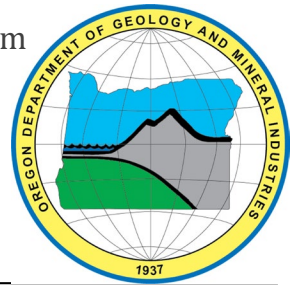


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DOGAMI FEES INCREASE JANUARY 2026

During the 2025 Session, the Oregon Legislature approved Senate Bill 836, increasing DOGAMI permit application and renewal fees across all permit types to 1) maintain the current program and 2) provide funding for additional positions to improve MLRR service delivery.

The new fee schedule will go into effect on **January 1, 2026**.

As we did in 2021 for the last fee increase, DOGAMI will send letters to each Permittee / Certificate Holder with details of the fees specific to each program. The new fee schedules, including application and other special fees, will be posted on our website. Look out for these notices, and get ready for new faces and services in the coming months!

Things DOGAMI Wants you to Remember:

- Becky wants you to know that soup season has arrived! She loves all things fall 🍂 🍁 🎃
- Seeding barren stockpiles/bare earth mitigates erosion and sedimentation to prevent turbid discharge into waters of the state.
- When you renew your permit, remember that the renewed permit that you receive is a **receipt**. When a permit or certificate is issued to the current permittee/certificate holder, it remains in effect for the life of the mine.
- If you are importing fill (clean concrete, weathered asphalt chunks, topsoil, etc.) to your site for reclamation, you need an import fill plan. Our Internal Management Directive regarding import fill plans is available on our website (<https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/mlrr/Pages/regulations.aspx>)
- **Admin. timelines:** as technical staff members are processing your applications, please remember that administrative staff are entering data, sending out public records requests, reviewing reports, sending out renewed permits, and generally supporting their coworkers in any way that they can. These tasks involve their own timelines, which may affect the overall processing timeframe for technical staff.
- If you are looking to transfer or amend your current Operating Permit – or even looking to apply for a new permit – DOGAMI suggests scheduling a pre-application meeting with our tech staff! Contact Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist Melissa Carley via the info below.

Contact Us at 541-967-2039 email: mlrr.info@dogami.oregon.gov

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Photo by Becca Misho from site inspection in Morrow County

The Future of Permitting: It's Online

We've been talking about ePermitting for years and now it's finally in the works! Over the next 18 months, we transition from our paper-based process to an online permitting and payment system. Please be patient with us. We are working hard to make this the best product it can be! We will keep you posted here in this newsletter and on our website with new information throughout the journey!

Fall Into Compliance: Is Your Site Ready?

Leaves are falling, rain is calling... don't let compliance slip away! Use this checklist to keep your facility stormwater-smart, your neighbors happy, and muddy headaches off your to-do list.

Your Fall Checklist for Stormwater Success:

Rake Through Your Stormwater Plan

Just like raking leaves, it's a chore you can't skip. Even if you *think* all stormwater and snowmelt stays on-site, review your plan. Flying blind into fall rains is a recipe for "apple-spiced violations."

Don't Let Slopes Go Bare

Bare soil + autumn rain = instant mud pie. Seed by **October 1st** for vegetative cover. Until then, tuck slopes in with compost, mats, or tackifiers like a cozy fall blanket. Prevention now saves you from slippery, muddy cleanups later.

Prepare for Rainy Days

Stormwater doesn't take holidays. Check berms, ditches, and ponds before the downpours hit. Keep your erosion controls tight so your site doesn't become a surprise water feature.

Stop the Muddy Road Parade

Muddy trucks may look like they're coming from a pumpkin patch, but your neighbors won't find it charming. Use wheel washes or track-out mats to keep the mud where it belongs—not decorating the highway.

Don't Ghost Your Stormwater Sampling

Fall rains mean it's time to dust off those sample bottles! Collect stormwater samples promptly when you have a stormwater discharge because "I'll do it later" doesn't fly with regulators. Think of it as pumpkin-flavored quality control.

Questions about your stormwater permit?

Contact Water Quality Reclamationist **Lisa Reinhart** at **541-220-1015** or Lisa.Reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov.

