



## EXCLUSION CERTIFICATES

### **Are Exclusion Certificates required for small-scale mining operations?**

Yes. In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3563, which requires small-scale mining operations to apply for an Exclusion Certificate from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). Operators are required to pay a one-time application fee and annual renewal fee, and to submit an annual report.

Exclusion Certificate requirements apply to mining activity that removes less than 5,000 cubic yards and affects less than one acre of land within a 12-month period. Please note, there are situations where an Exclusion Certificate is not needed because they do not meet the definition of surface mining (the creation and maintaining of forest roads is one example). Contact DOGAMI before applying if you think your site may not meet the definition of surface mining. Operating Permits are required for mining activities above these thresholds.

### **Where do I find the Exclusion Certificate application form?**

Application forms are available online at: <http://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/surfacemining.htm>  
You may also contact DOGAMI at (541) 967-2083 or [mlrr.info@oregon.gov](mailto:mlrr.info@oregon.gov) to request a form.

### **When is my Exclusion Certificate application due?**

Exclusion Certificate applications for mining operations involving sand, gravel, aggregate or crushed stone must be received by DOGAMI no later 90 days after the start of excavation. Exclusion Certificate applications for mining operations involving non-aggregate mineral surface mining (including placer mining) must be received by DOGAMI no later than 90 days after the start of excavation.

### **What is the application fee for an Exclusion Certificate?**

The DOGAMI Governing Board established an application fee of \$80 to apply for an Exclusion Certificate.

### **What is the cost to renew an Exclusion Certificate?**

The Oregon Legislature established an annual renewal fee of \$150 for Exclusion Certificates.

### **How do I renew my Exclusion Certificate?**

An annual renewal form will be mailed to you at least 30 days before the due date. Report your production information on the form and return it with the annual renewal fee by the specified due date.

### **When is the renewal date for my Exclusion Certificate?**

The renewal date for an Exclusion Certificate is one year from the month/day it was originally issued.

### **Is there an additional fee for production?**

No, there will be no additional fees assessed for production from the site. However, you are required to submit production information at the time of renewal.

### **Who do I contact with questions?**

If you have any questions, please call (541) 967-2083 or email [mlrr.info@oregon.gov](mailto:mlrr.info@oregon.gov).