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1. Introduction

DEQ developed this draft Water Quality Management Plan to guide implementation of the temperature Total Maximum Daily Load developed for the subbasins of the Willamette River Basin. DEQ will complete another temperature TMDL rulemaking for the mainstem Willamette and major tributaries following this TMDL. A WQMP is an element of a TMDL, as described by Oregon Administrative Rule 340-042-0040(4)(I), which provides the framework for management strategies to attain and maintain water quality standards and is designed to work in conjunction with detailed implementation plans prepared by responsible persons, including designated management agencies responsible for TMDL implementation.

This Willamette Subbasins temperature WQMP will be proposed for adoption by Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission, by reference, into rule as OAR 340-042-0090(xx). This WQMP is intended to provide comprehensive information for implementation of the temperature TMDL, and will be amended, as needed, upon issuance of any future developed or revised TMDLs within the Willamette Basin. Any subsequently amended or renumbered rules cited in this document are intended to apply.

The Willamette River Basin encompasses twelve subbasins. Except for the Yamhill Subbasin, EPA previously approved temperature TMDLs developed by DEQ for the following eleven subbasins by TMDL:

- 1. Molalla-Pudding Subbasin TMDL (2008)
- 2. Willamette Basin TMDL (2006)
 - Clackamas Subbasin
 - Coast Fork Willamette Subbasin
 - Lower Willamette Subbasin
 - McKenzie Subbasin
 - o Middle Fork Willamette Subbasin
 - Middle Willamette Subbasin
 - North Santiam Subbasin
 - o South Santiam Subbasin
 - Upper Willamette Subbasin
- 3. Tualatin Subbasin TMDL (2001)

This TMDL replaces the temperature TMDLs above with the exception of the Tualatin Subbasin TMDL, which remains effective for temperature and other approved TMDLs. The Tualatin TMDL did not use the natural conditions criteria to develop TMDL allocations; therefore, it is not required to be replaced under the litigation. The Yamhill subbasin will not be covered by this temperature TMDL.

The mainstem temperature TMDL rulemaking following this Willamette Subbasins rulemaking will cover the mainstem Willamette River and major tributaries, therefore this TMDL applies to intermittent and perennial streams in the following subbasins in Table 1:

| Table 1: Waterbodies included in Willamette Subbasins TMD | L |
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| Subbasin | Waterbodies Included |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Clackamas | All waters of the state in the Clackamas Subbasin except the Clackamas River downstream of River Mill Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 26). |
| 2. Coast Fork | All waters of the state in the Coast Fork Willamette Subbasin except the Coast Fork Willamette River downstream of Cottage Grove Dam (approximately river miles 0- 30) and the Row River downstream of Dorena Dam (approximately river miles 0 -7.5). |
| 3. Lower Willamette | All waters of the state in the Lower Willamette Subbasin except the Willamette River and Multnomah Channel. |
| 4. McKenzie | All waters of the state in the McKenzie Subbasin except the McKenzie River downstream of the confluence with the South Fork McKenzie River (approximately river miles $0 - 56$), the South Fork McKenzie River downstream of Cougar Dam (approximately river miles $0 - 4$), the Blue River downstream of Blue River Dam (approximately river miles $0 - 1.9$), and Walterville Reservoir. |
| 5. Middle Fork | All waters of the state in the Middle Fork Willamette Subbasin except the Middle Fork Willamette River downstream of Dexter Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 17) and Fall Creek downstream of Fall Creek Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 7). |
| 6. Middle Willamette | All waters of the state in the Middle Willamette Subbasin expect for the Willamette River, Willamette Slough, Mission Lake, and Lambert Slough. |
| 7. Molalla-Pudding | All waters of the state. |
| 8. North Santiam | All waters of the state in the North Santiam Subbasin except the North Santiam River downstream of Detroit Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 49), and the Santiam River. |
| 9. South Santiam | All waters of the state in the South Santiam Subbasin expect for the South Santiam River downstream of Foster Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 38). |
| 10. Upper Willamette | All waters of the state in the Upper Willamette Subbasin except for the Long Tom River downstream stream of Fern Ridge Dam (approximately river miles 0 - 26), and the Willamette River including the Bonneville Channel, Albany Channel, Curtis Slough, Third Slough, Marshall Slough, Curtis Creek, and Mill Race |

The list of waters (1 - 10) above is referred to throughout this document as the "Willamette Subbasins". Detailed information on the Integrated Report results and assessment unit status is presented in Section 3 of the Willamette Subbasins Temperature TMDL and Section 3 of the TMDL Technical Support Document. Please see the Willamette Basin Subbasins Interactive Map, which provides detailed information about the project area.

1.1 Condition assessment and problem description

The first element of the WQMP according to OAR 340-042-0040(I)(A) is an assessment of water quality conditions in the Willamette Subbasins with a problem description. There are assessment units in the Willamette Subbasins listed as impaired (category 5 or 4A) for temperature in Oregon's 2022 Integrated Report, which was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 1, 2022.

DEQ must develop TMDLs for pollutants causing temperature impairments of waters within the Willamette Subbasins, as required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. These pollutants are solar radiation and heat from various sources and conditions, which contribute to impairments of the temperature criteria established to support aquatic life beneficial uses.

1.2 Goals and objectives

OAR 340-042-0040(4)(I)(B) requires identification of the goals and objectives of the WQMP.

The goal of this WQMP is to provide the framework for implementation of the temperature TMDL to achieve and maintain the temperature water quality criteria, including narrative criteria, and meet antidegradation requirements in streams within the Willamette Subbasins.

The primary objectives of this WQMP are to describe responsibilities for implementing TMDL management strategies and actions necessary to reduce excess pollutant loads to meet all TMDL allocations and provide a strategy to evaluate progress towards attaining water quality standards throughout the Willamette Subbasins.

2. Proposed Management Strategies

The following section presents proposed management strategies, by pollutant source and activity, that are designed to meet the load and wasteload allocations required by the Willamette Subbasins temperature TMDL, as required by OAR 340-042-0040(I)(C).

OAR 340-042-0030(6) defines management strategies as "measures to control the addition of pollutants to waters of the state and includes application of pollutant control practices, technologies, processes, siting criteria, operating methods, best management practices or other alternatives."

2.1 Streamside vegetation management strategies

DEQ's water quality analysis and modeling concluded that riparian vegetation planting and management are the strategies necessary to improve temperature and meet water quality criteria in the impaired sections of the streams in the Willamette Subbasins. This is because protecting and restoring streamside overstory vegetation reduces solar radiation loads to streams by providing the effective shade necessary to achieve the TMDL surrogate measure allocations. More information about the physical and ecological factors affecting effective shade and associated management strategies can be found in Section xx of the draft TMDL Technical Support Document.

The primary riparian vegetation planting and management strategies are summarized as follows:

1. Vegetation planting and establishment

This strategy addresses locations that have little or no shade producing overstory vegetation and are therefore important locations for riparian tree and shrub planting projects. These sites may currently be dominated by invasive species.

2. Vegetation protection (enhancement, maintenance and growth)

This strategy addresses streamside areas that have existing vegetation that needs to be protected from removal to maintain current shade levels. In some cases, protection is needed because full site potential shade can only be achieved with additional growth. Protecting and maintaining existing vegetation ensures that it can grow and mature, enhance vegetation success and survival, and provide for optimal ecological conditions.

3. Vegetation thinning and management

This strategy addresses streamside areas that might need vegetation density reduction to achieve optimal benefits of shade. Current site conditions are overly dense with trees and need thinning to promote development of a healthy mature riparian forest or are dominated by invasive species that inhibit a healthy riparian community. This strategy recognizes that riparian plant communities may require that these activities be routinely conducted to ensure survival, health and optimal growth of the desired vegetation.

2.2 Water withdrawal management strategies

Water quality data, modeling and research has shown that water withdrawals decrease the capacity of streams to assimilate pollutant loads. Because temperature is a flow-related parameter, water withdrawals can result in increased pollutant concentrations and warmer stream temperatures. In waterbodies where temperatures are already known to exceed standards, further withdrawals from the stream will reduce the stream's heat capacity and cause greater fluctuation in daytime and nighttime stream temperatures.

Under state law, the first person to file for and obtain a water right on a stream is the last person to be denied water in times of low streamflows. Therefore, restoration of streamflows may require establishing instream water rights. This can be accomplished by donating or purchasing out-of-stream rights and converting these rights to instream uses.

Water conservation is a best management practice that directly links the relationship between water quantity and water quality. Leaving water instream where possible, functions as a method to protect water quality from flow-related parameters of concern, such as temperature.

2.3 Channel morphology and hydromodification management strategies

The size and shape of a stream, or channel morphology, can impact stream temperature. For example, streams with high width to depth ratios (i.e. wide, shallow streams) can allow solar radiation to increase heating of waterbodies compared to channels that are narrow and deep. Wide, shallow streams can occur due to uncontrolled livestock access to streams, or lack of riparian vegetation to reduce human-accelerated bank erosion. Streams that have been disconnected from floodplains due to activities such as urban development or road construction are not able to slow and store floodwaters during the rainy season in the Northwest and recharge groundwater during the hot, dry summers.

