State of Oregon
DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

Summary of Significant Changes 2026 1200-Z Industrial Stormwater Discharge Permit

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Sources Covered	Table 2	No similar language	Eligibility is based on additional industrial activities covered in Table 2; however, once covered under the permit all stormwater associated with industrial activities (See Schedule D.3, Definition) are regulated activities.
New Discharger to Impaired Waters	Condition I.1.a	Category 5: 303(d) list applicable to: pH, total copper, total lead, total zinc, total iron and E. coli	Category 5: 303(d) list applicable to: pH, total copper, total lead, total zinc, total iron, E, coli, fecal coliform and enterococcus
Application Requirements for New Permit Coverage	Condition I.2.i	No similar language	Permit application will be considered withdrawal if applicant fails to respond within 90 days from request for additional information.
Application Requirements for New Permit and Existing Coverage	Condition I.2.i and Condition I.3.f	No similar language	Administratively extended coverage if the 1200-Z is not issued by June 30, 2031
Legal Name Change or Transfer of Permit Coverage	Condition I.4.b	No similar language	New process for submitting application, fee and processing legal name change or transfer for permit registrants in agents' geographic areas
No Exposure Certification	Condition I.5.b.iv	No similar language	Added: "If DEQ determines that a facility's stormwater discharges have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, DEQ can deny or revoke the no exposure exclusion."
Authorized Non-Stormwater Discharges	Condition I.6.vi	Exterior vehicle wash water that does not use hot water or detergent; restricted to less than eight per week;	Wash water from washing vehicles exteriors (no engines or undercarriages) that does not use hot water or high pressure, solvents, chemicals, soaps or detergent; restricted to eight vehicles per week. When washing large trucks, the

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			tractor and trailer are counted as separate pieces;
Authorized Non-Stormwater Discharges	Condition I.6.vii	Pavement wash water that does not use hot water, detergent or other cleaning products, no spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed), and surfaces are swept before washing;	Pavement wash water that does not use hot water, high pressure, solvents, chemicals, soaps or detergent, no spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed), and surfaces are swept before washing;
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Minimize Exposure	Schedule A.8.a.i	Locate materials and activities indoors or protect them with storm resistant covers if stormwater from affected areas may discharge to surface waters. Acceptable covers include, permanent structures such as roofs or buildings or properly secured temporary covers such as tarps;	Locate materials and activities indoors, away from doors or exterior drains or protect them with storm resistant covers if stormwater from affected areas may discharge to surface waters. Acceptable covers include, permanent structures such as roofs or buildings or properly secured temporary covers such as tarps;
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Minimize Exposure	Schedule A.8.a.i	Drain fluids from equipment and vehicles prior to on-site storage or disposal;	Drain fluids from equipment and vehicles prior to on-site storage or immediately once decommissioned and ensure proper fluid disposal;
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Spill Prevention and Response Procedure	Schedule A.8.h.vi	Develop procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up leaks, spills and other releases. Make the methods and procedures available to appropriate personnel. Employees who may cause, detect, or respond to a spill or leak must be trained in these procedures. Have the necessary clean-up material on-site and readily available;	Develop procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up leaks, spills and other releases. Have the necessary clean-up supplies, spill kits on-site and located near areas where spills may occur or rapid response can be made;
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Spill Prevention and Response Procedure	Schedule A.8.h.vii	Procedures for notification of appropriate facility personnel, DEQ or agent, and the Oregon Emergency Response System (1-800-452-0311), when a spill may endanger health or the environment. Contact information must be in locations that are readily accessible and available.	Procedures for immediate notification of appropriate facility personnel, DEQ or agent, and the Oregon Emergency Response System (1-800-452-0311), when a spill may endanger health or the environment. Include applicable requirements for reporting spills or unpermitted discharges to municipalities, local emergency services, public health and drinking water supply agencies. Contact information must be in locations that are readily accessible and available.

