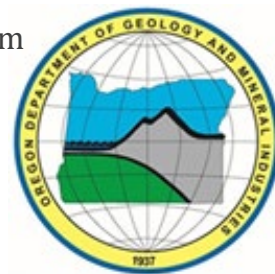


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### **DOGAMI Permit Fee Changes – Effective January 1, 2021**

***Just a reminder:*** beginning January 1, 2021, DOGAMI increased Application and Renewal Fees for several programs. This included applications for Aggregate, Exploration, Oil & Gas, and Geothermal permits. Exclusion Certificate application fees, DEQ water quality permit application and annual fees, and cost-recovery projects are not included in this fee update. Below is a clarification of those fees

#### Aggregate Permit Renewal

- IF YOU EXCAVATED/PRODUCED/SOLD MATERIAL INTO MARKET:
  - please pay **\$1,460 plus \$0.0125/ton** production fee
- IF YOU **DID NOT** PRODUCE/EXCAVATE/SELL MATERIAL INTO MARKET:
  - please pay the base rate of **\$1,200 flat** (as you had no production)

#### **IF YOU ARE UNSURE – PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL**

<u>Oil &amp; Gas Permit Renewal</u>	\$1,160	<u>Geothermal Permit Renewal</u>	\$2,725
<u>Exclusion Certificate Renewal</u>	\$165	<u>Exploration Permit Renewal</u>	\$1,460

### **DOGAMI has a *NEW* State Administrative Rule related to Aggregate Mining on High Value Farmland in the Willamette Valley!**

DOGAMI issued a new rule, Oregon Administrative Rule 632-030-0023, related to “Aggregate Mining on High Value Farmland in the Willamette Valley” which became effective on October 1, 2021. This new rule resulted from HB 2202 which passed in the 2013 legislative session and resulted in Oregon Revised Statute 517.825 which became effective on August 1, 2013. [The rule writing process can take several years, which is the case here]. The new rule provides clear requirements for new or existing mine sites proposing to conduct new excavation on high value farmland (Class I and II soils) in the Willamette Valley. If you have any questions related to the new rule or aggregate mining on high value farmland in the Willamette Valley please contact Vaughn Balzer, Floodplain Mining Reclamationist and Agency Rules Coordinator at (542) 231-8368 or [vaughn.balzer@DOGAMI.oregon.gov](mailto:vaughn.balzer@DOGAMI.oregon.gov).

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## Meet Your DOGAMI Support Staff:

**Becky Johnson** is MLRR's Office Operations Assistant and has been with DOGAMI since 2018. While her educational background is in natural resources, GIS, and environmental sciences, her employment background is in customer service. She is most often the voice at the other end of the line when you call into our office with your questions. Becky is the main support staff in charge of annual permit renewals, administering Public Records Requests, Exclusion Certificates, and she even writes this newsletter 😊. She's also involved in the aggregate permitting process and is the primary admin support for the chemical process mining program. Her favorite part about working for DOGAMI is the regular contact with permittees – getting to help, joke, and build long term relationships!

**Cathy Cross** is MLRR's Office Specialist. She is our expert on all things related to reclamation security (performance bonds, letters of credit, cash securities, etc.) and plays a major role in the permitting and renewal processes. Cathy has been a staple in the MLRR office for 29 years (as of December 21st!), so if you've ever dropped by – chances are you've met her! Her experience and history in the regulatory industry is priceless – and she is a beloved part of our MLRR team. While she enjoys working with permittees and the other staff, her favorite thing about working for MLRR has been how close it is to her home! 😊

**ReNeea Lofton (pronounced Ruh-Nee-Uh)** has been with DOGAMI since 2010. While her current title is Permit Coordinator, she has worn many different hats over the course of her tenure with DOGAMI. ReNeea's education is in biology with an employment background in natural resource administration and accounting. She is MLRR's go-to for Exploration, Oil/Gas and Geothermal permitting. ReNeea's favorite part of the job is that it marries two of her passions – protecting the environment and meeting new people! She loves having formed more positive working relationships than she can count, and the work also satisfies her obsession with details. 😊

## Important Reminders about Permit Closures!

**Exclusion Certificate (EC) Holders** – DOGAMI requires a minimum of 30 days notice before your renewal is due for closure requests. If you are not planning on renewing your EC for the next year, make sure you are giving us a notice at least 30 days before your renewal is **due**. More time is always appreciated!

**Operating Permit Holders** – It is important to remember that reclamation is often a multi year process. Check your reclamation plan to see what you need to do for reclamation and closure. Contact the department with any questions or concerns early on to make sure it's a smooth(er) process. Closing an Operating Permit is a much bigger, multi-step process than just calling and requesting closure, so make sure to reach out to DOGAMI at least 6 months prior to annual renewal to get the process started.

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