Hydromodification alters the hydrologic characteristics of a waterbody, such as construction and operation of dams and impoundments for flood control, power generation, irrigation, navigation, and to create ponds, lakes, and reservoirs for uses such as livestock watering, municipal water supply, fish farming, and recreation. Changes to water temperature from dams are influenced by the size of the dam installed, how much water is released, how often water is released, and at what depth of the dam water is released (EPA, 2007). For more information about hydromodification impacts, see EPA's, National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Hydromodification (epa.gov). See also DEQ's study, *Water Temperature Impacts from In-Channel Ponds in Portland Metro and Northwest Region*.

2.4 Priority management strategies

Table 2 includes proven strategies (and practices within the strategies) summarized by pollutant source. These strategies and practices are adapted from published sources, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. DEQ used the categories and terminology from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's Oregon Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Guide and Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory Online List of Treatments. Additional strategies included in Table 2 are supported by Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, and other publicly available published sources. DEQ identified the strategies in Table 2 as appropriate for the conditions and sources within the subbasins. Therefore, these are considered priority strategies and practices that should receive special focus during TMDL implementation plan development.

DEQ expects that entities identified in Section 5.1 will develop implementation plans that incorporate strategies and practices in Table 2. Implementation plans must include specifics on where and when priority and other strategies and practices will be applied, along with measurable objectives and milestones for documenting their implementation and gaging their effectiveness. See Section 5.3.2 for location-specific methods for determining whether effective shade allocations are met along waterbodies impaired for temperature.

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Although not specifically detailed in this WQMP, climate change is another important factor affecting stream temperature. Potential climate change impacts to waterbodies in Oregon may include increased air temperatures; decreased snowpack leading to less water in reservoirs, streams and groundwater; and large-scale wildfires, which can reduce effective shade in riparian areas.

| Pollutant | Source or Activity | Management Strategies |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Solar Radiation | Insufficient height and density of riparian vegetation | riparian tree planting (conifer and hardwood); riparian vegetation planting (shrub or herbaceous cover); riparian vegetation management (invasive thinning, removal or other treatment); voluntary riparian tree retention; riparian invasive plant control; riparian fencing or other livestock riparian exclusion methods Increase site effective shade (combination of vegetation height, buffer width and canopy density) through streamside vegetation management strategies using regulatory programs and voluntary activities, including incentive-based projects. Maintain plants until free to grow; monitor survival rates. Develop, update and/or enforce riparian code/ordinance to ensure streamside native vegetation and intact bank conditions are protected or restored following site development; purchase, acquire, designate conservation easements along riparian areas |
| | Water withdrawals | Pursue instream water right transfers and leases; water right application reviews; irrigation conservation and management; repair or replace leaking pipes and infrastructure; provide incentives for water conservation; implement water consumption restrictions during the summer months, such as lawn watering |
| | Channel morphology and hydromodification | Conduct whole channel restorations (e.g. enhance channel, wetlands, and floodplain interactions, reduce width to depth channel ratios, bank stabilization, large wood placement, create/connect side channels, etc.); riparian road re-construction/obliteration activities; riparian fencing or other livestock exclusion methods; protect and enhance cold water refuges; develop dam management strategies for temperature; remove in-channel ponds or modify pond structures to reduce temperature increases downstream |

Table 2: Priority temperature management strategies by source

3. Timelines for implementing strategies

OAR 340-042-0040(I)(D) requires schedules for implementing management strategies including permit revisions, achieving appropriate incremental and measurable water quality targets, implementing control actions and completing measurable milestones. DEQ's water quality permitting program has responsibility for revising permits to comply with TMDLs. Timelines for implementation of management strategies by responsible persons, including DMAs is discussed separately.

Section 3 to be further developed

3.1 DEQ permit revisions

NPDES permits have five-year terms. Appendix B includes a list of permit holders located within the project area that have NPDES permits, as well as the next expected permit renewal date. DEQ incorporates any required TMDL wasteload allocations into NPDES permits when the permit is renewed.

3.2 Management strategies implemented by responsible persons, including DMAs

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory is a repository for storing watershed restoration activities. OWRI contains project level information from watershed councils, landowners and other groups who have implemented restoration projects to improve aquatic habitat and water quality conditions. DEQ retrieved data from OWRI and summarized total linear miles of riparian trees planted in the Willamette Basin following the establishment of the 2006 Willamette Basin TMDL for temperature (Figure 1). Additional stream temperature projects in OWRI that have been implemented in the Willamette Basin include riparian fencing, channel modification, voluntary riparian tree retention, dam management and others.

Every five years in the Willamette Basin, DEQ's goal is to develop a Year Five Report that summarizes data and information submitted by DMAs. Figure 2 summarizes total linear miles of riparian trees planted in the Willamette Basin, and in the Molalla-Pudding Subbasin where a separate Year Five Report was completed. DEQ did not collect total linear miles of riparian trees planted by DMAs in the 2013 Year Five Report. Additionally, DEQ did not collect information from DMAs on linear feet or acres of riparian land acquisitions, which is an important strategy in protecting water quality.

Note that in Figures 1 and 2, DEQ did not specifically exclude riparian trees planted in the Tualatin Basin, which is not included in the Subbasins TMDL.

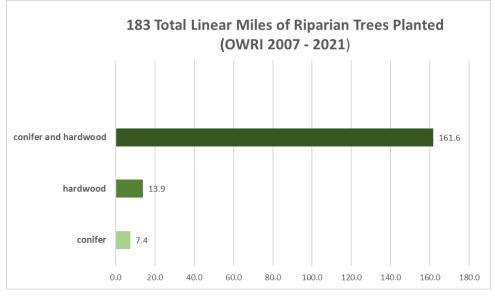
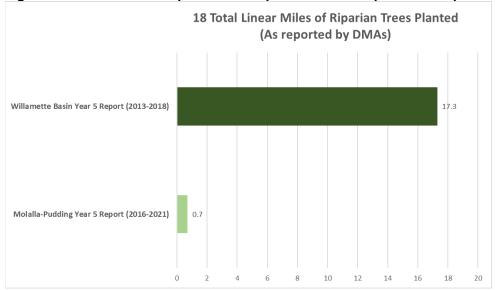


Figure 1 : Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory of Miles of Riparian Trees Planted

Figure 2: DEQ Year Five Reports: DMA reported miles of riparian trees planted



4. Attaining water quality standards

Based on the TMDLs analyses, achieving the excess load reductions identified will result in attainment. Each management strategy identified in this WQMP and in responsible persons' implementation plans represents part of a system of measures and practices that collectively reduce pollutant loads and improve water quality.

4.1 How management strategies support attainment of water quality standards

Section 4.1 to be further developed

OAR 340-042-0040(I)(E) requires an explanation of how implementing the proposed management strategies will result in attainment of water quality standards.

Based on the excess solar radiation and shade deficit calculated along streams within the Willamette Subbasins (see Section xx of the TMDL Technical Support Document), DEQ identified the priority management strategies and specific practices in Table 2.0 and Section 2.1 to increase site effective shade. DEQ focused on the three vegetation strategies described in Section 2.1 to estimate reasonable timelines for achieving surrogate effective shade targets, and by extension solar radiation load reductions to meet temperature water quality criteria.

The effective shade curves (Figures xx in the TMDL Technical Support Document) and effective shade allocations table (Table xx in the TMDL Report) identify the relationship between stream width and site potential effective shade for the specific vegetation types and characteristics identified (see Table xx in the TMDL Technical Support Document).

Landowners, foresters, restoration professionals and horticulturists have individual and collective expertise and experience needed to develop site-specific planting prescriptions that will ensure the best combination of species are planted and determine the maintenance activities necessary for trees to become established (free to grow) and produce a fully functioning riparian zone consistent with established literature and practice (e.g., NRCS). DEQ provided jurisdictional shade gap analysis in the draft TSD to help responsible persons assess and prioritize areas to optimize implementation effectiveness. This analysis is only available for some responsible persons in the lower Willamette and the southern Willamette project area.

Site-specific riparian planting prescriptions developed by qualified and experienced practitioners will typically contain a higher diversity of shrub and overstory species than the vegetation types used in developing the shade curves. However, the effective shade outcomes for either the conifer or a mix of native hardwood and conifer species are expected to be similar when a buffer zone consistent with either Table xx in the TMDL Report or Appendix x of the Technical Support Document is fully established. This provides streamside vegetation and other functions consistent with the Natural Resources Conservation Service' Conservation Practice Standard - Riparian Forest Buffer, CODE 391, and other published guidelines and literature.

4.2 Timelines for attaining temperature water quality standards

OAR 340-042-0040(I)(F) requires an estimated timeline for attaining water quality standards through implementation of the TMDL, WQMP and associate TMDL implementation plans.

Based on DEQ's source assessment and TMDL analyses (DEQ, 2023a), nonpoint sources contribute nearly all of the excess pollutant loading associated with temperature water quality impairments in the Willamette Subbasins. Therefore, it is critical for nonpoint sources to make timely progress toward meeting the TMDL load allocations.

As further explained in Section xx of the TMDL Technical Support Document, DEQ evaluated multiple scenarios and assumptions to estimate reasonable timelines for achieving the needed reductions in solar radiation. DEQ expects persons responsible for developing implementation plans to consider the timeline projections and interim targets presented below in establishing commitments for vegetation management and other actions, in order to identify measurable objectives, milestones and implementation timelines.

Timelines for attainment of water quality standards (i.e., numeric criteria) are based on estimated timelines for excess pollutant load reduction and meeting surrogate targets.

