

Supplemental Notice and Request for Comments

Proposed Changes to 1200-Z, 1200-COLS Discharge General Permits

Background

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to comment – by Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 – on proposed changes to Condition 3 of the Permit Coverage and Exclusion for Coverage section of the draft 1200-Z and 1200-COLS Industrial Stormwater General Permits.

DEQ is currently revising and reissuing these permits. It plans to re-issue them by Sept. 1, 2011. The 1200-COLS permit expires on Aug. 31, 2011. Upon reissuance, the 1200-COLS permit is expected to be effective Sept. 1, 2011. The 1200-Z permit expires on June 30, 2012. Upon reissuance, the 1200-Z permit is expected to be effective July 1, 2012.

Approximately 900 facilities currently operate under these permits. These facilities will operate under the current permit requirements until DEQ renews their coverage under the new permits. After reissuance of the permits (Sept. 1st), DEQ will notify the facilities in writing of the deadline for submitting renewal applications and updated Stormwater Pollution Control Plans.

Proposed Change to Draft Permits:

DEQ proposes to revise Condition 3 of the Permit Coverage and Exclusion for Coverage section of the proposed 1200-Z and 1200-COLS permits in two ways:

- Expediting the renewal of facilities under the new permit. DEQ proposes to renew these facilities under the new permits and then require the submittal of an updated Stormwater Pollution Control Plan. This change will result in facilities operating under the new permits sooner than DEQ originally proposed. As a result, facilities that received coverage after July 2009 will not operate under the current permit for a full five years and will not be subject to the fourth year geometric mean benchmark evaluation. These facilities will be subject to more stringent benchmarks and corrective action requirements in the new permit.
- Requiring a 30-day public notice and comment period on a facility's plan only if the facility exceeded the benchmarks in the current permit based on the fourth year benchmark evaluation. This change will allow DEQ to prioritize its resources on

facilities that have not consistently met pollutant benchmarks.

Please see flow chart on next page for a step-by-step process of proposed changes.

These requirements do not apply to a new or existing facility that submits a new application for permit coverage pursuant to Condition 2 of the Permit Coverage and Exclusion from Coverage Section of the draft permits.

Comments due by 5 p.m., Friday Aug. 12:

Please submit written comments on these proposed changes by mail, fax or email. Comments can be mailed to Jenine Camilleri, DEQ Water Quality Division, 811 SW Sixth Ave., Portland OR 97204-1390. Fax comments to Jenine Camilleri at 503-229-6037 or email to camilleri.jenine@deq.state.or.us.

DEQ is not accepting any additional comments on any other proposed changes to the 1200-Z and 1200-COLS permits that were subject to an earlier public notice.

Where can I get more information?

You can review electronic versions of the draft permits and fact sheet at the following DEQ Web page link:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/stormwater/industrial.htm>

Paper copies of the draft permits and a related fact sheet will be available at the nearest DEQ office:

- **Pendleton**, 700 SE Emigrant, #330, Pendleton, OR 97801
- **Salem**, 750 Front St. NE, Suite 120, Salem, OR 97301-1039
- **Eugene**, 165 E. Seventh Ave., Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401
- **Portland**, 811 SW Sixth Ave., Portland, OR 97204

What happens next?

After the comment period closes, DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments. It may also modify provisions in the proposed permits, but DEQ can only modify permit conditions in accordance with rules and statutes under DEQ authority. DEQ will reissue these permits by order according to Oregon Administrative Rule 340-045-0033.



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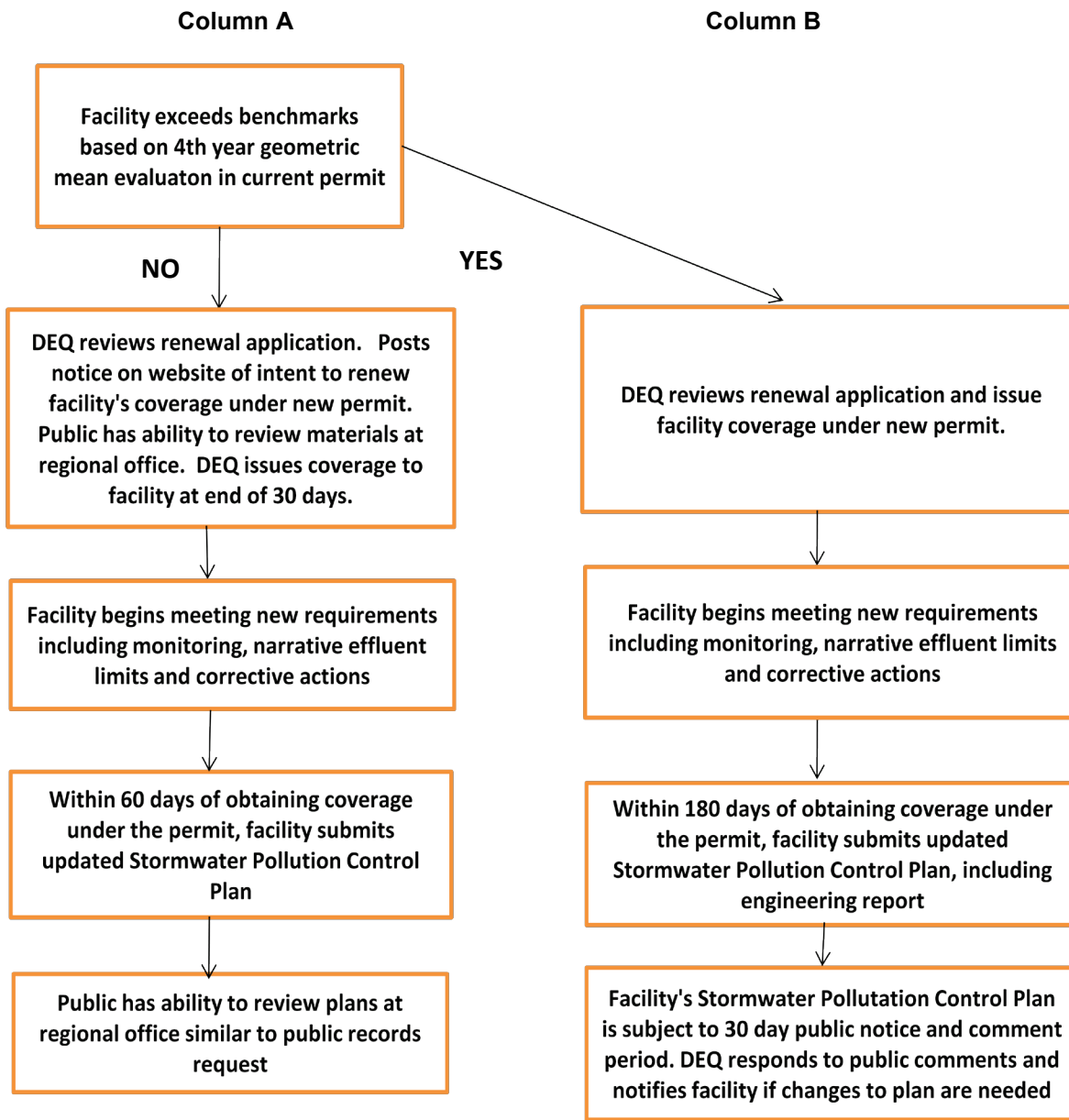
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Flow Chart of Step-by-Step Process of Proposed Changes



Note: DEQ is proposing that facilities that have not conducted the 4th year geometric mean evaluation in the current permit by July 2012 will follow the renewal process under Column A above.