

Public Hearing and Comments Requested for Proposed 1200-C Construction Stormwater General Permit

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Permit name: NPDES 1200-C Construction

Stormwater General Permit

Send written comments to:

1200cpubliccomment@deq.oregon.gov

Comments due by: Monday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

Hearing details: Thursday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m.

Register to join virtually on Zoom

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Call in by phone: 669-444-9171 Webinar ID: 834 1045 3617

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

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, DEQ intends to renew the proposed 1200-C permit which regulates discharges from construction activities to surfaces waters of the state. The current 1200-C construction general permit expires Dec. 14, 2025. This permit renewal is a replacement of the previous 1200-C construction stormwater general permit issued on Dec. 15, 2020.

About the permit

The 1200-C permit authorizes discharges from construction activities including clearing, grading, excavating, grubbing, stumping, demolition, stockpiling, and other land disturbing activities, as well as support activities (including concrete or asphalt batch plants, portable rock crushers, equipment staging, material storage, excavated material disposal areas, and borrow areas) that will disturb one or more acres and may discharge to surface waters of the state or conveyance systems leading to surface waters of the state. Activities that disturb less than one acre that are part of a common plan of development or sale, if the larger common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more, are also included with the scope of the permit and require coverage.

The 1200-C permit requires construction site operators to prevent the discharge of sediment and other pollutants to waters of the state through the use of effective planning and oversight, implementation of pollution prevention controls and treatment measures, and corrective actions and reporting.

How did DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ uses a formal process to draft and reissue the 1200-C permit every five years. The process includes evaluation of current permit conditions as they relate to implementation challenges, surface water quality impacts, and whether the conditions are adequate to meet applicable statutes, rules, regulations and effluent guidelines of Oregon and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Translation or other formats

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

What happens next?

Submit comments by sending an email or participate in the virtual hearing in the "how to provide public comment" box above.

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

For more information

Find more information by reviewing draft permit documents at <u>DEQ's 1200-C Construction Stormwater General</u> <u>Permit web page</u>.

For questions, contact permit writer Daria Gneckow at daria.gneckow@deq.oregon.gov.

Please note DEQ's public website will undergo maintenance in December 2025; new permit documents may not be available on the 1200-C webpage immediately upon renewal. DEQ will communicate updates on document availability via GovDelivery. Go to GovDelivery to sign up for the stormwater permits topic.

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