Table 3: Projected timelines for solar radiation load reductions to the modeled reaches of theWillamette Subbasins in X-yr increments

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5. Implementation responsibilities and schedule

5.1 Identification of implementation responsibility

OARs 340-042-0040(4)(I)(G) and 340-042-0080(1) require identification of persons, including Designated Management Agencies, responsible for implementing management strategies and preparing and revising implementation plans.

OAR 340-042-0030(2) defines Designated Management Agency as a federal, state or local governmental agency that has legal authority over a sector or source contributing pollutants and is identified as such by DEQ in a TMDL.

The TMDL rule provides numerous mentions of the term 'responsible person' with associated requirements. OAR 340-042-0025(2) indicates that responsible sources must meet TMDL load allocations through strategies developed in implementation plans. OAR 340-042-0030(9) defines 'reasonable assurance' as a demonstration of TMDL implementation by governments or individuals. OARs 340-042-0040(4)(I)(G) requires identification of persons, including DMAs,

responsible for developing and revising implementation plans. OAR 340-042-0040(4)(I)(I) requires a schedule for submittal and revision of implementation plans by responsible persons, including DMAs. And OAR 340-042-0080(4) reiterates the requirement for persons, including DMAs, responsible for development, submittal and revision of implementation plans, along with the required elements of those plans. For purposes of this Willamette Subbasins WQMP, for implementation of the temperature TMDLs, 'responsible person' is defined as any entity responsible for any source of pollution addressed by the TMDL.

Responsible persons including DMAs are organized by DMA type in the following subsections. These persons are responsible for developing or revising implementation plans and implementing management strategies to achieve the TMDL allocations. A complete list of responsible persons including DMAs for the Willamette Subbasins Temperature TMDL is in Appendix A. There are approximately 154 DMAs (final DMA list to be determined) that include cities, counties, federal and state agencies, and other landowners or entities.

Appendix A is not an exhaustive list of every individual that bears responsibility for improving water quality in the Willamette Subbasins. It may be necessary for all people that live, work and recreate in the basin to take steps to reduce pollution and protect or restore water quality to attain standards and designated beneficial uses. Active participation may be needed to achieve long-term water quality improvements throughout the basin.

Unless otherwise specified, all responsible persons, including DMAs, are required to develop, submit, implement and revise, as needed, an implementation plan specific to the Willamette Subbasins TMDL that includes: management strategies; timelines for implementation; a schedule for achieving milestones; and a performance monitoring component with a plan for periodic review and plan revision.

To be developed: maps showing highest DMA jurisdiction percentage by HUC 8

5.1.1 Additional management strategies or other implementation requirements

DEQ is still evaluating any DMA-specific requirements and which DMAs will require an implementation plan

5.2 Existing implementation plans

OAR 340-042-0040(I)(H) requires identification of any source or sector-specific implementation plans available at the time of TMDL issuance. Following the issuance of the 2006 Willamette Basin and 2008 Molalla-Pudding TMDLs and WQMPs, DEQ required responsible persons including DMAs to develop implementation plans that included specific management strategies and best management practices to meet load allocations for temperature. Reporting requirements for many of these entities included an annual progress report and a comprehensive assessment of activities every five years. For information on each DMA, including which DMAs have existing plans, see Appendix A.

In addition, certain statewide rules, programs and management plans for the forestry, agricultural are intended, in part, to reduce or control nonpoint sources of pollution. The

programs described in OAR 340-042-0080(2)&(3), respectively, represent existing implementation plans for non-federal forest and agricultural lands, and their sufficiency is discussed below.

5.2.1 Adequacy of Forest Practices Act to meet TMDL load allocations

Waterway protection measures were established in 1994 for state and private forest practices in Oregon, as codified in Oregon Revised Statutes 527.610 through 527.992, Oregon's Forest Practices Act (OAR 629-600 through 629-665) and Oregon's Plan for Salmon and Watersheds (Executive Order 99-01). As provided in ORS 527.770, forest operations conducted in accordance with the Forest Practices Act and other voluntary measures, are generally considered to be in compliance with water quality standards. However, as provided in OAR 340-042-0080(2), revisions to the Forest Practices Act rules may be required when DEQ determines that these rules are not adequate to implement load allocations in an approved TMDL. Periodic revisions to these rules adopted prior to 2022 were not adequate to meet the Oregon temperature criterion for protecting cold water. More information is provided in Section xx of the TMDL Technical Support Document. DEQ determined in this TMDL that the generally applicable Forest Practices Act rules in effect prior to 2022 were not adequate to implement the TMDL load allocations for excess solar radiation loading on small and medium fish-bearing streams to meet the temperature criteria.

With the publication of the Private Forest Accord Report and subsequent passage of Senate Bill 1501, 1502 and HB 4055, Forest Practices Act rule revisions were adopted by the Board of Forestry in October 2022 and additional amendments are anticipated through 2025. Implementation of these rules, which include increased riparian widths and additional tree retention, may be effective at meeting shade allocations. In addition, as revised rules become effective, implementation of more stringent measures to protect water quality on private forestlands are anticipated to be applied, including in the Willamette Subbasins. These rules are not expected to result in after-the-fact restoration of riparian areas harvested under previous rules. Therefore, effective shade is likely to be deficient for those riparian areas adjacent to small and medium salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams that were harvested prior to implementation of the new rules. The trajectory for providing future riparian shade on these streams is highly variable because it is based on the rules in effect at the time of harvest and the date of replanting. Multiple years will be needed for potential water quality improvements to be realized so that DEQ can evaluate adequacy of the revised rules in meeting the load allocations and surrogate measures required by the Willamette Subbasins temperature TMDL.

For these reasons, ODF is required to develop a TMDL implementation plan to be submitted to DEQ for review and approval.

As agreed to in the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between DEQ and ODF, DEQ will work with ODF to identify additional regulatory or non-regulatory measures that could be implemented by rule revisions, stewardship agreements, incentive programs or other means to provide reasonable assurance of achieving TMDL solar radiation load allocations. Collaboration on these additional measures will occur during development of ODF's implementation plan.

5.3 Implementation plan requirements

As required in OAR 340-042-0080(4)(a)(A)-(E), implementation plans must include:

- Management strategies that the entity will use to achieve load allocations and reduce pollutant loading;
- Timeline for strategy implementation and a schedule for completing measurable milestones;
- Performance monitoring and a plan for periodic review and revision of implementation plans; and,
- Any other analyses or information specified in the WQMP.

The following subsections provide detail on each component required by this WQMP to be included in implementation plans. DEQ will work with each entity required to develop a TMDL implementation plan to ensure that all requirements are included with sufficient detail for the plan to be approved on the schedule required in Section 5.4.

5.3.1 Management strategies

Each entity required to develop a TMDL implementation plan is expected to include applicable priority management strategies from Table 2.0 and potentially other practices and actions appropriate for activities and landscape conditions specific to the entities' pollutant sources or source sectors.

DEQ expects implementation plans to identify all areas or activities within a DMA's jurisdiction or responsibility and identify locations where management strategies should be targeted to prevent or reduce pollutant loading, as well as areas that might not need action beyond protection. Completion of a comprehensive inventory of the area of jurisdiction serves as an initial step for understanding where management actions are needed and when these can be implemented. This inventory should focus on assessment of landscape and riparian conditions and near-stream activities and practices.

Land condition assessment includes evaluation of infrastructure condition (roads and drainage networks). Riparian condition assessment includes categorizing riparian vegetation presence, type and condition along with bank conditions to evaluate the status and trends in effective shade and whether other riparian functions are being provided or are limited. Assessment methods include Oregon Riparian Assessment Framework (OWEB 2004), Stream Function Assessment Method (DSL, EPA 2020), which is used for assessing the functions and values of wadable, non-tidal streams for the purposes of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law, as well as purposes related to Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act, the Oregon Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Guide (OWEB, 1999), and Stream Visual Assessment Protocol Version 2 (NRCS, 2009), or other appropriate assessment methodologies. Specific shade assessment methods are identified below in Section 5.3.2.

5.3.2 Proposed Shade Assessment Requirement

DEQ expects entities responsible for implementing streamside vegetation management strategies to use one of the following comparisons to prioritize areas for restoration of overstory riparian vegetation to achieve the solar load allocation within their jurisdiction, ownership or project area:

- (a) The shade gap, which is the percent difference between current effective shade and site potential effective shade (also referred to as restored condition); or,
- (b) Compare current riparian vegetation characteristics to a restored riparian condition.

DEQ conducted a vegetation height and shade gaps analysis within approximately 150-ft of modeled waterbodies in the Lower Willamette and Southern Willamette Subbasins, as detailed in Section xx of the TMDL Technical Support Document. Although DEQ was not able to conduct a shade gap analysis for the entire Willamette Basin, shade curves for specific unmodeled areas are presented as Figures xx-xx in the TMDL Technical Support Document.

Responsible persons including DMAs must use location-specific methods for determining whether effective shade allocations along the temperature impaired Willamette Subbasins assessment units are met. This must be completed within the DEQ-specified timeline after TMDL issuance using one of the following methods:

- 1. Measure effective shade at the stream surface using standard stream monitoring equipment, such as the Solar Pathfinder[™], or advanced methods using hemispherical imagery. Determine vegetation type, canopy density, stream width and stream orientation. Compare these results to Table xx in the TMDL.
- 2. Confirm and protect or establish overstory, woody vegetation in a 120-foot width buffer zone from the stream bank.
- 3. Conduct modeling using the Heat Source model (as used in this TMDL) or another method approved by DEQ (through the implementation plan process).

