$1,212     | \$1,900 | \$2,137 | \$2,424 | \$2,983 | \$924  |
| Reinspection fee  |  | \$163       | \$163   | \$163   | \$163   | \$163   | \$163  |
| Pump Evaluation fee. For all permits that specify the use of a pump except for sand filter, Alternative treatment technologies, Recirculating gravel filter, and pressurized distribution systems |  | \$105       | \$105   | \$105   | \$105   | \$105   | \$105  |

**System Type Key:**

Type A = Gray water waste disposal sumps

Type B = Holding tanks

Type C = Standard subsurface, absorption trenches in sapolite, 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)

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**TABLE 9C**

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

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| <b>Fee Subject</b>   | <b>Fee</b> | <b>Field Visit<br/>required</b> | <b>No Field Visit<br/>required</b> |
|--|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Minor Alteration Permit  | \$434      |                                 |                                    |
| Major Alteration Permit  | \$909      |                                 |                                    |
| Minor Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling                                   | \$421      |                                 |                                    |
| Major Repair Permit - Single Family Dwelling                                   | \$881      |                                 |                                    |
| Minor Repair Permit - Commercial Facility                                      | \$764      |                                 |                                    |
| Major Repair Permit - Commercial Facility                                      | \$1,662    |                                 |                                    |
| Permit Denial Review   | \$4579     |                                 |                                    |
| Permit Transfer, Reinstatement, or Renewal                                     |            | \$857                           | \$250                              |
| Authorization Notice   |            | \$1,029                         | \$263                              |
| Authorization Notice Denial Review   | \$1,056    |                                 |                                    |
| Renewal of hardship authorization for temporary dwelling                       |            | \$542                           | \$163                              |
| Alternative system inspection - Holding tanks                                  | \$633      |                                 |                                    |
| Variance from onsite system rules  | \$3,432    |                                 |                                    |
| Land use clearance   | \$81       |                                 |                                    |
| Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks:<br>hard copy submittal               | \$49       |                                 |                                    |
| Annual report evaluation - Holding tanks:<br>online submittal                  | \$39       |                                 |                                    |
| Alternative system inspection:<br>Other alternative systems listed in Table 9B | \$871      |                                 |                                    |

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TABLE 9C

OTHER PERMITTING FEES FOR SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO WPCF PERMITS

| Type   | Fee  | Field Visit required | No Field Visit required |
|--|------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Annual report evaluation: Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment <b>technology.</b><br><b>Hard copy submittal</b> | \$98 |                      |                         |
| Annual report evaluation: Sand filters, pressurized distribution systems, recirculating gravel filters, and alternative treatment technology.<br><b>Online submittal</b>           | \$81 |                      |                         |

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

**WPCF PERMIT FEES**

**Effective November 1, 2026**

|  | <b>Application all systems</b> | <b>Onsite systems with a design capacity of 1,200 gpd or less</b> | <b>Onsite systems with a design capacity over 1,200 gpd</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
| New application  | \$132                          | \$1,086   | \$5,436   |
| Permit renewal (involving request for effluent limit modifications)          | \$132                          | \$539   | \$2,720   |
| Permit renewal (without request for effluent limit modifications)            | \$132                          | \$271   | \$1,356   |
| Permit modification (involving increase in effluent limitations)             | \$132                          | \$539   | \$2,720   |
| Permit modification (not involving an increase in effluent limits)           | \$132                          | \$404   | \$1,356   |
| <b>Plan Review fee</b>   |                                |   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity less than <b>600 gpd</b>    |                                | \$0   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>600 - 1,000 gpd</b>   |                                | \$516   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>1,001 - 1,500 gpd</b> |                                | \$608   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>1,501 - 2,000 gpd</b> |                                | \$700   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>2,001 - 2,500 gpd</b> |                                | \$790   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>2,501 - 3,000 gpd</b> |                                | \$928   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>3,001 - 3,500 gpd</b> |                                | \$1,017   |   |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>3,501 - 4,000 gpd</b> |                                | \$1,107   |   |

| Plan Review fee  |         |
|--|---------|
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>4,001 - 4,500 gpd</b>   | \$1,195 |
| For commercial facilities with a design capacity of <b>4,501 - 5,000 gpd</b>   | \$1,289 |
| Commercial facilities with a design capacity <b>greater than 5,000 gpd</b>   | \$1,356 |
| Single family dwelling   | \$271   |
| Annual Compliance Determination fee  |         |
| Onsite sewage lagoon with no discharge   | \$1,628 |
| Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities less than 2,500 gpd  | \$678   |
| Treatment Standard 1 or better systems with design capacities of 2,500 - 20,000 gpd  | \$1,356 |
| Holding tanks:<br>If by the date specified by DEQ, the owner <b>does not</b> 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 <b>are not</b> available for inspection by DEQ. | \$539   |
| Holding tanks:<br>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 logs are available for inspection by DEQ.                     | \$56    |
| Other systems with design capacities <b>less than 20,000 gpd</b>   | \$678   |
| Other systems with design capacities <b>20,000 gpd or more</b>   | \$1,356 |

