Public Notice

Public Hearing and Request for Comments: 1200-CN Construction Stormwater General Permit Renewal

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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-CN construction stormwater general permit, known officially as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

How to provide public comment

Permit name: NPDES 1200-CN Construction Stormwater General Permit

Submit written comments:
1200cnPublicComment@DEQ.oregon.gov

Comments due by: Fri, Dec. 11, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Hearing details: Thurs, Dec. 3, 2026 at 1:30 pm
Register to join virtually on Zoom
Passcode: 123637
or
Call in by phone: 877-853-5257
Webinar ID: 856 2940 8072
Passcode: 123637

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, DEQ intends to renew the proposed 1200-CN construction stormwater general permit. DEQ last issued this permit on September 27, 2021.

About the permit

The 1200-CN permit authorizes discharges from construction activities including clearing, grading, excavating, grubbing, stumping, demolition, stockpiling, and other land disturbing activities, as well as support activities (including concrete or asphalt batch plants, portable rock crushers, equipment staging, material storage, and disposal/borrow areas) that will disturb between one (1) and five (5) acres of ground and may discharge to surface waters of the state or conveyance systems leading to surface waters of the state. The permit requires construction site operators to prevent the discharge of sediment and other pollutants to waters of the state through the use of effective planning and oversight, implementation of pollution prevention controls and treatment measures, and corrective actions and reporting.

Coverage under this permit is available only for eligible construction activities located within local jurisdictions that administer a DEQ-approved Qualified Local Program (QLP). Permit coverage is automatically assigned upon issuance of qualifying authorization by the QLP jurisdiction.

How does DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ uses a formal process to draft and reissue the 1200-CN permit every five years. The process includes evaluation of current permit conditions as they relate to implementation challenges, surface water quality impacts, changes to municipal construction stormwater programs, and assessment of 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 (PER) 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 using the link in the “how to provide public comment” box above. DEQ will consider and respond to all relevant comments received and may modify the proposed permit based on those 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-CN Construction Stormwater General Permit web page.

For questions, contact permit writer Daria Gneckow at 1200cnPublicComment@DEQ.oregon.gov.

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