The WQMP does not require responsible persons, including DMAs to establish a 120-foot buffer width from each stream bank. The preferred method for showing compliance with effective shade allocations is measuring the effective shade. The literature review in the draft TMDL TSD in Section XXXX indicates that a 120-foot buffer of effective shade will not cause stream temperature increases for many waterbodies. Other factors like channel width may also impact the amount of effective shade needed to reduce solar radiation.

5.3.3 Timeline and schedule

Each implementation plan must include commitment to enact specific management strategies on a reasonable timeline, with a schedule specified for meeting measurable milestones to document progress. To meet the intent of this requirement, entities should develop management strategies using the SMART elements: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound (Doran, 1981).

Timelines and milestone schedules should be informed by the comprehensive inventory of the area of jurisdiction and control, as described in Section 5.3.1 above, and consideration of all relevant factors of the entity's specific situation. Identification of management strategy implementation timelines that differ from those estimated by DEQ to be effective in achieving load allocations must include an explanation of why the revised timelines are reasonable and how the timelines will be met.

5.3.4 Reporting on performance monitoring and plan review and revision

5.3.4.1 Reporting on performance monitoring

Each implementation plan must include a commitment to prepare annual reports on performance monitoring and a date by which they will be submitted to DEQ. These reports must include implementation tracking for each of the identified management strategies, progress toward timelines and measurable milestones specified in the implementation plan and evaluation of the effectiveness of the strategies.

Implementation actions should be tracked by accounting for the numbers, types and locations of projects, best management practices, education activities or other actions taken to improve or protect water quality. Implementation of conservation practices that are listed in OWEB's OWRI Online List of Treatments should be reported to the OWRI database and noted in annual reports to DEQ in order to document progress and track implementation actions over time. Because DEQ utilizes OWRI's database to track implementation of many voluntary management practices, unreported actions may not be credited in evaluating progress on TMDL implementation.

Implementation plans must include periodic assessment of whether implementation activities, which may include structural and non-structural best management practices or BMPs, are effective in improving management practices, land condition or community behaviors. Annual reports must summarize the status and results of these evaluations on the relevant time scale. Reports in year five must summarize implementation and effectiveness over the proceeding four years.

5.3.4.2 Implementation plan review and revision

Implementation plans must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and approved by DEQ every five years. DEQ will use implementation and effectiveness evaluations from annual reports, combined with any results of environmental monitoring, for this review. If implementation plan revisions are needed to correct deficiencies or otherwise ensure the plan is effective following the year five review, DEQ will identify a date for submission of the revised plan for DEQ approval.

5.3.5 Implementation public involvement

As required in OAR 340-042-0040(I)(L), implementation plans prepared by designated management agencies must include a plan to involve the public in implementation of management strategies. Public engagement and education must be included to meet this requirement.

5.3.6 Maintenance of strategies over time

As required in OAR 340-042-0040(I)(M), implementation plans prepared by responsible persons, including designated management agencies, should include discussion of planned efforts to maintain management strategies over time.

5.3.7 Implementation costs and funding

As required in OAR 340-042-0040(I)(N), this section provides a general discussion of costs and funding for implementing management strategies. Implementation of management strategies to reduce or prevent pollution into waters of the state may incur financial capital or operating costs. These costs vary in relation to pollutant sources and loading, proximity to waterways and type or extent of preventative controls already in place. Certain management practices, such as

preventative infrastructure maintenance, may result in long-term cost savings to DMAs or landowners.

OAR 340-042-0040(I)(N) also indicates that sector-specific or source-specific implementation plans may provide more detailed analyses of costs and funding for specific management strategies in the plan. DEQ requires each DMA to provide a fiscal analysis of the resources needed to develop, execute and maintain the programs and projects described in implementation plans to the extent that these costs can be accounted for or estimated. DEQ recommends that all responsible persons prepare the following level of economic analysis:

- Staff salaries, supplies, volunteer coordination, regulatory fees
- Installation, operation and maintenance of management measures
- Monitoring, data analysis and plan revisions
- Public education and outreach efforts
- Ordinance development (if needed to implement a management strategy)

This analysis should be in five-year increments to estimate costs, demonstrate sufficient funding is available to begin implementation and identify potential future funding sources to sustain management strategy implementation.

There are multiple sources of local, state and federal funds available for implementation of pollutant management strategies and control practices. Table 5.3.6 provides a partial list of funding and assistance programs available in Oregon that may be used to support planning and implementation activities that improve water quality in the Willamette Basin.

| Program | General Description | Contact |
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| Clean Water State Revolving Fund | Loan program for below-market rate loans for planning, design, and construction of various water pollution control activities. | DEQ |
| Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) | Provides annual rent to landowners who enroll agricultural lands along streams. Also cost-shares conservation practices such as riparian tree planting, livestock watering facilities, and riparian fencing. | NRCS, SWCDs, ODF |
| Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) | Competitive CRP provides annual rent to landowners who enroll highly erodible lands. Continuous CRP provides annual rent to landowners who enroll agricultural lands along seasonal or perennial streams. Also cost-shares conservation practices such as riparian plantings. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) | Provides cost-share and incentive payments to landowners who have attained a certain level of stewardship and are willing to implement additional conservation practices. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) | Available through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Provides federal funds for emergency protection measures to safeguard lives and property from floods and the products of erosion created by natural disasters that cause a sudden impairment to a watershed. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) | Available through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Helps owners of non-industrial | USDA, ODF |

Table 4: Partial list of funding programs available in the Willamette Subbasins

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| Program | General Description | Contact |
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| | private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters. | |
| Oregon 319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants | Fund projects that reduce nonpoint source pollution, improve watershed functions and protect the quality of surface and groundwater, including restoration and education projects. | DEQ, SWCDs, Watershed Councils |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). | Cost-shares water quality and wildlife habitat improvement activities, including conservation tillage, nutrient and manure management, fish habitat improvements, and riparian plantings. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) | Cost-shares purchases of agricultural conservation easements to protect agricultural land from development. | NRCS, SWCDs, ODF |
| Federal Reforestation Tax Credit | Provides federal tax credit as incentive to plant trees. | Internal Revenue Service |
| Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) | Provides incentives to landowners to protect and restore pastureland, rangeland, and certain other grasslands. | NRCS, Farm Service Agency, SWCDs |
| Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) | Provides funds to enhance existing incentive programs for fish and wildlife habitat improvements. | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ODFW |
| Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) | Provides grants for a variety of restoration, assessment, monitoring, and education projects, as well as watershed council staff support. 25 percent local match requirement on all grants. | SWCDs, Watershed Councils, OWEB |
| Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grant Program | Provides grants up to \$10,000 for priority watershed enhancement projects identified by local focus group. | SWCDs, Watershed Councils, OWEB |
| Partners for Wildlife Program | Provides financial and technical assistance to private and non-federal landowners to restore and improve wetlands, riparian areas, and upland habitats in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other cooperating groups. | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NRCS, SWCDs |
| Public Law 566 Watershed Program | Program available to state agencies and other eligible organizations for planning and implementing watershed improvement and management projects. Projects should reduce erosion, siltation, and flooding; provide for agricultural water management; or improve fish and wildlife resources. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| Resource Conservation & Development (RC & D) Grants | Provides assistance to organizations within RC & D areas in accessing and managing grants. | Resource Conservation and Development |
| ODF Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) Grants | Provides funding for Small Forestland Owners (SFO's) to improve road conditions and stream crossings as part of forest operations. | ODF, ODFW |
| State Forestation Tax Credit | Provides for reforestation of under-productive forestland not covered under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Situations include brush and pasture conversions, fire damage areas, and insect and disease areas. | ODF |
| Forest Stewardship Program | Provides cost share dollars through USFS funds to family forest landowners to have management plans developed. | ODF |

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| Program | General Description | Contact |
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| Western Bark Beetle Mitigation | ODF administers a cost share program for forest management practices pertaining to bark beetle mitigation for forest health and is funded through the USFS. | ODF, USFS |
| State Tax Credit for Fish Habitat Improvements | Provides tax credit for part of the costs of voluntary fish habitat improvements and required fish screening devices. | ODFW |
| | | |
| Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) | Provides cost-sharing to landowners who restore wetlands on agricultural lands. | NRCS, SWCDs |
| | | |
| Wildlife Habitat Tax Deferral Program | Maintains farm or forestry deferral for landowners who develop a wildlife management plan with the approval of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. | ODFW, SWCDs, NRCS |
| Funding Resources for Watershed Protection and Restoration | EPA's Funding Resources for Watershed Protection and Restoration (EPA, 2023) contains links to multiple funding sources | various |

5.4 Schedule for implementation plan submittal

OAR 340-042-0040(4)(I)(I) specifies that the WQMP contain a schedule for submittal of implementation plans. As stated in OAR 340-042-0080(4)(a), entities identified in the WQMP with responsibility for developing implementation plans are required to prepare and submit an implementation plan for DEQ approval according to the schedule in the WQMP.

Within 18 months of EPA's approval of the Willamette Basin mainstem TMDL (planned for February 2025), persons, including DMAs, responsible for developing implementation plans must submit implementation plans to DEQ for review and approval. OAR 340-012-0055(2)(e) identifies failure to timely submit or implement a TMDL implementation plan, as required by DEQ order or rule, as a Class II violation. OAR 340-012-0053(1) identifies failure to report by the reporting deadline, as required by DEQ order or rule, as a Class I violation.