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**TABLE 9E**

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE LICENSE AND TRUCK  
INSPECTION FEES**

**Effective July 1, 2026**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| New 3-year business license   | \$700 per year   |
| Renewal of business license   | \$528 per year   |
| Additional license fee for additional pumper vehicles                 | \$23 per vehicle |
| Transfer of or amendments to license                                  | \$329            |
| Reinstatement of suspended license                                    | \$412            |
| Pumper truck inspections:<br>First vehicle, each inspection           | \$163            |
| Pumper truck inspections:<br>Each additional vehicle, each inspection | \$81             |

**OAR 340-071-0140 TABLE 9F**

**OTHER FEES**

**Effective July 1, 2026**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Innovative or Alternative Technology Review  | \$2,640 |
| Alternative Technology Review greater than 1,500 gpd                                       | \$5,281 |
| Alternative Treatment Technology Annual Compliance<br>Determination Fee (per listed model) | \$824   |
| Material Plan Review   | \$790   |
| Department Surcharge   | 159     |

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**Table 9G**

| <b>401 Fees</b>  |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>Effective July 1, 2026</b>  |          |
| Tier 1   | \$1,284  |
| Tier 2A  | \$5,614  |
| Tier 2B  | \$15,795 |
| Tier 3   | \$23,200 |
| Tier 4   | \$18,293 |
| <b>Per month</b> or average monthly cost of a senior level technical staff position. | \$18,293 |

**Division 49**  
**WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

**340-049-0055**  
**Examinations**

- (1) Persons applying for new certificates requiring examinations, including certificates at higher grades, must be approved for examination by the Department.
- (2) To be admitted to an examination, a person must file a complete application with payment of the fee(s) required by OAR 340-049-0065(1) and meet the education and experience qualifications for the certificate type and grade sought, unless the person has obtained a conditional waiver under section (7) of this rule.
- (3) Examinations will be administered by the Department or its designee at places and times set by the Department.
- (4) To be considered for admittance to examinations, applications for certification must be submitted to the Department by no later than the first day of the month preceding the month of the examination.
- (5) The Department, at its discretion, may administer written or oral examinations at times other than those scheduled, without public notice.
- (6) The Department will notify applicants whether they are eligible for examinations and the conditions of eligibility.
- (7) The Department may waive the education or experience requirements for admission to an examination under the following conditions:
  - (a) The applicant provides evidence to the satisfaction of the Department of current enrollment in a course of study that will meet education qualifications in OAR 340-049-0030 for the type and grade of certificate the applicant is seeking not later than the end of the fourth calendar month following the month in which the examination is given, or
  - (b) The applicant is currently gaining operating experience, acceptable to the Department, that will meet certificate qualifications in OAR 340-049-0030 for the type and grade of certificate the applicant is seeking not later than the end of the fourth calendar month following the month in which the examination is given, or
  - (c) The applicant does not meet the experience or supervision requirements for a standard small wastewater system certificate, Provisional or standard Grade I wastewater treatment or collection certificate under this Division but is otherwise determined by the Department to be qualified by education and has completed or is participating in a Department-approved training program. This applicant may take a Small Wastewater System, Grade I treatment or Grade I collection examination and upon passing the examination will be recognized by the Department as an operator in training (OIT) for a period not to exceed 36 calendar months, unless approved by the Department in writing, during which time the applicant must meet experience requirements for a standard or Provisional certificate in OAR 340-049-0030, and

(d) Any applicant receiving an experience or education waiver for admission to an examination must pay the post-examination application fee for evaluation of certificate qualification as shown in OAR 340-049-0065(1) at the time of submitting proof of meeting education or experience qualifications, and

(e) The Department will withhold certification from any applicant passing an examination until evidence of education or experience qualification is furnished. If any applicant fails to complete all requirements for certification within the allowed time period in this section, the Department will not consider the examination results for any purpose.

(8) Examinations must consist of material in content and level appropriate to each certificate type and grade.

(9) The Department or its designee will score all examinations and notify applicants of the results. Examinations will not be returned to the applicant.

(10) A minimum score of 70 percent is required to pass an examination or as determined by the examination contractor.

(11) Any person who fails an examination may retake the examination at a later date by submitting an application for re-examination along with the proper examination fee listed in OAR 340-049-0065(1) and by the deadline established in 340-049-0055(4).

