



OCTOBER 2017 UPDATE TO NPDES 1200-A PERMIT HOLDERS

As the leaves change their colors and the days grow shorter and cooler, it is a good idea to take a minute and make sure your operation is prepared for the upcoming wet season. This letter provides some updates intended to help you transition from the existing permit to the new one, remind you of some important requirements of the permit, and provide some expectations for routine compliance inspections.

Permit Renewals

On December 3, 2017, the current NPDES1200-A will expire. In preparation, each permit holder should have received a renewal letter and application from DEQ last spring. As long as DEQ has received the renewal application, your existing permit coverage will be administratively extended until the new permit is issued. The new permit is currently being written and is not yet available for review. DOGAMI will continue to provide information and outreach as we learn more about the new permit and what it will require.

You can check the status of your renewal application on the DEQ website at the following link:
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/permittracker/StatusOfPermitApplicationSearch.aspx>

Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

It is a great idea to have your DMR form or field book handy so that you can keep track of discharge events as they happen. **REMINDER:** you must monitor and sample the discharge during the first 12 hours of the discharge event. If you miss this sample, you will be required to submit documentation with the DMR form as to why it was not practicable to take samples within the 12-hour period. See Schedule B of the permit to review monitoring and record keeping requirements.

You can download the full permit, including Schedule B, from the DEQ website at the following link:
<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterPermitsDocs/1200APermitF.pdf>

Please use the current Discharge Monitoring Report form, which can be found at:
www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/forms/waterquality/1200A/10_Monitoring_form_gen1200A_dmr_2013.pdf

If you are unable to download the form, please contact DOGAMI for a paper or electronic copy. Outdated forms will no longer be accepted as they do not contain all the required fields.

Monitoring waivers end December 3

Do you have a monitoring waiver? The permit allows for a monitoring waiver for the remainder of the permit term, which effectively ends December 3, 2017. If you were previously granted a waiver, *it becomes null and void at the permit expiration*, and you will need to start monitoring to establish new pollutant levels from your discharge.

Tips on how to make an inspection go smoothly and avoid violations.

DOGAMI administers the 1200-A Stormwater Permits issued by DEQ. DOGAMI will be increasing frequency of inspections, to ensure that each site has a routine compliance inspection conducted within the 5-year permit term. Routine compliance inspections are a tool we use to ensure the site is in compliance with clean water laws and regulations in order to protect human health and the environment. The Clean Water Act is the primary federal law governing water pollution.

The field inspection will include an onsite walk-through to evaluate current operations and review the stormwater management program. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be evaluated and discharge samples may be collected for analysis. You can expect the inspection to last from 1 – 3 hours depending on your site parameters.

Inspection records as required under Schedule B (7) Table 6 will be evaluated. Pursuant to Schedule B (9), Record Keeping Procedures, you are required to maintain at the facility: a copy of the Storm Water Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP); corrective action reports; inspection reports; education activities; and spill records for at least 3 years. Please make sure to have a copy of these records available as they are required under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340-045-0015(5)(d). It is our goal to make each inspection go smoothly and assist you with maintaining compliance with your permit.

DOGAMI will continue to provide updates regarding the 1200-A permit as new information is available. If you have any questions or require technical assistance, feel free to give me a call at (541)220-1015, or email at lisa.reinhart@oregon.gov.