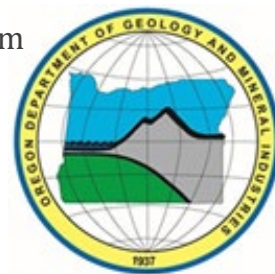


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DOGAMI Permit Fee Changes – Effective January 1, 2021

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 & 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

IMPORTANT: Application Timelines

Due to an increase in permit applications and inquiries submitted to the MLRR office, processing and response times have increased. Permit applications are processed in the order they are received and moved forward as applicants respond to deficiencies. This includes but is not limited to all New applications for Exclusion Certificates, Exploration or Operating Permits, and Oil/Gas or Geothermal Permits; and any type of Transfer or Amendment application.

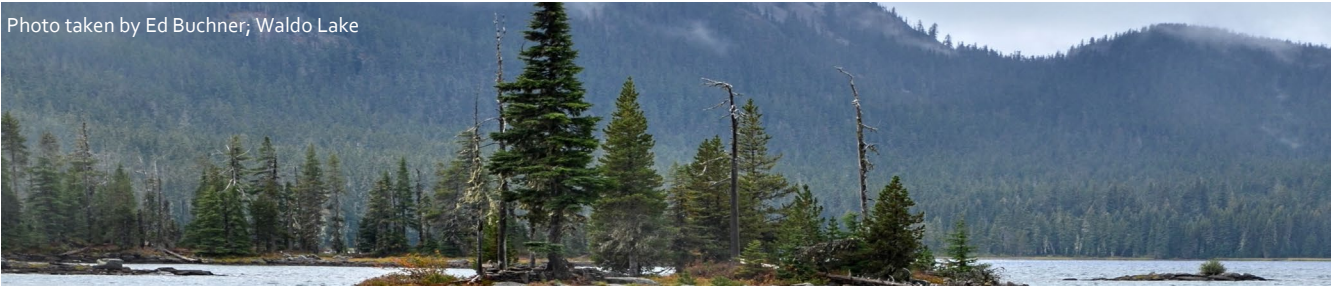
Thank you for your patience.

Exclusion Certificates:

DOGAMI offers a few different options for conducting surface mining operations in the State of Oregon. Operating Permits are required for mining activities above these thresholds, including any mining operation that exceeds 5 acres of disturbance. Exploration Permits are required for activities that disturb more than one surface acre or involve drilling to greater than 50 feet for the purpose of determining presence, location, extent, grade or economic viability of a deposit.

In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3563, which requires small-scale mining operations to apply for an Exclusion Certificate (EC) from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). The EC essentially replaced what was previously known as a Grant of Total Exemption (GTE) which was a voluntary annual registration. An EC is required for mining activity that results in the extraction of 5,000 cubic yards or less of minerals or affects less than one acre of land within a period of 12 consecutive calendar months, not to exceed a total of 5 acres. An EC is also required for activities below exploration thresholds.

Photo taken by Ed Buchner, Waldo Lake



Common Exclusion Certificate Related Questions:

- Do I need an EC if I already have a federal mining claim? **YES!** You *at least* need an EC – although you may need an Operating Permit or Exploration Permit depending on the type/scale of work you will be doing. Don't quite know what you need? Feel free to reach out to the department and we can help you navigate the options.
- I'm filling out an EC application for my Bureau of Land Management (BLM) mining claim. What do I do for proof of land ownership and landowner signature? Provide DOGAMI with a copy of the **approval letter for your BLM Notice or Plan of Operations**. The Landowner information on the application should be the BLM office that administers your claim/is listed on the approval letter (i.e., Baker Field Office, Vale District Office).
- I got an Exclusion Certificate 3 years ago and business is booming! We'd like to operate at a larger scale. Can we turn it into an Operating Permit? **YES!** Contact Nick Tatalovich (DOGAMI Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist) to set up a pre-application meeting. He is a wonderful resource for Operating Permit questions!
- How do I go about closing my Exclusion Certificate? It's very simple! All you need to do is **contact the department at least 30 days before annual renewal** and request closure. We will review the site and make sure everything is in compliance before moving to close the Exclusion Certificate.
- Do I need an EC if I'm only excavating a small amount of my own land and using the rock to maintain my roads? **NO** – So long as extracted material is staying on your land and being used for an exempt purpose (i.e., construction/maintenance of access roads or excavation/grading necessary for farming) you do not need an Exclusion Certificate.
- I've obtained an EC from DOGAMI. Do I need to apply for anything with my city or county in order to start work? **YES** – The issuance of any DOGAMI permit is **not** a finding of compliance with state-wide planning goals or the acknowledged comprehensive plan. You also need to reach out to your local planning department to see if they have any land use approvals that you need to obtain.
- Please contact Becky Johnson at becky.johnson@oregon.gov for additional information about Exclusion Certificates.

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