Should a sector or sector-wide DMA fail to submit an approvable TMDL implementation plan or fail to timely implement, DEQ may pursue enforcement under OAR 340-012-0055(e) or identify individual sources (landowners/operators) as persons responsible for developing and implementing TMDL implementation plans to address the load allocations relevant for the sector. DEQ may revise the WQMP or issue individual orders to identify additional responsible persons and notify them of the required schedule for submitting source-specific implementation plans.

Following the issuance of the TMDL and this WQMP, DEQ may determine that nonpoint source implementation plans are not necessary for certain entities identified in the WQMP based on available information or new information provided by those entities. For these entities, DEQ will provide a written determination why a plan is not necessary. This determination could be based on a variety of factors, such as inaccurate identification within the geographic scope of the

TMDLs, or documentation that an entity is not a source of pollution or does not discharge pollutants to a waterbody within the geographic scope of a TMDL.

Once approved, DEQ expects implementation plans to be fully implemented according to the timelines and schedules for achieving measurable milestones specified within the plans. Reports on tracking and evaluation of implementation progress must be submitted annually on the date specified in the approved implementation plan (section 5.3). Implementation plans must be reviewed and revised as appropriate for DEQ approval every five years and submitted on the date specified in DEQ's approval letter for an implementation plan.

6. Monitoring and evaluation of progress

OAR 340-042-0040(4)(I)(K) requires that the WQMP include a plan to monitor and evaluate progress toward achieving the TMDL allocations and associated water quality standards for the impairments addressed in the TMDL. Additional objectives of monitoring efforts are to assess progress towards reducing excess pollutant loads and to better understand variability associated with environmental or anthropogenic factors. This section summarizes DEQ's approach, including the required elements of identification of monitoring responsibilities and the plan and schedule for reviewing monitoring information to make TMDL revisions, as appropriate.

There are two fundamental components to DEQ's approach to monitoring and evaluating TMDL progress: 1) tracking the implementation and effectiveness of activities committed to by responsible persons in DEQ-approved implementation plans, and 2) periodically monitoring the physical, chemical and biological parameters necessary to assess water quality status and trends for the impairments that constitute the basis for this TMDL.

With input from partners, DEQ will develop detailed water column sampling and analysis plans to finalize the first iteration of the Monitoring Strategy after the issuance of the TMDL and WQMP. DEQ will continue to work with partners to implement the sampling and analysis and periodically refine the strategy as needed.

6.1 Persons responsible for monitoring

Section 5.1 identifies responsible persons, including Designated Management Agencies that are responsible for developing TMDL implementation plans and implementing the management strategies described on the timelines committed to in approved plans. Section 5.3 details the content required in implementation plans and annual reports, as well as the schedules for their submittal. Responsible persons including DMAs must track and report on management actions implemented, milestones met and periodic evaluation of performance monitoring. This documentation makes up the primary monitoring information DEQ reviews in gaging progress toward meeting TMDL goals.

DEQ also expects some of the responsible persons including DMAs named in Section 5.1 to undertake monitoring actions in areas within their jurisdiction or ownership to help determine the status of instream water quality and landscape conditions associated with water quality. This

effort will be progressive, starting with review of existing data and monitoring locations, then adjusted as needed to improve understanding of current water quality status and develop a trend monitoring network.

As guidance for developing a monitoring program in individual implementation plans, the objectives of the monitoring and assessment portion of the implementation plan include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Provide information necessary to determine locations for applying management strategies or to assess the effectiveness of those strategies.
- 2. Refine information on source-specific or sector-specific pollutant loading.
- 3. Provide information necessary to demonstrate progress towards meeting load allocations.
- 4. Provide information used to identify roles and participate in collaborative effort among responsible persons to characterize water quality status and trends.
- 5. Provide information integral to an adaptive management approach to inform and adjust management strategies over time.

Environmental media and water column monitoring activities conducted by responsible persons including DMAs to meet TMDL objectives, data collection and management must be performed in adherence to Quality Control procedures and Quality Assurance protocols established by U.S. EPA or other appropriate organizations. This requirement will be met through developing or adapting Quality Assurance Project Plans and/or project-specific Sampling and Analysis Plans.

For water column monitoring, QA/QC documentation must be submitted to DEQ for review and approval based on a schedule in the approved TMDL implementation plan. Existing QAPPs or SAPs may be revised as needed. Alternatively, responsible persons can agree to participate in a collaborative monitoring plan under an umbrella QAPP. DEQ staff will coordinate QAPP development with responsible persons including DMAs upon request in advance of submission. Resources for developing quality assurance project plans and sampling and analysis plans are available on DEQ's water quality monitoring website (DEQ, 2023).

6.2 Plan and schedule for reviewing monitoring information and revising the TMDL

DEQ recognizes that it will take time before management practices identified in a WQMP are fully implemented and effective in reducing and controlling pollution. DEQ also recognizes that despite best efforts, natural events beyond the control of humans may interfere with or delay attainment of the TMDL. Such events include, but are not limited to, floods, fire, insect infestations, and drought. In addition, DEQ recognizes that technology and practices for controlling nonpoint source pollution will continue to develop and improve over time. DEQ will use adaptive management to refine implementation as technology, and knowledge about these approaches progress.

Adaptive management is a process that acknowledges and incorporates improved technologies and practices over time to refine implementation. A conceptual representation of the TMDL adaptive management process is presented in Figure 3.

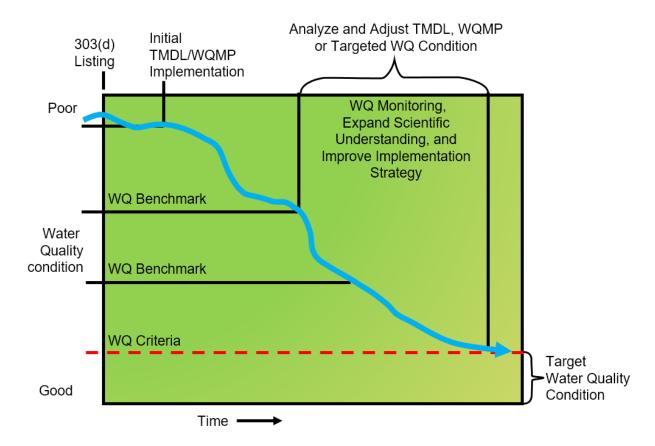


Figure 3: Conceptual representation of adaptive management

DEQ considers entities complying with DEQ-approved TMDL implementation plans to be in compliance with their respective requirements contained in the TMDLs. The annual reports and Year Five Reviews submitted to DEQ by each of the responsible persons including DMAs in the Willamette Basin will be evaluated individually and collectively. DEQ will use this information to determine whether management actions are supporting progress towards TMDL objectives, or if changes in management actions and/or TMDLs are needed.

Annually, DEQ will review annual reports, participate with responsible persons including DMAs in review of monitoring information, and participate in implementing the Willamette Basin Monitoring Strategy.

Every five years, DEQ will collectively evaluate annual reports and all available monitoring data and information to assess progress on meeting the goals of the TMDLs and WQMP.

- DEQ will require responsible persons including DMAs to revise their implementation plans to address deficiencies where DEQ determines that implementation plans or effectiveness of management strategies are inadequate.
- DEQ and partners will revise sampling and analysis plans or other aspects of the Monitoring Strategy where progress toward meeting Monitoring Strategy objectives is not being made.
- DEQ will consider TMDL revisions if DEQ's evaluation of water monitoring data and supporting information indicate that the TMDL load allocations for a given pollutant-

impairment are insufficient to meet state numeric criteria or narrative criteria, or insufficient to protect the designated beneficial uses.

• DEQ will follow all public participation requirements, including convening a local technical or rulemaking advisory committee to provide input, on TMDL revisions per OAR 340-042-0040(7).

7. Reasonable Assurance of Implementation

OAR 340-042-0030(9) defines Reasonable Assurance as "a demonstration that a TMDL will be implemented by federal, state or local governments or individuals through regulatory or voluntary actions including management strategies or other controls." OAR 340-042-0040(4)(I)(J) requires a description of reasonable assurance that management strategies and sector-specific or source-specific implementation plans will be carried out through regulatory or voluntary actions.

The Clean Water Act section 303(d) requires that a TMDL be "established at a level necessary to implement the applicable water quality standard." Federal regulations define a TMDL as "the sum of the individual wasteload allocations for point sources and load allocations for nonpoint sources and natural background" [40 CFR 130.2(i)].

In addition, federal antidegradation rules at 40 CFR 131.12(a)(2), require states to "assure that there shall be achieved the highest statutory and regulatory requirements for all new and existing point sources and cost-effective and reasonable best management practices for nonpoint source control," when allowing any lowering of water quality.

When a TMDL is developed for waters impaired by point sources only, the existence of the NPDES regulatory program and the issuance of NPDES permits provide the reasonable assurance that the wasteload allocations in the TMDL will be achieved. That is because federal regulations implementing the Clean Water Act require that water quality-based effluent limits in permits be consistent with "the assumptions and requirements of any available [wasteload allocation]" in an approved TMDL [40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B)]. And as a factor in consideration of allocation distribution among sources, OAR 340-042-0040(6)(g) states that "to establish reasonable assurance that the TMDL's load allocations will be achieved requires determination that practices capable of reducing the specified pollutant load: (1) exist; (2) are technically feasible at a level required to meet allocations; and (3) have a high likelihood of implementation." This three point test is consistent with EPA past practice and guidance on determining reasonable assurance and supports federal antidegradation rules and Oregon's antidegradation policy (340-041-0004).

