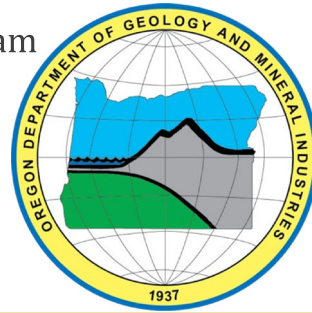


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Staffing Changes to our Wonderful MLRR:

Have you noticed that we've grown a little? 🥰

For the past 6-8 months, we've been experiencing some "growing pains"! Please hold on with us just a little bit longer. Recently, we have welcomed Brianna Weaver (previously our Office Specialist 1) into her new role as our Office Operations Assistant! She is already doing amazing in her new role. Becky Johnson, previously the Office Operations Assistant, has now moved to support our aggregate program more closely as the Mining Permit Coordinator. We will be welcoming on a total of 5 people to our MLRR staff in 2026!! DOGAMI is already so lucky to have welcomed Molly Reardon in as an Office Specialist. They are a wonderful addition to our front office staff! Now you don't have to hear Becky on the phone as often!

We have also welcomed Katie Fry as the MLRR Energy Resource Geologist and Mike Kennedy (if you recognize the name, he was formerly of DEQ) as a Reclamationist/Geologist.

Along with our additions, comes a farewell as we say goodbye to one of our Permit Specialists - Clayton Rowden, as he moves on into a new role outside of DOGAMI. We wish him a "gneiss life"!

MLRR deeply appreciates you sticking with us while we've been going through this process.

Rule Making:

To support some general house cleaning, as well as some fee increases approved in this past legislative session, DOGAMI will be doing some rule writing. If you'd like to follow along, please subscribe to our listserv (second link) or get updates on our website (first link).

<https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/Pages/rulemaking.aspx>

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DOGAMI Permitting Timelines

Just a reminder: DOGAMI continues to experience an unprecedented volume of applications, inquiries, and compliance actions resulting in an ongoing increase in processing and response times. We're also working on an e-Permitting system. Thank you for your patience as we continue with our increased workload.

DOGAMI strives to process permit applications as quickly as possible to facilitate applicant/permittee compliance with Oregon law. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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Rebecca Misho, Reclamationist - Willamette Valley Northern Lights 2024

Photo by Becca Misho, Reclamationist
Permitted quarry in Lane County

Summer Inspection Time!

Summer is almost here (even though it still doesn't quite feel like it here in the valley - and that's perfectly fine with me) and along with it comes increased mine site activity and DOGAMI inspections! Due to the increase in permit applications submitted to the MLRR office and compliance issues identified by the MLRR office, as well as a shortage in our technical staffing (but there is light at the end of the tunnel!! See our announcement on the front page), site inspections are being done on sites with a permitting action – an active transfer, amendment, **or** a compliance action.

What can you do to prepare for your site inspection?

Here are some fabulous suggestions brought to you by MLRR Staff:

- Mark your permit boundaries in the field! After DOGAMI issues the permit and prior to mining, the operator **must** mark the boundaries for all excavation areas, stockpiles, setbacks, and buffers. The markings must be accomplished by placing clearly visible, semi-permanent markers, such as T-posts or fiberglass paddles, at no more than 200 feet from each other.
- Request a copy of your digital site file to make sure you know and understand the parameters of approval for the operations of your site (site conditions, permit conditions, operating and reclamation plan, maps, etc.). *We are training new staff on public records requests! Becky is thrilled, but still happy to answer questions and help process your requests.*
- Sites with DEQ Permits: Perform preventative maintenance on your stormwater controls. The DEQ permit registrant must regularly inspect, clean, maintain, and repair all industrial equipment and systems and materials handling and storage areas that are exposed to stormwater to avoid situations that may result in leaks, spills, and other releases of pollutants discharged to receiving waters. Clean, maintain and repair all control measures, including stormwater and mine dewatering structures, catch basins, and treatment facilities to ensure effective operation and in a manner that prevents the discharge of pollution.
- Clean up all of the garbage on site.
- To get the maximum benefit from your site inspection, feel free to come prepared with any questions, concerns, and anything you might need clarifications for! We are ultimately here for you!