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Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Employee Education	Schedule A.8.j.ii (4)	No similar language	Personnel who are trained to respond to a spill or leak;
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Employee Education	Schedule A.8.j.iii (3) & Schedule A.8.j.v	No similar language	No later than 60 calendar days after submit revised SWPCP in response to: A. Operation or control measures that may significantly change the nature of pollutants present in stormwater discharge or significantly increase the pollutant(s) levels; B. Discharge frequency; C. Discharge volume or flow rate; D. Monitoring location or discharge points; When training is in response to Schedule 8.j.iii (3) above, only the changes in the revised SWPCP must be covered.
Narrative Technology-based Effluent Limits – Employee Education	Schedule A.8.j.iv	Education and training must be documented and include which specific employees received training.	Education and training must be documented in a training log with training dates including employees names and titles who received the training.
Water Quality Standards	Schedule A.10.a	The permit registrant must not cause or contribute to an exceedance of instream water quality standards as established in OAR 340-041.	No similar language
Discharges to Impaired Waters	Schedule A.11.a.ii	No similar language	Impairment monitoring is based on the first receiving water body stormwater discharge (directly or indirectly) enters for each monitoring point.
Discharges to Impaired Waters	Schedule A.11.a.iii	No similar language	The concentrations in Table 5 and Table 5A are derived from aquatic life criteria based on georegion water quality characteristics and median hardness.
Statewide and Sector-Specific Benchmarks	Schedule A.12	Benchmarks are screening concentrations, not numeric effluent limits. A benchmark exceedance, therefore, is not a permit violation, but failing to take the required	No similar language

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		corrective action is a permit violation.	
Mass Reduction Measures Certification	Schedule A.13.a	For mass reduction measures installed during previous permit cycles in response to an approved Tier 2 mass reduction waiver that reduced the mass of the pollutants discharged at or above DEQ-approved design storm capacity…	For mass reduction measures installed or yet to be installed voluntarily or installed during previous permit cycles in response to an approved Tier 2 mass reduction waiver that reduced the mass of the pollutants discharged at or above DEQ-approved design storm capacity…
Mass Reduction Measures Certification	Schedule A.13.a.i-vii	…to validate the system is operating as intended: i. Proper installation and maintenance specifications as originally designed; ii. Infiltration testing or other demonstrations to confirm intended performance metrics; iii. Confirmation that operation and maintenance specifications have been performed; iv. Information concerning drawdown; v. Whether any corrective actions are needed; and vi. Estimated design life expectancy of the system and any plan to rejuvenate or replace measures.	… the permit registrant must submit a Mass Reduction Certification Form and design specifications with the following information: i. Installation and operations and maintenance specifications; ii. Infiltration testing or other demonstrations to confirm performance metrics; iii. Maintenance records; iv. Information concerning drawdown; v. Local government approval or copy of required permits, if applicable; vi. Whether any corrective actions are needed; and vii. Estimated design life expectancy of the system and any plan to rejuvenate or replace measures.
Mass Reduction Measures Certification	Schedule A.13.h	No similar language	DEQ or agent shall require corrective action or recertification for the following reasons: (1) Failure to meet all maintenance schedules specified in the stamped certification. (2) If it is known that mass reduction measure discharges during design storms below required capacity. (3) If the mass reduction measure does not meet the design specifications. (4) If visual observations show signs of pollution in discharge as indicated

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			in Schedule B.34 from the mass reduction measures.
SWPCP Revision	Schedule A.16.d	No similar language	Revision must be chronicled by date and content in a log.
SWPCP Revision	Schedule A.16.f	No similar language	New discharge points and monitoring points must use a distinct three-digit identification number.
SWPCP Elements	Schedule A.17.b	No similar language	A log which includes past revision sections and dates.
SWPCP Elements	Schedule A.17.d	No similar language	Site maps must include a title, legend or key, a north arrow, date and indicate scale.
Tier 1 Corrective Action Response	Schedule A.18c.i	Investigate the cause of the elevated pollutant levels, including conducting, commencing or planning for any needed pollutant source tracing activities. Ensure that known or discovered significant materials from previous operations are controlled, removed or otherwise not exposed.	Investigate the cause of the elevated pollutant levels, including conducting any needed pollutant source tracing, source control or source removal. Ensure that known or discovered significant materials from previous operations are controlled, removed or otherwise not exposed.
Tier 1 Corrective Action Response… **Geometric Mean Evaluation Exemptions**	Schedule A.19.a.iii	No similar language	For sample results from properly operated and maintained mass reduction measures.
Tier 2 Corrective Action Response… **Geometric Mean Evaluation Exemptions**	Schedule A.19.a.	No similar language	When new coverage is granted or DEQ or agent approves a new monitoring point at an existing facility on or after Nov. 15, on the next calendar year's Aug. 15 Discharge Monitoring Report. For existing permit registrants, the exemption only applies to the new monitoring point.
Tier 2 Corrective Action Response…	Schedule A.19.g.i (3)	No similar language	The Tier 2 Mass Reduction Waiver must include operations and maintenance specifications.
Tier 2 Corrective Action Response…	Schedule A.19.h.iv (2)	No similar language	Complete revised SWPCP are not due until the Tier 2 corrective action response is implemented.

