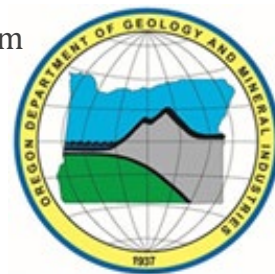


the newsletter of the **Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation** program

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WHY A NEWSLETTER?

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries – Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation Program (DOGAMI-MLRR) is initiating this periodic newsletter for several reasons. The most important of which is a desire to better communicate with our permittees and stakeholders. We hope this newsletter will be useful information to permittees, and bring to your attention any changes.

In this newsletter we discuss staffing changes, updated forms, new reclamation strategies, and changes in Oregon's reclamation statutes. We've had several staffing changes over the last few years. There have also been changes in our application, amendment and transfer forms, and back in 2016 we introduced the Exclusion Certificate in replacement of the Grant of Total Exemption. This newsletter will help explain how these changes may affect you.

If you'd like to receive our newsletters via email, sign up for our listserv at: listserv@mlrr.oregon.gov

MLRR STAFF HERE TO HELP YOU:

New hires in the last year

*Sarah Lewis, R.G.
MLRR Program Manager

Ed Buchner
GIS Technical Specialist

ReNeea Lofton
Permit Coordinator

Vaughn Balzer
Floodplain Reclamationist

Cathy Cross
Office Specialist

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Hydrogeologist;
Hydrocarbon/Geothermal
Resources Geologist

*Becky Johnson
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*Lisa Reinhart
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EXCLUSION CERTIFICATES

Exclusion certificates are required for mining activity that removes less than 5,000 cubic yards and affects less than one acre of land within a 12-month period, with a 5 acre max area of disturbance.

Operating Permits are required for mining activities above these thresholds. The Exclusion Certificate (EC) program was established by the Oregon Legislature in 2015, and is in statute as ORS 517.753. ECs are replacing the outdated Grant of Total Exemptions – which are no longer valid.

Any questions regarding ECs and the application process can be directed to our Office Operations Assistant - Becky Johnson at 541-967-2083 or Becky.Johnson@Oregon.gov.

NEW MLRR Operating Permit Application Forms

The new application forms are here and are fillable in Microsoft Word. Another bonus is the text boxes will expand as you type, so you will never run out of room for your answers. Please complete the application forms electronically whenever possible to take advantage of these convenient features.

The new Operating Permit application form is applicable to all Division 30 and Division 35 applications, including amendments. While we always recommend you download the latest forms from our website, it is especially important to do so while we implement the new forms. Contact our Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist, Nicholas Tatalovich, with any permitting questions: 541-967-2066 or nicholas.tatalovich@oregon.gov.

Please help DOGAMI-MLRR provide excellent customer service by taking our customer satisfaction survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLRRCustomer

A COMMONLY ASKED QUESTION:

Question: How do I request public information on a DOGAMI permitted mining site?

Answer: You can visit our website at www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/default.htm. At the very bottom is a link (under “Other Inquiries”) titled Public Records Requests. It gives you helpful info on the process, costs, and how to go about requesting a site file.