(12) Any person who does not apply for re-examination within one year of the date from which the initial exam was taken must submit a new application for examination along with the proper fee listed in OAR 340-049-0065(1).

(13) An applicant may not take the same certificate type and grade examination more than twice in a twelve-month period unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department specific education completed in the subject area of the examination.

(14) Persons with disabilities may request special accommodation for testing. No additional fee will be required for disability accommodation under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 448.410, 468.020 & 468B.030

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 448.405 - 448.430 & 448.992

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## Tables

| <b>TABLE B</b>   |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification<br/>Fee Schedule</b> |            |
| <b>Effective July 1, 2026</b>  |            |
| <b>Application Type</b>  | <b>Fee</b> |
| Small Wastewater Systems   | \$177      |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>or</b> Collection                            | \$177      |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>and</b> Collection                           | \$254      |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection   | \$216      |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection  | \$254      |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection   | \$304      |
| Examination Fee  | 127        |
| Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee   | \$304      |
| Post-examination Application Fee   | \$62       |
| Two-year Certification Renewal Fee:<br>One Certificate or Two                            | \$201      |
| Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two                     | \$355      |
| <b>Reciprocity Application Type</b>  | <b>Fee</b> |
| Grade I Treatment <b>or</b> Collection   | \$201      |
| Grade I Treatment <b>and</b> Collection  | \$304      |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection   | \$240      |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection  | \$278      |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection   | \$330      |

| <b>TABLE C</b><br><b>Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification Program Support Fee Schedule</b><br><b>Effective July 1, 2026</b> |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)</b>  | <b>Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee</b> |
| ADWF less than 0.075 MGD  | \$100  |
| ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD  | \$127  |
| ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD  | \$240  |
| ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD  | \$457  |
| ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD  | \$1,068  |
| ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD  | \$2,341  |
| ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD  | \$4,582  |
| ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD  | \$7,638  |
| ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD  | \$10,693   |
| ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD  | \$15,276   |
| ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD  | \$21,387   |
| ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD   | \$30,553   |
| ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater   | \$42,775   |
| <b>Late Fee:</b> \$62 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater.      | \$62   |

| <b>TABLE D</b>   |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Wastewater System Operator Certification: Operator Certification<br/>Fee Schedule</b> |            |
| <b>Effective July 1, 2027</b>  |            |
| <b>Application Type</b>  | <b>Fee</b> |
| Small Wastewater Systems   | \$198      |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>or</b> Collection                            | \$198      |
| Grade I or Grade I Provisional Treatment <b>and</b> Collection                           | \$284      |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection   | \$241      |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection  | \$284      |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection   | \$340      |
| Examination Fee  | \$142      |
| Re-examination or Reschedule Examination Fee   | \$340      |
| Post-examination Application Fee   | \$69       |
| Two-year Certification Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two                            | \$225      |
| Certificate Reinstatement and Renewal Fee:<br>One certificate or two                     | \$397      |
| <b>Reciprocity Application Type</b>  | <b>Fee</b> |
| Grade I Treatment <b>or</b> Collection   | \$225      |
| Grade I Treatment <b>and</b> Collection  | \$340      |
| Grade II Treatment or Collection   | \$268      |
| Grade III Treatment or Collection  | \$311      |
| Grade IV Treatment or Collection   | \$369      |

**TABLE E**  
**Wastewater System Operator Certification:**  
**Program Support Fee Schedule**  
**Effective July 1, 2027**

| Wastewater System Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)  | Annual Operator Certification Program Support Fee |
|--|---|
| ADWF less than 0.075 MGD   | \$112   |
| ADWF 0.075 — 0.499 MGD   | \$142   |
| ADWF 0.500 — 0.999 MGD   | \$268   |
| ADWF 1.0 — 1.999 MGD   | \$511   |
| ADWF 2.0 — 4.999 MGD   | \$1,196   |
| ADWF 5.0 — 9.999 MGD   | \$2,621   |
| ADWF 10.0 — 19.999 MGD   | \$5,131   |
| ADWF 20.0 — 29.999 MGD   | \$8,554   |
| ADWF 30.0 — 39.999 MGD   | \$11,976  |
| ADWF 40.0 — 59.999 MGD   | \$17,109  |
| ADWF 60.0 — 79.999 MGD   | \$23,953  |
| ADWF 80.0 — 119.999 MGD  | \$34,219  |
| ADWF 120.0 MGD or greater  | \$47,908  |
| <b>Late Fee:</b> \$69 or 10 percent of the appropriate annual operator certification program support fee in Table B (above), whichever is greater. | \$69  |