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Water Quality-based Effluent Limits – Triggering Event	Schedule A.20.h.ii	No similar language	When more than 10 percent of the sample results collected at any monitoring point exceeds the impairment concentration for fecal coliform in Table 5A, as required in Schedule B.26 subject to impairment monitoring.
Water Quality-based Effluent Limits – Triggering Event	Schedule A.20.h.iii	No similar language	When more than 10 percent of the sample results collected at any monitoring point exceeds the impairment concentration for enterococcus in Table 5A, as required in Schedule B.26 subject to impairment monitoring.
Water Quality-based Effluent Limits	Schedule A.20.h.iv (3)	No similar language	Implement sweeping or other equivalent methods of cleaning sufficient to minimize the discharge of sediment and debris, but in no case less than once per calendar quarter when industrial activity has occurred at the site;
Water Quality-based Effluent Limits	Schedule A.20.k	No similar language	If sample results continue to trigger as outlined in Schedule A.20.h and i above after completion of water quality-based narrative effluent limits, the permit registrants must clean storm sewer lines, including catch basins quarterly, if proven to be a source.
Table 5A	Schedule B.25	No similar language	Fecal coliform (shellfish harvesting)[1] Not more than 10 percent of the samples may exceed 43 organisms per 100 ml Enterococcus[1] Not more than 10 percent of samples exceed 130 organisms per 100 ml [1]Based on 90-day period
Sample Procedures	Schedule B.28.g	No similar language	Follow-up sampling for the purposes of average monthly maximum or 30-day average calculations is not required to be collected 14 days apart.
Monitoring Variance	Schedule B.29	State or federal authorities declared the year a drought year.	No similar language
Monitoring Variance	Schedule B.29	If DEQ or agent has evidence contradicting the information in the permit registrant's monitoring variance request, failure to	DEQ or agent may deny the monitoring variance request if supporting data and analysis is inadequate or rain data contradicts

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		complete the required monitoring is cited as a permit violation.	the claim there were no storm events of sufficient magnitude to produce a discharge during scheduled operating hours and safe conditions.
Monitoring Waiver	Schedule B.30	When the benchmark concentrations have been achieved during a full reporting year, as demonstrated by:…	After four quarters of reporting and when benchmark:..
Monitoring Waiver	Schedule B.30.h	No similar language	Permit registrants are subject to Tier 1 and Tier 2 corrective action responses when a monitoring waiver is revoked or must be reinstated, except for permit conditions outlined in Schedule A.18.e.i-ii and 19.a.i-iv.
Visual Observations	Schedule B.34	Visual Observation incorporated into Monthly Inspections	Separated Visual Observation from Monthly Inspections
Discharge Monitoring Reports	Schedule B.36	The permit registrant must submit all data by required Discharge Monitoring Report due dates.	The permit registrant must submit a DMR by required due dates.
Record Keeping Procedures	Schedule B.38	All records must be retained by the permit registrant and kept for at least three years and made available to DEQ, agent or local municipality upon request.	All records must be retained by the permit registrant and kept for at least three years and made available to DEQ, agent or local municipality within 10 business days from date of request, unless DEQ or agent approves a later date.
Definitions	Schedule D.3	Regular business hours	Scheduled operating hours
Sector-Specific Requirements	Schedule E	No similar language	SECTOR J: Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals Except Fuels- Co-located only sector-specific requirement

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