



Public Notice

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Stormwater Discharge General Permit No. 1200-Z

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to provide written comments and attend a virtual public hearing to provide verbal comments on the proposed 1200-Z Industrial stormwater general permit, known officially as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

How to provide public comment

Permit name: NPDES 1200-Z Industrial Stormwater General Permit

Comments due by: May 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments to: [1200-Z Public comment email](#)

Hearing details: May 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

[Register to join virtually on Zoom](#)

Passcode: 366198

Webinar ID: 872 7616 2527

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, DEQ intends to renew the proposed 1200-Z permit which regulates discharges from a broad range of industrial activities to surface waters of the state. The current 1200-Z permit expires June 30, 2026. This permit renewal is a replacement of the previous 1200-Z Industrial stormwater general permit issued on March 25, 2021, and modified on Aug. 17, 2022.

About the permit

The 1200-Z permit regulates stormwater runoff from industrial facilities. When rain or snowmelt flows over industrial areas, such as outdoor storage, equipment, or waste handling, it can pick up metals, oil, sediment, and other pollutants and carry them into nearby creeks, rivers, and other surface waters. This permit applies to a wide range of industrial sectors, including manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, mining, recycling and waste management, and certain energy and utility facilities. The permit requires facilities to implement controls measures to prevent pollution, regularly inspect and maintain those measures, monitor stormwater discharges to ensure they meet benchmarks and effluent limits, and take corrective actions when pollution exceeds the limits established in the permit.

How does DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ uses a formal process to draft and reissue the 1200-Z permit every five years. The process includes evaluation of current permit implementation issues, water quality monitoring data, and whether the conditions are adequate to meet applicable statutes, rules, regulations and effluent guidelines of Oregon and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Permit Evaluation Report for this draft permit describes the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy issues considered in preparing the draft permit.

What happens next?

Submit comments by sending an email or participate in the virtual hearing listed in the “how to provide public comment” section above.

DEQ will consider and respond to all comments received and may modify the proposed permit based on comments. DEQ gives equal weight to written and verbal comments.

For more information

Find more information by reviewing draft permit documents at [DEQ’s 1200-Z Industrial Stormwater General Permit web page](#).

For questions, contact permit writer Krista Ratliff at krista.ratliff@deq.oregon.gov.

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