Where a TMDL is developed for waters impaired by both point and nonpoint sources, it is the state's and EPA's best professional judgment as to the three point test in OAR 340-042-0040(6)(g) on reasonable assurance that the TMDL's load allocations will be achieved.

Where there is a demonstration that nonpoint source load reductions can and will be achieved; a determination that reasonable assurance exists and allocation of greater loads to point

sources is appropriate. Without a demonstration of reasonable assurance that relied-upon nonpoint source reductions will occur, reductions to point sources wasteload allocations are needed.

The Willamette Basin TMDLs were developed to address both point and nonpoint sources with load reduction allocations proportional to estimated source contributions and in consideration of opportunities for effective measures to reduce those contributions. There are several elements that combine to provide the reasonable assurance to meet federal and state requirements, including for antidegradation. Education, outreach, technical and financial assistance, permit administration, permit enforcement, responsible person's implementation and DEQ enforcement of TMDL implementation plans will all be used to ensure that the goals of this TMDL are met.

7.1 Accountability Framework

Reasonable assurance that needed load reductions will be achieved for nonpoint sources and antidegradation requirements and narrative water quality criteria will be met is based primarily on an accountability framework incorporated into the WQMP, together with the implementation plans of persons responsible for implementation. This approach is similar to the accountability framework adopted by EPA for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, which was adopted in 2010. Figure 4 presents the accountability framework elements, which are intended to work in concert to demonstrate reasonable assurance of implementation.



Figure 4: Representation of the reasonable assurance accountability framework led by DEQ

Pollutant reduction strategies are identified in Section 2 and more specific strategies, practices and actions will be detailed in each required implementation plan, to be submitted per the timelines in Section 5.4. These strategies and actions are comprehensively implemented through a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory programs. Many of these are existing strategies and actions that are already being implemented within the watershed and demonstrate reduced pollutant loading. These strategies are technically feasible at an appropriate scale to meet the allocations. A high likelihood of implementation is demonstrated because DEQ reviews the individual implementation plans and proposed actions for adequacy and establishes a monitoring and reporting system to track implementation and respond to any inadequacies. In Oregon, forestry and agricultural related nonpoint source best management strategies are actualized through implementation of state Forest Practices Act and agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plans and Rules. In Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 DEQ determined that ODF and ODA must also develop and implement TMDL implementation plans that describe strategies specific to the Willamette River Subbasins. This adds to the accountability for implementation of cost-effective and reasonable best management and further assures that antidegradation requirements and narrative criteria will be met.

Approximately 154 responsible persons, including Designated Management Agencies, responsible for implementation of pollutant reduction strategies are identified in Appendix A.

General timelines, milestones and measurable objectives are identified in Sections 3 and 4.2, respectively. More specific timelines, milestones and measurable objectives will be specified in each required implementation plan. These elements support timely action by both DEQ and persons/agencies responsible for implementation so that enforcement and adaptive management actions can be triggered and evaluation of attainment of TMDL goals occurs.

DEQ periodically reviews reporting by persons and agencies responsible for implementing pollutant reduction strategies to track the management strategies being implemented and evaluate achievements against established timelines and milestones.

Following up on reviews to track progress of implementation plans, DEQ will take appropriate action if the DMAs or responsible persons fail to develop or effectively implement their implementation plan or fulfill milestones. DEQ's actions can include enforcement or engagement in voluntary initiatives. DEQ uses both, as appropriate within the process, to achieve optimal pollutant reductions. In some cases, DEQ will also take enforcement actions where necessary based on authorities listed in Section 8 or raise the issue to the Environmental Quality Commission as provided in OAR 340-042-0080.

DEQ tracks water quality status and trends concurrently with implementation of management strategies. DEQ relies on a system of interconnected evaluations, which include DMAs meeting measurable objectives, effectiveness demonstration of pollutant management strategies, accountability of implementation, discharge monitoring and instream monitoring. DEQ also periodically evaluates water quality data collected through ambient and specific monitoring programs, including monitoring plans developed specifically for the Willamette Basin, as presented in Section 6. The *Assessment and Monitoring Strategy to Support Implementation of Mercury Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Willamette Basin* is one such plan, which was developed in partnership with EPA. DEQ regularly prepares Status and Trends reports and conducts water quality assessments on status of all waterways in Oregon every two years, as required by the Clean Water Act for submittal to EPA for approval as DEQ's Integrated Report. Together, these data and evaluations allow refinement of focus on specific geographic areas or discharges and appropriate implementation of adaptive management actions to attain, over time, the objectives of the TMDL.

7.2 Reasonable Assurance Conclusions

DEQ's implementation approach is multi-faceted and requires many targeted management practices across the entire basin to reduce anthropogenic pollutants, regardless of source origination.

The management strategies and practices that must be employed to reduce excess solar radiation loading are spatially distributed and involve multiple responsible persons. Also, highly variable lag times are anticipated following the establishment of shade-producing vegetation to decrease solar radiation reaching streams. For these reasons, there is some uncertainty about the pace of achieving the needed reductions necessary in the Willamette Subbasins to attain water quality criteria. DEQ's WQMP addresses this uncertainty by including an extensive monitoring, reporting, and adaptive component that is designed to match the accountability framework used by EPA in its Chesapeake Bay TMDL (2010).

The rationale described in this document stems from robust evaluations, implements an accountability framework and provides opportunities for adaptive management to maximize pollutant reductions. Together this approach provides reasonable assurance to meet state and federal requirements, including for antidegradation, and attain the goals of the TMDL.

8. Legal Authorities

As required in Oregon Administrative Rule 340-042-0040(4)(I)(O), this section cites legal authorities relating to implementation of management strategies.

Clean Water Act, Section 303(d)

The DEQ is the Oregon state agency responsible for implementing the Clean Water Act in Oregon. Section 303(d) of the 1972 Federal Clean Water Act as amended requires states to develop a list of rivers, streams and lakes that cannot meet water quality standards without application of additional pollution controls beyond the existing requirements on industrial sources and sewage treatment plants. These waters are referred to as "water quality limited." Water quality limited waterbodies must be identified by the EPA or by a state agency which has this authority. In Oregon, the responsibility to delegate water quality limited waterbodies rests with DEQ and DEQ's list of water quality limited waters is updated every two years. The list is referred to as the 303(d) list. Section 303 of the Clean Water Act further requires that TMDLs be developed for all waters on the 303(d) list. The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission granted DEQ authority to implement TMDLs through OAR 340-042, with special provisions for agricultural lands and nonfederal forestland as governed by the Agriculture Water Quality Management Act and the Forest Practices Act, respectively. The EPA has the authority under the Clean Water Act to approve or disapprove TMDLs that states submit. When a TMDL is officially submitted by a state to EPA, EPA has 30 days to take action on the TMDL. In the case where EPA disapproves a TMDL, EPA must issue a TMDL within 30 days. A TMDL defines the amount of pollution that can be present in the waterbody without causing water quality standards to be violated. A WQMP is developed to describe a strategy for reducing water pollution to the level of the load allocations and waste load allocations prescribed in the TMDL, which is designed to restore the water quality and result in compliance with the water quality standards. In this way, the designated beneficial uses of the water will be protected for all users.

Endangered Species Act, Section 6

Section 6 of the 1973 federal Endangered Species Act, as amended, encourages states to develop and maintain conservation programs for federally listed threatened and endangered species. In addition, Section 4(d) of the ESA requires the National Marine Fisheries Service to list the activities that could result in a "take" of species they are charged with protecting. With regard to this TMDL, NMFS' protected species are salmonid fish. NMFS also described certain precautions that, if followed, would preclude prosecution for take even if a listed species were harmed inadvertently. Such a provision is called a limit on the take prohibition. The intent is to provide local governments and other entities greater certainty regarding their liability for take.

NMFS published their rule in response to Section 4(d) in July of 2000 (see 65 FR 42421, July 10, 2000). The NMFS 4(d) rule lists 12 criteria that will be used to determine whether a local program incorporates sufficient precautionary measures to adequately conserve fish. The rule provides for local jurisdictions to submit development ordinances for review by NMFS under

one, several or all of the criteria. The criteria for the Municipal, Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development and Redevelopment limit are listed below:

- 1. Avoid inappropriate areas such as unstable slopes, wetlands, and areas of high habitat value;
- 2. Prevent stormwater discharge impacts on water quality;
- 3. Protect riparian areas;
- 4. Avoid stream crossings whether by roads, utilities, or other linear development;
- 5. Protect historic stream meander patterns;
- 6. Protect wetlands, wetland buffers, and wetland function;
- 7. Preserve the ability of permanent and intermittent streams to pass peak flows (hydrologic capacity);
- 8. Stress landscaping with native vegetation;
- 9. Prevent erosion and sediment run-off during and after construction;
- 10. Ensure water supply demand can be met without affecting salmon needs;
- 11. Provide mechanisms for monitoring, enforcing, funding and implementing; and
- 12. Comply with all other state and federal environmental laws and permits.

Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 468B

DEQ is authorized by law to prevent and abate water pollution within the State of Oregon. Particularly relevant provisions of this chapter include:

ORS 468B.020 Prevention of pollution

- (A) Pollution of any of the waters of the state is declared to be not a reasonable or natural use of such waters and to be contrary to the public policy of the State or Oregon, as set forth in ORS 468B.015.
- (B) In order to carry out the public policy set forth in ORS 468B.015, the Department of Environmental Quality shall take such action as is necessary for the prevention of new pollution and the abatement of existing pollution by:
 - a) Fostering and encouraging the cooperation of the people, industry, cities and counties, in order to prevent, control and reduce pollution of the waters of the state; and
 - b) Requiring the use of all available and reasonable methods necessary to achieve the purposes of ORS 468B.015 and to conform to the standards of water quality and purity established under ORS 468B.048.

ORS 468B.110 provides DEQ and the EQC with authority to take actions necessary to achieve and maintain water quality standards, including issuing TMDLs and establishing wasteload allocations and load allocations.

NPDES and WPCF Permits

DEQ administers two different types of wastewater permits in implementing Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 468B.050. These are: the NPDES permits for waste discharge into waters of the United States; and Water Pollution Control Facilities permits for waste disposal on land. The

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NPDES permit is also a federal permit and is required under the Clean Water Act. The WPCF permit is a state program.

401 Water Quality Certification

Section 401 of the CWA requires that any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct any activity that may result in a discharge to waters of the state must provide the licensing or permitting agency a certificate from DEQ that the activity complies with water quality requirements and standards. These include certifications for hydroelectric projects and for 'dredge and fill' projects. The legal citations are: 33 U.S.C. 1341; ORS 468B.035 – 468B.047; and OAR 340-048-0005 – 340-048-0040.

USACE Dam Operation and Management

In association with other federal statues, including House Document No. 531 Volume V, the River and Harbor Act, the Flood Control Act, and the Water Resources Development Act, the USACE is charged with operating its projects in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, and in accordance with all federal, State, interstate and local requirements, administrative authority, and process and sanctions respecting the control and abatement of water quality pollution as per Title 1 Section 313 (33 U.S.C. 1323).

Oregon Forest Practices Act

The Oregon Department of Forestry is the designated management agency for regulating land management actions on non-federal forestry lands that impact water quality (ORS 527.610 to 527.992, and OAR 629 Divisions 600 through 665). The Board of Forestry has adopted water protection rules, including but not limited to OAR Chapter 629, Divisions 625, 630, and 635-660, which describe best management practices for forest operations. The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, Board of Forestry, DEQ, and ODF have agreed that these pollution control measures will primarily be relied upon to result in achievement of state water quality standards. Statutes and rules also include provisions for adaptive management that provide for revisions to FPA practices where necessary to meet water quality standards. These provisions are described in ORS 527.710, ORS 527.765, OAR 629-035-0100, and OAR 340-042-0080.

Agricultural Water Quality Management Act

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is responsible for the prevention and control of water pollution from agricultural activities as directed and authorized through the Agricultural Water Quality Management Act, adopted by the Oregon legislature in 1993 (ORS 568.900 to ORS 568.933). It is the lead state agency for regulating agriculture for water quality (ORS 561.191). The Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan Act directs the ODA to work with local communities to develop water quality management plans for specific watersheds that have been identified as violating water quality standards and have agriculture water pollution contributions. The agriculture water quality management plans are expected to identify problems in the watershed that need to be addressed and outline ways to correct the problems. Water Quality area rules for areas within the Willamette Basin include OAR 603-095-2100 to 1160, OAR 603-095-2300 to 2360, OAR 603-095-2600 to 2660, and OAR 603-095-3700 to 3760.

Local Ordinances

Local governments are expected to describe in their implementation plans their specific legal authorities to carry out the management strategies necessary to meet the TMDL allocations. If new or modified local codes or ordinances are required to implement the plan, the DMA will identify code development as a management strategy. Legal authority to enforce the provisions of a city's NPDES permit would be a specific example of legal authority to carry out specific management strategies.

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APPENDIX A: Proposed list of responsible persons including designated

management agencies

| Responsible Person/DMA Name | RP DMA Type | DMA Status: Existing/New/Remove |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| City of Adair Village | City | Existing |
| City of Albany | City | Existing |
| City of Aumsville | City | Existing |
| City of Aurora | City | Existing |
| City of Barlow | City | Existing |
| City of Brownsville | City | Existing |
| City of Canby | City | Existing |
| City of Clatskanie | City | Existing |
| City of Coburg | City | Existing |
| City of Corvallis | City | Existing |
| City of Cottage Grove | City | Existing |
| City of Creswell | City | Existing |
| City of Dallas | City | Existing |
| City of Detroit | City | Existing |
| City of Donald | City | Existing |
| City of Dundee | City | Existing |
| City of Estacada | City | Existing |
| City of Eugene | City | Existing |
| City of Fairview | City | Existing |
| City of Falls City | City | Existing |
| City of Gates | City | Existing |
| City of Gervais | City | Existing |
| City of Gladstone | City | Existing |
| City of Gresham | City | Existing |
| City of Halsey | City | Existing |
| City of Happy Valley | City | Existing |
| City of Harrisburg | City | Existing |
| City of Hubbard | City | Existing |
| City of Idanha | City | Existing |
| City of Independence | City | Existing |
| City of Jefferson | City | Existing |
| City of Johnson City | City | Existing |

| Responsible Person/DMA Name | RP DMA Type | DMA Status: Existing/New/Remove |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| City of Keizer | City | Existing |
| City of Lake Oswego | City | Existing |
| City of Lebanon | City | Existing |
| City of Lowell | City | Existing |
| City of Lyons | City | Existing |
| City of Maywood Park | City | Remove |
| City of McMinnville | City | Existing |
| City of Mill City | City | Existing |
| City of Millersburg | City | Existing |
| City of Milwaukie | City | Existing |
| City of Molalla | City | Existing |
| City of Monmouth | City | Existing |
| City of Monroe | City | Existing |
| City of Mt. Angel | City | Existing |
| City of Newberg | City | Existing |
| City of Oakridge | City | Existing |
| City of Oregon City | City | Existing |
| City of Philomath | City | Existing |
| City of Portland | City | Existing |
| City of Portland | City | Existing |
| City of Salem | City | Existing |
| City of Sandy | City | Existing |
| City of Scappoose | City | New |
| City of Scio | City | Existing |
| City of Scotts Mills | City | Existing |
| City of Silverton | City | Existing |
| City of Sodaville | City | Existing |
| City of Springfield | City | Existing |
| City of St. Helens | City | New |
| City of St. Paul | City | Existing |
| City of Stayton | City | Existing |
| City of Sublimity | City | Existing |
| City of Sweet Home | City | Existing |
| City of Tangent | City | Existing |
| City of Tigard | City | New |
| City of Troutdale | City | New |

| Responsible Person/DMA Name | RP DMA Type | DMA Status: Existing/New/Remove |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| City of Tualatin | City | New |
| City of Turner | City | Existing |
| City of Veneta | City | Existing |
| City of Waterloo | City | Existing |
| City of West Linn | City | Existing |
| City of Westfir | City | Existing |
| City of Wilsonville | City | Existing |
| City of Wood Village | City | Existing |
| City of Woodburn | City | Existing |
| Clackamas County | City | Existing |
| Benton County | County | Existing |
| Columbia County | County | New |
| Curry County | County | New |
| Lane County | County | Existing |
| Lincoln County | County | New |
| Linn County | County | Existing |
| Marion County | County | Existing |
| Multnomah County | County | Existing |
| Polk County | County | Existing |
| Washington County | County | New |
| Yamhill County | County | New |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Bureau of Land Management | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Department of Defense | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Forest Service | Federal | Existing |
| U.S. Government | Federal | Remove |
| Albany & Eastern Railroad | Railroad | New |
| BNSF Railway | Railroad | New |
| Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad | Railroad | New |
| Coos Bay Rail Link | Railroad | New |
| Oregon Pacific Railroad | Railroad | New |
| Peninsula Terminal Company | Railroad | New |
| Port of Coos Bay | Railroad | New |
| Portland & Western Railroad | Railroad | New |

| Responsible Person/DMA Name | RP DMA Type | DMA Status: Existing/New/Remove |
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| Portland Terminal Railroad Company | Railroad | New |
| SP Fiber Technologies Railway | Railroad | New |
| TriMet | Railroad | New |
| Union Pacific Railroad | Railroad | New |
| Vennel Farms Railroad Company | Railroad | New |
| Willamette Shore Trolley | Railroad | New |
| Willamette Valley Railway | Railroad | New |
| Bonneville Power Administration | Special District | New |
| Metro (Portland Metropolitan Government) | Special District | Existing |
| Water and Environment Services | Special District | Existing |
| Oregon Department of Agriculture | State | Existing |
| Oregon Department of Aviation | State | New |
| Oregon Department of Environmental Quality | State | Existing |
| Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife | State | New |
| Oregon Department of Forestry - Private | State | Existing |
| Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries | State | Existing |
| Oregon Department of State Lands | State | Existing |
| Oregon Department of Transportation | State | Existing |
| Oregon Military Department | State | New |
| Oregon Parks and Recreation Department | State | Existing |
| Oregon State Marine Board | State | Existing |
| State of Oregon | State | Remove |
| Water | State | Remove |
| Port of Portland | Transportation | New |
| Port of St. Helens | Transportation | Remove |
| Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs | Tribal | Remove |
| Colton (unincorporated) | Unincorporated | Remove |
| Damascus (unicorporated) | Unincorporated | Remove |
| Eugene Water and Electric Board | Utility | New |
| Pacific Power and Light | Utility | New |
| Portland General Electric | Utility | New |
| Creswell Irrigation District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Creswell Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| East Valley Water District | Water Conveyance | New |
| G A Miller Drainage District No 1 | Water Conveyance | New |

| Responsible Person/DMA Name | RP DMA Type | DMA Status: Existing/New/Remove |
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| Grand Prairie Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Hawn Creek District Improvement Co. | Water Conveyance | New |
| Junction City Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Lacomb Irrigation District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Lake Labish Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Molalla Irrigation District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Muddy Creeks Irrigation Project | Water Conveyance | New |
| Multnomah County Drainage District | Water Conveyance | New |
| North Lebanon Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Palmer Creek Water District Improvement Co. | Water Conveyance | New |
| Santiam Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |
| Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company | Water Conveyance | New |
| Scappoose Drainage Improvement Company | Water Conveyance | New |
| Sidney Irrigation District | Water Conveyance | New |
| West Labish Water Control District | Water Conveyance | New |

