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# Sand and Gravel Mining, and Asphalt and Concrete Batch Plants Stormwater General Permit No. 1200-A Response to Comments

November-December 2015 Comment Period

## List of Commenters

No.	Name of Individual(s)	Organization
1.	David P. Thompson	Citizen, Oceanside, OR
2.	Doug Heiken	Oregon Wild

No.	Topic	Commenter	Comment	Response
1		1	I recommend that the 1200-A permitting process take into account whether the storm water is dumped into a drinking water source. DEQ Should prioritize drinking water source watersheds to the highest level of scrutiny possible under the 1200-A program.	Thank you for your comments. However, DEQ is only accepting comment on proposed modifications sent out for public comment on November 6, 2015. Therefore, no changes were made to the permit in response to the comments.
2		1	DEQ should keep the responsibility for such point source discharge permits directly under DEQ control, rather than delegate it to DOGAMI.	Thank you for your comment. However, DEQ is only accepting comment on proposed modifications sent out for public comment on November 6, 2015. Therefore, no changes were made to the permit in response to the comment.
2		2	Oregon Wild supports enhanced limits on pollution of our public waterways, such as the proposed changes in the Sand and Gravel permit, including improved BMPs, effluent limits, benchmarks, impairment pollutants, inspections, etc.	Thank you for your comment.
3		2	We urge DEQ to require more frequent sampling, especially during storm events. Four times a year is not enough. Water quality conditions are variable and infrequent monitoring is unlikely to capture the full range of variation.	Thank you for your comment. However, DEQ is only accepting comment on proposed modifications sent out for public comment on November 6, 2015. Therefore, no changes were made to the permit in response to the comment.
4		2	Monitoring Waivers should not last indefinitely. They should be for a limited time and then regular monitoring should resume.	Thank you for your comment. However, no changes were made to the permit because the existing permit supports this request. Sampling must resume and monitoring waivers must be re-established whenever the general permit is renewed (every 5 years).
5		2	Storm event monitoring should remain a requirement even during waiver periods.	Thank you for your comment. However, DEQ is only accepting comment on proposed modifications sent out for public comment on November 6, 2015. Therefore, no changes were made to the permit in response to the comment.