



# Public Notice

## DEQ Requests Comments on a Proposed Columbia Slough Source Control Decision for the Malarkey Roofing property in North Portland

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to submit written comments on a proposed Columbia Slough source control decision for the Malarkey Roofing property located at 3131 N Columbia Blvd. in North Portland.

### How to provide public comment

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**Facility name:** Malarkey Roofing

**Project location:** 3131 N Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97217

**Comments due by:** March 31, 2026, at 5 p.m.

**Submit written comments:**

**By mail:** Sarah Miller, Oregon DEQ, 700 NE Multnomah St, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232

**By email:** [sarah.miller@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:sarah.miller@deq.oregon.gov)

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### Proposal highlights

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a Columbia Slough source control decision for the Malarkey Roofing property in North Portland. The proposed decision concludes that the onsite stormwater treatment system is effectively reducing contaminant levels in stormwater discharged to the Columbia Slough and that current stormwater and groundwater conditions at the property do not represent a significant ongoing source of contamination to the Slough.

This proposed decision only applies to current stormwater and groundwater conditions. It does not address past releases to the Columbia Slough or potential exposure to contamination in upland areas of the property.

### Background

The property was used for agricultural purposes from at least the 1940s to early 1950s. The initial Malarkey Roofing facilities were constructed in 1956, which included a paper mill, two settling ponds, and a roofing assembly facility. During construction, several areas around the northern property boundary were filled to provide additional level and elevated ground for buildings. Over time, facility operations expanded to include a glass mill, saturator, and extruder.

In 2009, DEQ collected a sediment sample near the City of Portland stormwater outfall number 59, which contained concentrations of chromium and nickel that were elevated compared to other samples collected during the 2009 investigation. Several metal concentrations were above ecological risk-based concentrations. Material near the outfall appeared similar to roofing granules and/or sand. These findings prompted DEQ to request Malarkey Roofing to conduct a stormwater source control evaluation.

In June and November 2012, stormwater sampling events identified cadmium, copper, lead, and zinc as contaminants of concern in the stormwater discharging from the site. To address the elevated concentrations of metals, Malarkey Roofing performed a clean-out of the site stormwater system in 2013.

In 2021, Malarkey Roofing installed a multistage stormwater treatment system to reduce total metals and other pollutants in stormwater discharging from the site. After installation, additional stormwater samples were collected to evaluate the effectiveness of the system. The concentrations of the metals analyzed were less than concentrations detected in the 2012 stormwater samples, suggesting the stormwater treatment system is successfully decreasing potential contaminant migration to Columbia Slough sediment.

A source control decision for the site's groundwater and stormwater is recommended. The proposed source control decision will not apply to past releases to the Columbia Slough or potential exposure to contamination in upland areas of the property.

## **For more information**

Visit DEQ's Your DEQ Online database [page for this project](#).

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Sarah Miller at 503-863-0561 or [sarah.miller@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:sarah.miller@deq.oregon.gov) to view the documents in person at a DEQ office.

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## **The next step**

DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above before making a final decision regarding this proposed source control decision.

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