Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking 2022

Fiscal Rules Advisory Committee Meeting April 27, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting



Today's Agenda

Time	Topic		
11 a.m.	Welcome, logistics, agenda review		
11:05 a.m.	Introductions		
11:10 a.m.	Rulemaking overview		
11:25 a.m.	Review of fees, Racial Equity Statement, and discussion		
11:55 a.m.	Public input		
12 p.m.	Adjourn meeting		



Advisory Committee Membership

Committee Member	Affiliation	Committee Member	Affiliation
Brannon Lamp	Aqua Resource Design & Consulting	Samantha Bayer	Oregon Homebuilders Association
Mark Landauer	Special Districts Association of Oregon	Sharla Moffett	Oregon Business & Industry
Peggy Lynch	League of Women Voters of Oregon	Michael Martin	League of Oregon Cities
Jackie White	Northwest Pulp & Paper Association	Mallorie Roberts	Association of Oregon Counties
		Susie Smith	Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies



Rulemaking Timeline

Advisory Committee meeting - April 2022

Public Notice -July 2022 Public Hearing - July 2022

DEQ Director Review/Approval September 2022

Rules effective – Nov. 1, 2022



Meeting Purpose

This committee is convened to provide input on the draft fee proposal and the fiscal and economic impact statement for the 2022 Water Quality permit fee table.

The proposed rule amendments are for fiscal year 2023 and if adopted by DEQ Director Whitman, will take effect on invoices starting **Nov. 1, 2022.**



Proposed Fees

Three percent increase for fees

OAR 340-045-0075:

- Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits Application and Modification Fees; Table 70A
- Industrial NPDES and WPCF Individual Permit Annual Fees; Table 70B
- Domestic NPDES and WPCF Individual Permits, Application, Annual Modification Fees; Table 70C
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits, Application and Modification Fees; Table 70C
- Domestic NPDES and WPCF Annual Population Fees, Table 70D
- Annual Pretreatment Fees, Table 70E
- All NPDES and WPCF Permits, Technical Activity, Plan Review and Other Fees, Table 70F
- General NPDES and WPCF Permits, Application and Annual Fees, Table 70G, excluding 700PM fees under authority ORS 468B.118
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits; Annual Fees Table 70H
- Underground Injection Control Permits Application Fees, Annual Fees, and Surcharges, Table 70I, excluding UIC fees authorized by rule, ORS 468B.195 and ORS 468B.196



Proposed Fees

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- OAR 340-071-0140:
 - WPCF Permit Fees; Table 9D

Fee Table Clarifications

- OAR 340-071-0140:
 - WPCF Permit Fees; Table 9D
 - Plan Review Fee design capacity clarification to include 600 gpd
 - Annual Compliance Determination Fee design capacity to include of 2,500 gpd and 20,000 gpd



Racial Equity

[Adoption of the proposed rule would affect wastewater permitting fees statewide - across various sectors, public and private. Since the fee increase will apply equally across all permit categories and tiers, and there are no expected changes to practical implementation of the permitting program activities as a result of this rule adoption, there is no expected impact on racial equity in the state...] *Continued, next slide*



Racial Equity

[...Increasing the fees, as proposed, will help maintain program services critical to protecting public health and the environment (such as permit compliance assurance, inspections and enforcement) which may be particularly important in BIPOC or historically underserved communities.]



Fiscal Impact Statement

- 1. Will the rule have a fiscal impact?
- 2. What will the extent of that impact will be?
- 3. Will the rule have a significant adverse impact on small businesses?
- 4. If the draft rules will have a significant adverse impact on small businesses, provide recommendations about how DEQ can comply with ORS 183.540 to reduce the rule's economic impact on those businesses.

Thank You

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