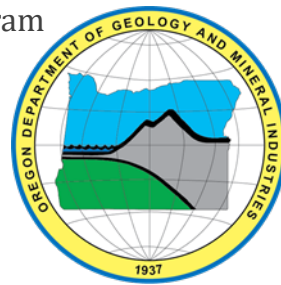


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## DOGAMI Permitting Timelines

**Reminder:** DOGAMI continues to experience an unprecedented volume of applications, inquiries, complaints, and compliance actions that has resulted in an increase in processing and response times. Thank you for your patience as we work through our increased workload.

Here are some things you can do to help the application process along:

- Set up a pre-application meeting with our staff to discuss your surface mining project and identify requirements and any additional considerations.
- If you are amending your permit or interested in past information about a site, request a copy of the site file via a Public Records Request (PRR). *Please note there may be a fee for a PRR submitted by anyone other than the current permittee.*
- Submit applications that are as *administratively complete* (have all the required elements) and *technically sound* (accurately reflect your proposed plans) to prevent requests for additional information and reduce necessary revisions.

To increase the effectiveness of your communications:

- Send detailed questions *via email if possible* – the more specific you can be about your question or request, the faster we can get back to you or route your inquiry to the appropriate resource. Always include the DOGAMI Site ID number, if you have one.
- Consolidate messages into a single email so your questions can be answered all at once; receiving multiple emails over a few days will increase the time it takes to prepare a thorough response.

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

### ***What happened to the MLR Awards?*** (<https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/awards.htm>)

From 1992 to 2019, DOGAMI's Mined Land Reclamation (MLR) Awards Program recognized operators who excel at the day-to-day operations of a site, perform high-quality reclamation, involve their companies in community service, or meet the goals of the Oregon Plan. Then COVID hit and everything came to a standstill.

While we haven't yet resumed the annual awards (and currently don't have any ETA on when that could occur), we know that good work is being done everyday by our permittees and operators. So we're asking you - do you know someone who is doing an Outstanding job as an Operator? Maybe you know of a site is that is showing what it means to be a Good Neighbor? Perhaps you've noticed a permittee going above and beyond to reclaim a site to its post beneficial land use? Let us know so we can recognize that outstanding work!

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Photo Taken by Becca MISHO; Water quality inspections in NE Oregon

## **DOGAMI TALK: Oregon Secretary of State Business Registry & Your Permit**

Any entity that is applying for a permit, currently permitted, or holding a certificate with DOGAMI, and is doing so under a business name, must be registered with the Oregon Secretary of State Business Registry. According to the Oregon Secretary of State's website, "This registration lets the public know that the holder of the name intends to do business under that name. It both aids business owners in establishing their name with other businesses and gives the public contact information for legal proceedings. It's just like when you create a business, such as a corporation or limited liability company, the required organization documents must be filed with us." This means you register your business with the State in order to be a legitimate business.

Here are three ways this impacts your DOGAMI permit:

**Applications:** Applications cannot be processed without appropriate signatures or delegation of authority. If your site manager or consultant signs the on behalf of the company, *they must be listed on the Business Registry as a company officer or authorized representative.*

**Change of mailing address:** You want DOGAMI to send all your mailings to a new address. Before we can update any address in our system *you must first update your address in the Business Registry.*

**Public Records Request:** You want to request your digital site file so you can review the information before considering submitting an amendment. *Is the person making the request for you listed on the Business Registry for your business? Only the permittee (business or otherwise) is entitled to the entire site file free of charge.*

**Keep your business registry updated!** (<https://sos.oregon.gov/business/pages/default.aspx>)

### **Staffing Update:**

While it's been incredibly hard to say goodbye to longtime staff as they retire, we have been unendingly lucky finding new superstars to join our team! Meet our two new staff members.

**Brianna Weaver (Office Specialist):** Brianna has over 6 years of office experience and an extensive background in customer service. She loves working in Excel, helping others, and learning new skills. Outside of work she enjoys the great outdoors, reading, and spending time with family. Brianna is the new smiling face found in our front office.

**Justin McGillivray (Permitting Specialist):** Justin has a B.S. in Geography from Portland State University and was most recently a Wastewater Treatment Operator with the Cities of Salem & Woodburn. He has experience collecting and organizing environmental data and is familiar with interpreting permits to maintain pollution control and regulatory compliance. Justin will be assisting MLRR with permit file reviews and inspections in support of application processing and compliance actions.

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