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Chairman's Message

Mine sites that release stormwater to surface waters offsite (streams, ditches, etc.) are supposed to have coverage under a 1200-A NPDES general stormwater discharge permit. Oregon DEQ is the agency responsible for the 1200-A permit. Through an agreement between agencies, DOGAMI actually conducts stormwater inspections at mines, reviews monitoring records, and otherwise administers the permits including communication with operators. If compliance issues are noted, and if in the opinion of DOGAMI the issues rise to the level of enforcement, DOGAMI will refer them to the DEQ for formal enforcement (e.g., fines).

Without getting too deep into the weeds, the general permit must be renewed by DEQ every 5 years and was last up in December 2017. If your mine site was permitted after 2017, obtaining coverage has been unavailable because DEQ still has yet to renew the 1200-A general permit. Technically, no new mine site can obtain coverage without a valid 1200-A permit in place. However, DOGAMI's policy has been to require newer mines to act *as if* they had coverage and develop a stormwater plan, conduct periodic stormwater monitoring, and report the monitoring results every year. The long-delayed renewal does not stop any mine site from the requirements for stormwater compliance.

If your site needs 1200-A permit coverage, make sure you understand the requirements, 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 should be performed and reported to DOGAMI each year. Lisa Reinhart, DOGAMI's stormwater administrator, sent a reminder out to permittees about the

upcoming annual deadline to report – July 31st. We include her emailed message in this newsletter. If you did not receive this message and need any of the attachments she describes, let us know and we can forward to you.

Hope you all have a happy and safe 4th of July!

Erick Staley
Chairman

(From an emailed message from Lisa Reinhart, DOGAMI Water Quality Reclamationist)

Dear DOGAMI Permittee:

You are getting this email because your mining facility is registered under the Oregon General NPDES 1200-A Permit 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 Lisa.Reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov the labs and other supporting documentation but the first page of the DMR form must be submitted through the mail. The signature on the DMR form is your certification of accuracy and DEQ requires a wet ink signature on file.

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

WHAT FORM SHOULD I USE?

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

HOW DO I FILL OUT THE FORM?

Please take a minute to review the notes on the right hand 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. Still need more help? [Review DEQ Instructions on Completing Discharge Monitoring Reports. \(Click on this link\)](#)

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.

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. 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. 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.

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 (PDF and Excel form)
1200-Z Monitoring Variance Fact Sheet
Tier 1 Report

Regards,
Lisa Reinhart (she/her)
Water Quality Reclamationist
Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation



Stay Safe this Summer when Working in Quarries

Seasonal hazards that arise during the summer months should be accounted for and it is important to ensure that workers are protected and trained correctly in order to minimize health risks, especially in open environments such as quarries

Direct Sunlight and Temperature Control

Too much exposure to sunlight can be harmful and cause damage to skin, leading to sunburn and blistering. Therefore, it is important to ensure that workers take precautions to prevent this by wearing sun cream and personal protective equipment that minimizes exposure, particularly if working at height.

In addition, the hot summer months can result in a worker experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stress. To prevent this, consider implementing some of the following tips:

- Schedule the most physical work to cooler times of the day
- Encourage workers to stay hydrated at all times
- More frequent rest breaks with access to shaded areas and cool drinking water
- Remove personal protective equipment during breaks to lower body temperature
- Educate workers on signs and prevention methods of heat exhaustion

Glare can also become an issue when working and operating machinery on sunny days, reducing visibility and increasing risk, so precautions should be taken to reduce the effects. This is of particular relevance to those working in limestone quarries, as the pale rock faces increase glare; therefore, sunglasses and/or goggles should always be worn to protect eyes and minimize the implications of glare.

2. Ground Conditions

With the change in weather comes a change in ground conditions too. To maximize safety in the summer carry out regular checks and reviews of site conditions, as the geology and stability of a quarry face can be affected by a change in weather and ground conditions. Dried out ground may result in the need to update protective barriers and systems on site.

Furthermore, the warm dry months can lead to an increase in dust creation and disturbance so safety procedures to control this should be followed. It can also be preferable to drill, particularly when using hand drills, in wetter conditions to reduce the amount of dust produced.

The risk to employees' health can be significantly reduced during the summer months by providing the correct training to ensure that workers are equipped with all the appropriate skills and knowledge.

Newsletter and Training Notification email address updates

These past few years have brought many changes to some of our member companies. If you have had a change in personnel or added new personnel that you wish to receive this newsletter and information regarding our annual training please contact our secretary Kellie Ramar @ memberreply@oraggregate.com

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Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5th at 10 AM. This will be an in person meeting and will take place at the offices of KPD Insurance in Springfield, Oregon. This meeting is open to all members.

memberreply@oraggregate.com.

Congratulations Graduates



Our 2022 Scholarship Application is now available.

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association (OIAA) is proud to offer a \$2,500.00 scholarship to any deserving student pursuing a career related to the construction, aggregate and forestry industry. Areas of study are to include construction, construction management, engineering, geology, architecture, land use planning, forestry, heavy equipment repair and welding.

Who May Apply?

The OIAA Scholarship is open to all current members, employees of current members and their families studying in the required fields as indicated above.

The academic institution may be a university, community college, private college or a trade school with recognized related courses of study. Scholarships will be applied toward full or part-time tuition and or educational material costs within one calendar year.

Your Personal Statement is the most important part of your application! When you prepare your Personal Statement, it's very helpful to tell the OIAA scholarship selection committee about your career goals in the required industries, personal goals, reasons for applying for this particular scholarship, and personal financial circumstances that pertain to your financial need. Your statement should be a minimum of one page and not more than two pages.

The OIAA Selection and Award Process

Applications will be directed to the scholarship selection committee. Scholarship recipient will be notified in writing by the OIAA and the recipient's name will be listed on the OIAA website. Those who do not receive scholarships will also be notified by mail.

Unless otherwise noted, the scholarship shall be in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 as a onetime award.

All recipients will be required to write a short letter of thanks to the OIAA and present it in person at a designated Board Meeting. By attending such meeting you indicate your acceptance of the award and the terms of the scholarship.

Scholarships shall be awarded in compliance with applicable Oregon laws and OIAA policies related to non-discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.

(Office Use Only) Application Number _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alternate phone number (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

I. ACADEMIC INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name of High School: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____

Current University, College or Trade School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

Overall GPA: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

When do you expect to graduate? _____

II. Extracurricular and or Community Information:

List honors, awards, prizes or recognition you have received: _____

List school and or group activities (sports, clubs, committees, offices) that you have participated in: _____

List and describe your hobbies and interests: _____

III. WORK EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED)

What work experience have you had? _____

Would you be interested in work with a construction, aggregate projects or forestry company? YES _____ NO _____ PART-TIME _____ SUMMER _____

IV. Remember to attach the following:

_____ A transcript of grades through the last grading period prior to the date of application.

_____ A letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or other relevant acquaintance.

_____ Your Personal Statement as required in the Scholarship Guidelines.

I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return you application to the attention of the application committee

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Application Deadline: September 15, 2022