

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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Governing Board to meet in Portland May 23, 2008

Portland, Oregon: The Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will meet at 8:30 AM, May 23, 2008, in Room 965 of the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda Items include a review of the draft 2009-2011 Agency budget request and legislative concepts, and regulatory issues. The complete agenda can be found online at: <http://www.oregongeology.org> or call (971) 673-1555 to obtain a copy.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

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The five-member Governing Board, citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, oversees the Agency. The Board sets policy and oversees general operations. The Board meets quarterly at sites around the state to encourage participation from the public, local government, industry and other geologists.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State, and has a broad responsibility in developing a geologic understanding of natural hazards. We then make this information available to communities and individuals to help reduce the risks from earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. We assist in the formulation of state policy where understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards are key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

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