APPENDIX B: NPDES Permit Issuance Dates

| Permit Type | Planned Issuance Date | Legal Name | Common Name | WQ File No. | Permit No. | EPA No. |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| NPDES-IW-B21 | 2026 | J.H. Baxter & Co., Inc. | J.H. Baxter & Co., Inc. | 6553 | 102432 | OR0021911 |
| NPDES-IW-B21 | 2026 | Mcfarland Cascade Pole & Lumber Company | Mcfarland Cascade Pole & Lumber Co | 54370 | 102392 | OR0031003 |
| NPDES-IW-B20 | 2024 | Arauco North America, Inc | Duraflake | 97047 | 100668 | OR0000426 |
| NPDES-IW-B20 | 2025 | Kingsford Manufacturing Company | Kingsford Manufacturing Company - Springfield Plant | 46000 | 102153 | OR0031330 |
| NPDES-IW-B20 | 2026 | Murphy Company | Murphy Veneer, Foster Division | 97070 | 101777 | OR0021741 |
| NPDES-IW-B19 | 2024 | Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. | Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. | 107228 | 101466 | OR0038032 |
| NPDES-IW-B19 | 2025 | Sanders Wood Products, Inc. | RSG Forest Products - Liberal | 72596 | 100929 | OR0021300 |
| NPDES-IW-B19 | 2027 | Seneca Sawmill Company | Seneca Sawmill Company | 80207 | 101893 | OR0022985 |
| NPDES-IW-B17 | 2027 | Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife | ODFW - Marion Forks Hatchery | 64495 | 101917 | OR0027847 |
| NPDES-IW-B17 | 2023 | USDOI; Fish & Wildlife Service | USFW - Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery | 91035 | 101522 | OR0000710 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2024 | Arclin U.S.A. LLC | Arclin | 16037 | 101235 | OR0021857 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2025 | Blount, Inc. | Blount Oregon Cutting Systems Division | 63545 | 101162 | OR0032298 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2025 | Boeing Company, The | Boeing Of Portland - Fabrication Division | 9269 | 101761 | OR0031828 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2026 | Columbia Helicopters, Inc. | Columbia Helicopters | 100541 | 101906 | OR0033391 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2027 | Eugene Water & Electric Board | EWEB Carmen- Smith | 28393 | 101329 | OR0000680 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2024 | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC | 32864 | 101474 | OR0002101 |
| NPDES-IW-B16 | 2025 | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC | GP Millersburg Resin Plant | 32650 | 102603 | OR0032107 |
| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2027 | Fujimi Corporation | Fujimi Corporation - SW Commerce Circle | 107178 | 103033 | OR0040339 |
| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2025 | Oregon Department of Corrections | ODC - Oregon State Penitentiary | 109727 | 101619 | OR0043770 |
| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2024 | Port of Portland & Co-Applicants | Portland International Airport | 107220 | 101647 | OR0040291 |
| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2027 | SFPP, L.P. | SFPP, L.P. | 103159 | 103042 | OR0044661 |

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| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2023 | Sunstone Circuits, LLC | Sunstone Circuits | 26788 | 101015 | OR0031127 |
| NPDES-IW-B15 | 2027 | Valley Landfills, Inc. | Coffin Butte Landfill | 104176 | 101545 | OR0043630 |
| NPDES-IW-B10 | 2027 | Arclin Surfaces, Inc. | Arclin | 81714 | 101544 | OR0000892 |
| NPDES-IW-B08 | 2026 | Oregon Metallurgical, LLC | ATI Albany Operations | 64300 | 102223 | OR0001716 |
| NPDES-IW-B05 | 2026 | JLR, LLC | JLR, LLC | 32536 | 101253 | OR0001015 |
| NPDES-IW-B04 | 2023 | Foster Poultry Farms, Inc. | Foster Farms | 97246 | 101590 | OR0026450 |
| NPDES-IW-B04 | 2023 | Norpac Foods, Inc. | Norpac Foods - Brooks Plant No. 5 | 84791 | 100907 | OR0021261 |
| NPDES-IW-B04 | 2024 | Norpac Foods, Inc. | Norpac Foods- Plant #1, Stayton | 84820 | 101265 | OR0001228 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2025 | Alpine County Service District | Alpine Community | 100101 | 101923 | OR0032387 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2026 | Aumsville, City Of | Aumsville STP | 4475 | 101784 | OR0022721 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Aurora, City Of | Aurora STP | 110020 | 101772 | OR0043991 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Brownsville, City Of | Brownsville STP | 11770 | 102206 | OR0020079 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2025 | Corvallis MHC LLC | Knoll Terrace MHC | 46990 | 102611 | OR0026956 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Creswell, City Of | Creswell STP | 20927 | 101639 | OR0027545 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Diamond Hill L.L.C. | Sherman Bros. Trucking | 36646 | 101557 | OR0021954 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2026 | Gervais, City Of | Gervais STP | 33060 | 101665 | OR0027391 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2025 | Halsey, City Of | Halsey STP | 36320 | 101297 | OR0022390 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Junction City, City Of | Junction City STP | 44509 | 102396 | OR0026565 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2026 | Lane Community College | Lane Community College | 48854 | 102116 | OR0026875 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2023 | Molalla, City Of | Molalla STP | 57613 | 101514 | OR0022381 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Philomath, City Of | Philomath WWTP | 103468 | 102060 | OR0032441 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2026 | Scio, City Of | Scio STP | 79633 | 101503 | OR0029301 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2027 | Tangent, City Of | Tangent STP | 87425 | 102247 | OR0031917 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2025 | Veneta, City Of | Veneta STP | 92762 | 102480 | OR0020532 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2024 | Water Environment Services | Wes (Boring STP) | 16592 | 100968 | OR0031399 |
| NPDES-DOM-Db | 2025 | Willamette Leadership Academy | Willamette Leadership Academy | 34040 | 101441 | OR0027235 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2025 | Coburg, City Of | Coburg Wastewater Treatment Plant | 115851 | 102979 | OR0044628 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2026 | Estacada, City Of | Estacada STP | 27866 | 101542 | OR0020575 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2025 | Falls City, City Of | Falls City STP | 28830 | 101808 | OR0032701 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2027 | Hubbard, City Of | Hubbard STP | 40494 | 101640 | OR0020591 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2025 | Lakewood Homeowners, Inc. | Lakewood Utilities, Ltd | 96110 | 101781 | OR0027570 |
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| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2027 | Mt. Angel, City Of | Mt. Angel STP | 58707 | 101802 | OR0028762 |
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| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2027 | Oakridge, City Of | Oakridge STP | 62886 | 102443 | OR0022314 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2023 | Sandy, City Of | Sandy WWTP | 78615 | 102492 | OR0026573 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2026 | US Forest Service | Timberlake STP | 90948 | 101498 | OR0023167 |
| NPDES-DOM-Da | 2027 | Westfir, City Of | Westfir STP | 94805 | 100811 | OR0028282 |
| NPDES-DOM-C1a | 2023 | Dallas, City Of | Dallas STP | 22546 | 101518 | OR0020737 |
| NPDES-DOM-C1a | 2026 | Silverton, City Of | Silverton STP | 81395 | 101720 | OR0020656 |
| NPDES-DOM-C1a | 2025 | Woodburn, City Of | Woodburn WWTP | 98815 | 101558 | OR0020001 |
| GEN03 | 2024 | Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife | ODFW - Roaring River Hatchery | 64525 | | |
| GEN03 | 2024 | Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife | ODFW - Willamette Fish Hatchery | 64585 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Americold Logistics, LLC | Americold Logistics, LLC | 87663 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | First Premier Properties | Spinnaker li Office Building | 110603 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Forrest Paint Co. | Forrest Paint Co. | 100684 | | |
| | 2023 | Herbert Malarkey Roofing | | | | |
| GEN01 | | Company | Malarkey Roofing | 52638 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Holiday Retirement Corp | Holiday Plaza | 108298 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Hydro Extrusion Portland, Inc. | Hydro Main Plant | 3060 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Miller Paint Co Inc | Miller Paint Company | 103774 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Owens- Brockway Glass Container Inc. | Owens-Brockway Glass Container Plant | 65610 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | PCC Structurals, | PCC Structurals, Inc (SSB) Small Structurals Bus. Ops. | 71920 | | |
| GEINUT | 2023 | Sundance | ops. | / 1920 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Lumber Company, Inc. | Sundance Lumber Company, Inc. | 107401 | | |
| GEN01 | 2023 | Ventura Foods, LLC | Ventura Foods, LLC | 103832 | | |