

Request for Comments

Proposed Renewal of the NPDES Water Quality Permit for Jasper Wood Products, LLC

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal.

DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities. DEQ issues permits to regulate the type and amount of wastewater discharge produced at a regulated facility.

Comments due:

Written comments due: 5 p.m., February 12, 2010

Where can I send my comments?

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Where can I get background information?

Information about this project is viewable online by clicking the following link(s):

- [Permit](#)
- [Evaluation Report](#)
- [Stormwater Pollution Control](#)
- [Mutual Agreement and Order](#) (MAO)

You can review hard copies of the draft and related documents at the nearest DEQ office in Salem or in the Eugene Office. For a review appointment in Salem, call Carrie Everett at (503) 378-5055. For

a review appointment in Eugene, call Paul Kennedy at (541) 687-7439. The Eugene office is located at 165 East 7th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew a NPDES Water Quality permit for Jasper Wood Products, LLC, and is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to specific conditions within the proposed permit.

Wastewater consisting of stormwater and boiler condensate are discharged.

The Department is proposing more stringent discharge limits in the renewal permit.

Permit expiration

Oregon law requires facilities with a NPDES Water Quality permit to renew that permit every 5 years. Upon renewal, this permit will be effective for 5 years, expiring in 2014.

Who is the applicant?

Jasper Wood Products, LLC
PO 2140
Jasper, OR 97438

Where is the facility located?

37385 Jasper Lowell Road
Jasper, OR 97438

Who might have an interest?

People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

What does Jasper Wood Products, LLC do that affects water quality?

Jasper Wood Products, LLC owns and operates a wood treating/preserving facility near Jasper, OR. The facility discharges stormwater and boiler condensate to the Middle Fork Willamette River.

What legal requirements apply?

The NPDES permit is required in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 468B.050 for discharge of wastewater to waters of the state and the federal Clean Water Act in order to discharge treated wastewater to public waters. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B an Oregon



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Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 give DEQ the authority to issue permits.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type of industry, the type and amount of wastewater discharge and the location of the facility. All applicable regulations must be contained in the permit, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted discharge by Jasper Wood Products, LLC?

When operated in accordance with the NPDES permit, the facility discharge is not expected to have any significant health effects or environmental impacts.

How are the permitted substances measured?

Schedule B of the permit requires monitoring of various effluent parameters at specified minimum frequencies. Monitoring must be performed in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR Part 136) unless otherwise specified in the permit.

Compliance history:

The facility was last inspected on January 7, 2008, and was found to be operating in compliance with the terms of the current wastewater permit. The facility received a Warning Letter (WL) for a late Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). There were two permit limit exceedances for copper in 2008, one for each outfall, which is addressed in the accompanying Mutual Agreement Order (MAO).

What are the special conditions of this permit?

The requirement of additional best management practices for regulating the stormwater was added to the proposed permit. The proposed permit establishes water quality limits for arsenic, chromium, and copper. Limits for total suspended solids, oil and grease, and pH are also included.

What other DEQ permits are required?

In addition to administering the proposed Water Quality permit, DEQ regulates the domestic waste with a Water Pollution Control Facilities permit and the facility's hazardous waste. Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LARAPA) regulates the facility with an air quality permit.

What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?

There are two other wood treating/preserving facilities about 20 miles from the Jasper Woods facility.

What other information about this company is related to this permit?

There are no other facilities owned by this company.

What happens next?

DEQ will schedule a public hearing if one is requested by ten or more people, or by an authorized person representing an organization of at least ten people. An additional public notice will be published to advertise the public hearing.

If a public hearing is not requested, DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received at the close of the comment period. DEQ may modify provisions in the proposed permit, but the permit writers can only modify conditions of the permit in accordance with the rules and statutes under the authority of DEQ.

Participation in the rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change the rules or statutes. Ultimately, if a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the facility's NPDES Water Quality permit following EPA review.

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