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1200-A Stormwater Permit Deadline Reminder

DOGAMI's Lisa Reinhart sent a reminder to mine operators who hold a 1200-A stormwater permit about the upcoming July 31st reporting deadline. Her email message is included in this newsletter. If you need any of the forms mentioned in the message, please reach out to Lisa. Her contact information is included.

Lisa also explained that some permittees are receiving notices from DEQ to enter their data into a "Your DEQ Online" account. While DEQ maintains regulatory authority for Oregon's water quality laws, DOGAMI administers many 1200-A permits for mines. Permittees that are regulated by DOGAMI have NOT moved to the Your DEQ Online platform and thus do NOT need to enter their data through that platform. DMRs can be submitted to DOGAMI the same as in previous years.

Make sure you understand the requirements in the 1200-A general permit, which can be obtained from the DEQ website at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Stormwater.aspx>. The required Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP) should be up-to-date and reflect how your site manages stormwater. Scheduled monitoring must be performed and reported to DOGAMI each year. (Side note: Still no word from the DEQ website for when the 1200-A renewal will occur.)

Erick Staley
Past-Chair

2023-2024 Stormwater Permit Deadline Reminder

(email from Lisa Reinhart, Water Quality Reclamationist, DOGAMI, 5/24/2024)

Dear DOGAMI Permittee:

You are getting this email because your mining facility is registered under the Oregon General NPDES 1200-A Permit (attached) and an important deadline is on the horizon. This is a courtesy reminder that Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) must be submitted to DOGAMI (DEQ's agent) by **July 31** of each year to maintain compliance with your permit. Permits administered by DOGAMI have not transitioned to the "Your DEQ Online" portal and therefore, submission of DMRs is the same as previous years.

Save paper and postage by emailing the labs and other supporting documentation; however, the signed first page of the DMR form must be submitted by hard copy. The signature on the DMR form is certification of accuracy and DEQ requires a wet ink signature on file.

Monitoring stormwater from your facility is an important obligation that allows you to understand the impacts your operation has on the watershed. If after reading this information you still have questions about how to fill out the DMR form, you may contact me at (541) 220-1015 or lisa.reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov.

Please mail **signed** DMR forms to the following address:

DOGAMI

Attn: Lisa Reinhart

229 Broadalbin Street SW

Albany, OR 97321

Attachments:

DMR Form (both PDF and excel format)

1200-Z Monitoring Variance Fact Sheet

Tier 1 Report

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

WHAT FORM SHOULD I USE?

Use the most recent DEQ approved form (attached to this email).

HOW DO I FILL OUT THE FORM?

Please take a minute to review the notes on the righthand side of the form as it provides clarification on how to properly fill it out. The first page is for stormwater discharges and the benchmark values. The second page is for those facilities that conduct mine dewatering to facilitate mining. The third page is for facilities that discharge to a waterbody with a Total Maximum Daily Load and therefore must monitor for impairment pollutants. Refer to your assignment letter to determine if impairment pollutants apply to your facility.

DO I HAVE TO INCLUDE ALL THE LAB REPORTS AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORM?

Yes. Include the lab report and chain of custody form for each sample. If you don't understand how to read your report, call your lab and ask them to explain it to you.

WHAT IF MY LAB REPORTS SHOW A BENCHMARK EXCEEDENCE?

If any of your samples exceeded a benchmark concentration, provide the Tier I report (attached to this email) that demonstrates how you responded to the exceedance. See permit condition B.10 for additional information on Tier I reports.

WHAT IF I WASN'T ABLE TO COLLECT ALL FOUR (4) SAMPLES FROM EACH DISCHARGE LOCATION?

If your facility was unable to collect any of the four required samples because there was no stormwater or mine dewatering water discharged, then **you must** submit a Monitoring Variance Request with your DMR pursuant to Schedule B.3(b). Although there is not an official form to be used, attached is the Fact Sheet for the 1200-Z permit that provides a good explanation on how to go about requesting a variance. Be specific and provide sufficient evidence that supports the request; insufficient evidence will result in a failure to monitor violation. By having permit coverage, your facility is assumed to discharge stormwater or conduct mine dewatering. Missed samples during the required timeframes leads to enforcement for failure to monitor.

WHAT IF MY FACILITY HAS A MONITORING WAIVER?

If you did not collect samples because you have been granted a monitoring waiver, complete the DMR form and include a copy of the approval of the waiver with your submission.

If your site is inactive and you did not monitor, you must request a monitoring waiver pursuant to permit condition B.4. You must also include a signed statement and documentation with the DMR form indicating the site is temporarily inactive. Photos of site conditions and quarterly inspection reports are acceptable types of documentation.

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Safety Topic: Mobile Equipment at Surface Mines

Haul trucks and other large surface mining vehicles are capable of destroying smaller vehicles that cannot be seen by the operator. Traffic controls, training, and avoiding distractions are key to enhancing safety. Collision warning and avoidance systems can also help.

KEY SAFETY PRACTICES

1. Communicate and verify with all equipment operators any planned movements and location upon entering or exiting a work area.
2. Ensure all persons are trained to recognize workplace hazards. Specifically, train equipment operators on the limited visibility and blind spot areas that are inherent to the operation of large equipment. Do not drive or park smaller vehicles in mobile equipment's potential path of movement.

3. Instruct all operators on the importance of using flags or strobe lights on the cabs of their vehicles to make haulage truck operators aware of their location. Flags must be high enough to be in the view of equipment operators.
4. Install and maintain collision avoidance/warning technologies on mobile equipment.

Scholarship Information



Graduation time is here. Our scholarship application is available on our website www.oraggregate.com or by contacting memberreply@oraggregate.com

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Meeting date, time and location will be posted in next month newsletter.