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Chairman's Message

This month's newsletter provides important updates and information from some of DOGAMI's recent public notices. The rainy season is upon us. If you have a 1200-A stormwater permit, there are compliance issues that should be on your radar. DOGAMI's Lisa Reinhart sent a message in September regarding stormwater site inspections and monitoring/sampling. Her message is included in this newsletter.

Also, DOGAMI released their Fall 2020 ENGAGE newsletter, which discusses fee increases starting in January 2021: https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/news/ENGAGE_Fall_2020.pdf. They also discuss considerations for protecting cultural resources. For any permit application, DOGAMI reaches out to outside agencies and stakeholders for comment or concerns about the proposed project. Included in the stakeholders are the Tribes and SHPO regarding possible concerns for cultural or historic resources. If you suspect your project area might be subject to cultural resource concerns, it might be good idea to reach out to the Tribes ahead of submitting for permits.

Hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving even if you cannot be with your usual gatherings. While the conditions are far from ideal, there are still plenty of reasons to be thankful.

Be well,

Erick Staley
Chairman

A Message from DOGAMI regarding Stormwater Compliance

(from email sent by Lisa Reinhart, Water Quality Reclamationist, 9/23/2020)

It's the Autumn Equinox and now is the time to make sure your facility is well maintained and ready for the upcoming wet season. This e-newsletter contains some updates and resources to help you maintain compliance with your stormwater permit. While DEQ maintains regulatory authority for Oregon's water quality laws, DOGAMI administers many 1200-A permits and is here to answer your permit related questions.

Have you been impacted by recent wildfire?

Oregon Department of Agriculture released a 2-page document with information about erosion control after wildfire. It includes some helpful links to additional sources of information and is attached to this email or can be downloaded at the following link:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/shared/Documents/Publications/NaturalResources/ErosionControl.pdf>

Routine Compliance Inspections

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, DOGAMI delayed routine site inspections. As the stormwater season picks back up, we will once again start conducting routine compliance inspections with appropriate social distancing, facial covering, and no physical contact.

During the inspections, the site's Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP) along with effective 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.

To complete the document review portion of the inspection, you will be asked to submit the following documents electronically.

- All Tier I reports,
- All inspection reports,
- Documentation of any benchmark exceedance and subsequent corrective action,
- All stormwater related maintenance reports, documentation of maintenance and repairs of control measures and treatment systems,
- pH calibration records and field sampling notes,
- Employee education materials and records of training, and
- Documentation of any spills or leaks of significant materials that impacted or had potential to impact stormwater or waters of the state, including clean-up and other corrective actions and preventative measures.

Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

Most of Western Oregon received a significant storm event this past week so now is the time to get out and check for your first stormwater sample. The required sampling frequency is four samples per year, at least 14 days apart, two samples on or before Dec. 31 and two samples on or after Jan. 1. Impairment Pollutants must be sampled two times per year at least 14 days apart. Not sure if you should be monitoring for an impairment pollutant? Review your assignment letter issued by DEQ as it will identify any impairments.

Status of the 1200-A Stormwater Permit- No new updates

On December 3, 2017, the General NPDES 1200-A reached the end of its five-year term and expired. DEQ is actively researching best practices for managing the discharge of stormwater from facilities covered under the 1200-A permit and does not have a timeline for issuing the renewed permit. If you submitted your intent to renew permit coverage in 2017, you are covered under the administrative extension. You can double check to make sure DEQ received that application on their website at the following link: <https://www.deq.state.or.us/permittracker/StatusOfPermitApplicationSearch.aspx>

Sign up for newsletters on the DEQ website to get the latest information on the permit renewal process at the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Stormwater-Industrial.aspx>

To stay up to date with information from DOGAMI, sign up for MLRR's ENGAGE newsletter on our website: <https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/engage.htm>

If you have any questions about your permit requirements or the content of this letter, feel free to give me a call at (541) 220-1015, or email at lisa.reinhart@oregon.gov.

