

Hearing Set for Deer Pointe Meadows Proposed Water Quality Permit

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to submit written comment on the conditions of Deer Pointe Meadows LLC proposed water quality permit, known officially as a Water Pollution Control Facilities Permit.

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, DEQ intends to renew and modify the permit for Deer Pointe Meadows to discharge wastewater to drainfields constructed at the Deer Pointe Meadows Manufactured dwelling park.

How do I participate?

Attend the public hearing to learn about the permit application, ask any questions you might have and provide oral or written comments on the proposed permit. You can also submit written comments by mail, fax or email.

Hearing details

When: 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017

Where: Rainier City Hall, Council Chamber
106 West B Street
Rainier, OR 97048

Send written comments by mail, fax or email to:

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Written comments due: 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017.

About the facility

Deer Pointe Meadows, LLC has applied for a Water Pollution Control Facilities permit renewal and modification for the Deer Pointe Meadows Manufactured Dwelling Park located at 25231 Alderbark Street, Rainier. DEQ last renewed this permit on February 18, 2004. The permit was modified on Nov. 28, 2011 and transferred to the current permit holder on July 28, 2014.

Deer Pointe Meadows Manufactured Dwelling Park is owned and operated by the Deer Pointe Meadows LLC for use as a residential

manufactured dwelling park that also includes recreational vehicles. Operations occurring at these facilities result in generating domestic sewage that can adversely impact public health and waters of the state.

The permit prohibits this facility from discharging treated sewage to a water body. Treated wastewater is required to be discharged to large drainfields in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Prior to 2012 there were three individual septic tank and drainfield systems connected to these facilities.

DEQ issued a warning letter on April 30, 2010 because Deer Pointe Meadows failed to notify DEQ that a discharge of sewage occurred on the ground resulting from a broken pressure pipe and failed to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports for 2008-2009. These violations were resolved.

DEQ issued a Pre-enforcement Notice on July 14, 2010 to Deer Pointe Meadows for operating a failing system with a discharge of sewage onto the ground. This violation was resolved and did not result in an enforcement referral.

DEQ issued Deer Pointe Meadows a Pre-enforcement Notice on Nov. 10, 2010 because of another discharge of sewage onto the ground. As a result, the former permit holder was referred for enforcement and a Mutual Agreement and Order was signed on Oct. 18, 2011 requiring discontinued use of the failing system. The Mutual Agreement and Order led to the Nov. 28, 2011 permit modification authorizing replacement of the failing system with a new system and the violations were resolved.

On Jan. 30, 2017, DEQ issued a warning letter with opportunity to correct to the current permit holder for discharging sewage onto the ground. This violation occurred with one of the remaining two older systems. This violation was resolved with a short-term solution. The current application for a permit renewal and modification is intended to authorize a long-term solution resulting in one combined system that will be more manageable and that will include a high level of treatment to the wastewater before discharging to the drainfield. The deadline for completing this work is Sept. 30, 2017.



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On March 22, 2017 DEQ issued a warning letter with opportunity to correct for discharging sewage onto the ground. This violation occurred with the remaining older system. This violation was resolved with a short-term solution. The current application for a permit renewal and modification is intended to permit a long-term solution resulting in one more manageable system that will include a high level of treatment. The deadline for completing this work is Sept. 30, 2017.

What types of pollutants does the permit regulate?

Sewage contains disease causing organisms and nitrogen compounds that can result in human illness and pollution of waters of the state.

The permit includes requirements to treat the sewage to concentrations of total suspended solids, organic material, grease and oil, and nitrogen-containing compounds that will promote adequate treatment and disposal in the drainfields. Treatment will also provide disinfection to the wastewater before discharging to the drainfield. There is no discharge to surface water that could result in contamination from disease-causing organisms. Treatment using the natural soil of the drainfields protects groundwater from contamination and protects human health and waters of the state.

Would the draft permit change the amount of pollution the facility is allowed to release?

The draft permit would allow an increase in the total wastewater flow to the system from the current 8,025 gallons per day to 12,000 gallons per day. Allowable effluent pollutant concentration limits are being reduced because the wastewater will be receiving a higher level of treatment before being discharged to the drainfield. Wastewater will also be disinfected to reduce pathogens before disposal.

How does DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ evaluates the potential pollutants produced, the types and amounts of pollutants and the location of the facility to determine permit requirements according to federal and state regulations.

How does DEQ monitor compliance with the permit requirements?

This permit will require the facility to monitor pollutants discharged using approved monitoring practices and standards. DEQ reviews the facility's discharge monitoring reports to check for compliance with permit limits.

What happens after the meeting?

DEQ considers and responds to all comments received and may modify the proposed permit based on comments.

Where can I get more information?

View information about this project online at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Get-Involved/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>, or contact Lisa MacGregor, Onsite Licensing Specialist using the following contact information:

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View the application and related documents in person at the DEQ office in Eugene. For a review appointment, call Lisa MacGregor at 541-686-7905.

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