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## *Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter*

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Sadly this will be my last newsletter. It has been a pleasure working with OIAA since 2009. I wish the association much success in the future. Melissa Bronson will be handling the newsletter for now. It would be very helpful if you could provide any information that you would like to see in future newsletters to her. We are always looking for information from our members to share with other members and the newsletter is a great way to do that.

Happy Holidays

Thank you  
Kellie Ramar



## **Increased DOGAMI Fees Notice**

Mine operators should have received the attached letter from DOGAMI regarding increased fees that will start next year. This includes increases to annual Operating Permit (OP) renewals, new OP applications, and OP transfers.



**Training dates for 2026 – Albany March 9, 2026 and Roseburg March 10, 2026.**

**Watch future newsletters for any updated information.**

## ***Attention!!***

***We welcome and encourage all of our members to become more involved with our association. You are welcome to attend our meetings anytime. Please contact any of our board members for information on how you can become more involved, ways we can improve our association and information regarding our upcoming meetings.***

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM](http://WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM)

We are always looking for information to print in the newsletter. If you have a specific article, safety information, or any other information you think will be helpful and of interest to our members, please submit them to [memberreply@oraggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com).



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Dear Permittee,

As part of the 2025 legislative session, Oregon Legislature passed SB 836, updating DOGAMI permit fees for all programs to support current services and staff, and establishing additional positions to meet the program's increased workload. It has been 5 years since DOGAMI permit fees were increased, and this legislation modifies the application and renewal fee structure in recognition of increased program costs due to inflation, and adds new staff to perform basic program functions. This will improve our turnaround time for application and permit review, increase our ability to perform routine site inspections, and better meet customer service needs.

This letter is to provide notice that beginning January 1, 2026, increased base and production fees will be assessed with your annual (Operating Permit) renewal. The total amount due is based on whether or not there was activity at your site and how much material was produced by that activity.

- A. If there was no extraction activity (production) at your site during the previous 12 months, the total amount due is the base fee of \$2,300.

OR

- B. If there was extraction activity (production) at your site during the previous 12 months, your total amount due is a base fee of \$2,300 *plus* \$0.0300/tons of minerals extracted.

*Example: A site produces 25,000 tons in a 12-month period.*

The base fee for that site is: \$2300

The tonnage fee for that site is:  $25,000 * 0.0300 =$  \$750

The total renewal fee due is: \$3050

*Note: the exact calculation for your site will be based on your reported production.*

This change in fees will be reflected in your 2026 renewal notice. Instructions for calculating the fee due to DOGAMI will be included in that mailing, and staff will be available by phone and email to assist with any questions about the new fee structure.

The Application Fee for Operating Permits will increase to \$6,500. This includes applications for Operating Permit transfers.

Exploration application fees, DEQ water quality permit application and renewal fees, and transfers of Limited Exemption fees are not included in this change.

Information on application and renewal fees for other permit types, is available on our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/mlrr/Pages/default.aspx>.

For any questions, please contact our Office Assistant, Brianna Weaver, at 541-967-2039 or [Brianna.weaver@dogami.oregon.gov](mailto:Brianna.weaver@dogami.oregon.gov).

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Lewis

MLRR Program Manager

**With two of our founding member directors retiring from our board, we are currently looking to add to our Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining us please contact any of the board of directors or come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility.**

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Next meeting will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM  
KPD Office Conference room – Springfield, Or