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Oregon OSHA – Final temporary rules Multiple Compliance Deadlines This Year

On November 6th, Oregon OSHA issued final temporary rules related to COVID-19. The rules take effect on November 16th, 2020 and will remain in effect until May 4th 2021, unless revised or repealed before. There multiple action items for employers to complete to reach compliance. Most of the compliance deadlines occur before the end of the year.

Each employer will need to do, at minimum the following:

Complete an “Exposure Risk Assessment” no later than December 7th, 2020

This plan must include employee feedback.

For employers with 10 or more employees the plan must be in writing.

If the employer has multiple facilities or sites, a plan must be developed for each facility or site.

Complete an Infection Control Plan no later than December 7th, 2020

This plan must also include employee feedback

For employers with 10 or more employees the plan must be in writing.

If the employer has multiple facilities or sites, a plan must be developed for each facility or site.

Inform and train all employees about certain aspects of the new rules no later than December 21, 2020

This training will need to include components of your Exposure Risk Assessment and Infection Control Plan

COVID-19: Oregon Two-Week Freeze

Governor Kate Brown announced additional Restrictions in Statewide “Freeze”

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- Limiting social get-togethers (indoors and outdoors) to no more than six people, total, from no more than two households.
- Limiting faith-based organizations to a maximum of 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors.
- Limiting eating and drinking establishments to take-out and delivery only.
- Closing gyms and fitness organizations.
- Closing indoor recreational facilities, museums, indoor entertainment activities, and indoor pools and sports courts.
- Closing zoos, gardens, aquariums, outdoor entertainment activities, and outdoor pools.
- Limiting grocery stores and pharmacies to a maximum of 75% capacity and encouraging curbside pickup.
- Limiting retail stores and retail malls (indoor and outdoor) to a maximum of 75% capacity and encouraging curbside pickup.
- Closing venues (that host or facilitate indoor or outdoor events).
- Requiring all businesses to mandate work-from-home to the greatest extent possible and closing offices to the public.
- Prohibiting indoor visiting in long-term care facilities (outdoor visitation permitted for supporting quality of life).

The Two-Week Freeze does not apply to or change current health and safety protocols for personal services (such as barber shops, hair salons, and non-medical massage therapy), congregate homeless sheltering, outdoor recreation and sports, youth programs, childcare, K-12 schools, K-12 sports currently allowed, current Division 1 and professional athletics exemptions, and higher education — all of which can continue operating under previous guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority.

Safety Topics:



Safepro MSHA Law Institute

The 2021 June Safepro Law Institute will be held in downtown Savannah Ga at the Hilton Garden Inn. Downtown Savannah offers many things to do and great restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Safepro Institute will give you the information and knowledge to not only comply with MSHA law but to combat citations with which you do not agree. The institute covers the 1977 Mine Health and Safety Act as amended by the 2006 Miner's Act and 30 CFR standards. We will go into detail about Your company's responsibilities under the law and operator entitlements and inspector's responsibilities pertaining to the law. We will review what constitutes a S&S citation and 104d1 citation. You will be given a law manual which includes the two parts of the law and MSHA program policies. We will review a number of actual citations that have been issued over the years and how to defend against bad paper using the law manual. The seminar will cover part 46 training requirements and part 50 reporting requirements. By attending our institute, you will have the knowledge and confidence to handle the "imminent" MSHA inspection. Have your game plan and your people ready; remember your house must be in order to keep the government from controlling your business.

This institute represents the best way to bring your new people up to speed and refresh your supervisors, managers and lead people.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them.

The Safepro hospitality room will be open Sunday night and every night after class with food and drinks along with a chance to talk with your instructors about any problems you and your company may face. To register go to safeproinc.com.

We only have **twelve** spots open for the 2021 June Law class. If you have anyone that needs to come sign up early.

Yours in Safe Production,

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If anyone has any information they would like to share in next month's newsletter please let me know. Send your information to me at memberreply@oraggregate.com

We are currently looking for board members. If you are interested please contact the secretary for an application.

Nominations for 2021 Officers are now being accepted. Please share your voice and join our Board of Directors.

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Our next virtual board meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 9AM.
If you are interested in attending please contact our Chairman Erick Staley.

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Stay Safe, Stay Healthy