Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

NPDES Permit Improvement Implementation Project Overview Updated: November 15, 2018

Project	Description	Deliverables	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Permit Readiness Review	To review the readiness of permits to ensure completeness and to identify missing information to establish trends.	Permit Readiness Checklist	Complete	8/31/2017
Value Stream Mapping (VSM) Workshop	Utilizing current NPDES permitting process maps to identify duplication, time lags, possible step elimination and to identify steps where efficiency can be increased.	VSM Current Process Maps: Tier I and Tier II, Application, Fact Sheet, Draft Permit, Public Notice, Issue Permit	Complete	3/27/2017
Data Bridging I	Develop a process that can be consistently completed to acquire necessary data to facilitate the development of permits.	Minimum data requirements and proposal of data steward	Complete	7/31/2017
Data Bridging II	Using recommendations from Phase I of the Data Bridging project, develop specific tools, processes, and procedures to support permit writers with data management and analyses with NPDES permit development.	Permit Planning Spreadsheet	Complete	9/30/2018
Implement the 2018 and 2019 NPDES individual permit issuance plan	Develop and implement the 2018 and 2019 issuance plans for NPDES individual permits.	Permit issuance Water Quality Statewide Permit Issuance Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Water Quality Statewide Permit Issuance Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2019	In Process	12/31/2018 and 9/30/2019
Communication Plan	Establish communication about what, when, and how information relates to the implementation project.	External Website	In Process	9/30/2019
Technical Assistance Definition and Scope (Phase 1)	In collaboration with stakeholders, a definition of technical assistance pertaining to NPDES permits will be decided.	DEQ documentation	In Process	9/30/2019

Form permit writer team, subject matter experts, and direct support	Centralize and focus permit writing to allow for a consistent approach, product, and implementation.	Organizational flowchart showing resources for implementation	In Process	9/30/2019
Develop TMDL mercury policy and variance for mercury in the Willamette Basin	Approved mercury TMDL, and develop a mercury multi-discharger variance for the Willamette Basin.	Policies documented and provided on the DEQ External Website.	In Process	4/30/2019 and 9/30/2019