

Solid Waste Orphan Site Account Funding Application

Introduction

DEQ's Solid Waste Orphan Site Account program provides funding and loans for investigation, cleanup, and remediation of solid waste disposal sites that may be harming human health or the environment. Eligible sites may be solid waste disposal facilities or dump sites. Sites can be owned by local governments or privately owned where the party responsible for the solid waste is unknown, unwilling, or unable to perform cleanup (also known as "orphan" sites). Common examples of SWOSA sites are landfills, historic disposal sites, and illegal dump sites. Once an application is submitted, DEQ determines site eligibility and prioritizes eligible sites. DEQ awards funding on an annual basis to eligible sites that are the biggest risk to human health and the environment.

Municipal solid waste disposal sites

1. SWOSA can provide \$100,000 to qualifying sites for eligible expenses. This amount does not require repayment and can be provided under an intergovernmental agreement or a memorandum of understanding with DEQ.
2. For eligible expenses above \$100,000, SWOSA may be able to provide a repayable loan.

Private orphan sites

1. Funding may exceed \$100,000, if available.
2. SWOSA sites in this category are subject to recovery of costs by DEQ via liens or other means.
3. DEQ requires assurance that sites receiving SWOSA funding be protected from additional solid waste accumulation, vandalism, etc.

Instructions

Fill out a separate application for each site. Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Submit copies of any supporting documents that contain relevant information with this application. If any information is unknown or not applicable, make note of that in the answer. DEQ will reach out or conduct independent research to gather any additional information needed to complete site screening.

Applicants may provide answers to the following questions within this document or in a separate document. DEQ can provide this application form in Microsoft Word format upon request. Submit applications and all supporting documents electronically in PDF format, either by e-mail or an electronic file sharing platform to the contact person below.

You can contact your Oregon DEQ SWOSA Program Specialist with any questions about SWOSA or this application:

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Application questions

- 1. Provide name and contact information for the person who completed this application, as well as name and contact information for someone DEQ can contact for follow-up information (if different).**

Include name, affiliation, phone, email.

- 2. Provide publicly available name and contact information for all current property owners of the Site or portions of the Site.**

Include owner name, contact name if different, phone, email. Repeat information from #1 if appropriate.

- 3. Provide location information for the property where the removal and remedial actions need to be performed (referred to as the "Site" for the rest of the application form.)**

Include address or latitude/longitude. If available, also include tax map and lot numbers, DEQ's ECSI number, a site map, or any other location information.

4. Provide basic descriptive information about the Site.

Helpful details include: acreage, environment, surroundings, zoning, structures on site, nearby wells or waterbodies, nearby recreation, parks, etc. If available, attach a map or diagram of known features at the Site.

5. Describe the investigation and/or cleanup work that requires funding at this site.

6. Provide a total estimated cost for the investigation and/or cleanup work needed at the Site.

A rough estimate is fine. Attach any existing quotes, proposals, contracts, or project plans.

7. If the Site is a current or former municipal landfill, provide name and contact information for the municipality or party that owned or operated the Site at the time it was in operation.

Include name, phone, email. Repeat information from #1 and #2 if appropriate.

8. Provide a summary of known historic information about the Site.

Helpful details include: past owners, dates of operation and closure, dates of dumping or waste disposal, past land uses, permits, complaints to DEQ, regulatory actions by DEQ or other agencies, legal actions, orders, past cleanup activity, fires and other incidents, etc.

9. List environmental investigation or cleanup work already performed at the Site, if any.

Identify parties (usually specialist companies) who performed work and provide contact information. Attach copies of reports from past environmental work.

10. Describe the nature of the solid waste that has been disposed at the Site. DEQ is especially interested in materials and substances that might threaten the quality of surrounding soil, air, or water.

Include sources of waste (nearby community, imported, construction, etc.).

11. What is the approximate area that is impacted by waste at the Site? (This should be equal to or less than the total area of the Site.)

List area in acres or square feet.

12. What is the approximate volume of waste at the Site?

List volume in cubic yards.

13. Are there other potential funding sources for investigation or cleanup at the Site?

Funding source examples: the applicant, local government, owners or operators of the Site (current or previous), grants, insurance, participants in DEQ's Voluntary Cleanup Program, other DEQ programs, EPA or other partner agencies, or accounts for funding Site closure.

14. Describe the local community attitude and/or awareness of the Site.

Is the Site well known in the community? Is there community support for taking cleanup action the Site? Has the Site generated any publicity or complaints? Provide copies of any complaints or press.

15. If this site requires cleanup or remedial action, will measures been taken to avoid further dumping of waste or damage to completed work?

This may involve change in property ownership, management, or land use, installation of physical barriers, plans for development, etc.

Non-discrimination statement

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