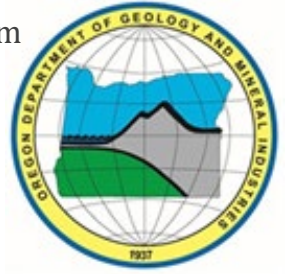


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Fall 2022



Exploration, Non-aggregate, Gas/oil, Aggregate, Geothermal

Now is the calm before the storm, is your site ready for stormwater?

Follow the checklist below to ensure your facility is all buttoned up for the winter and in compliance with your stormwater permit. If you have questions about your stormwater permit, contact Water Quality Reclamationist, Lisa Reinhart at 541-220-1015 or Lisa.Reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov.

- Thoroughly review your Stormwater Plan.** Although you may be able to contain all stormwater or snowmelt on your site, you should still have a plan to ensure you don't discharge without permit coverage.
- Evaluate exposed areas that can be revegetated** to minimize erosion. Until permanent vegetation is established, use soil tackifiers, compost, or erosion control blankets/mats to minimize the potential for erosion. Exposed areas must be seeded by October 1st of each year if you expect vegetation to grow. Exposed slopes lead to erosion, mud slides, and messes you must clean up later. Source control is your ounce of prevention to avoid the pound of cure.
- Grade and slope roads** to help direct stormwater around exposed areas.
- Are your BMP's (best management practices) maintained and functioning properly? **Settling ponds, catch basins, and ditches** need regular maintenance for optimal performance. **Cleanout activities** need to happen during the dry season.
- Prevent complaints from your neighbors by **preventing track-out**. You may need an exit wheel wash or track-out mats if your facility has previously had challenges with muddy trucks tracking out onto the road.



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DO I NEED A PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE FROM DOGAMI?

(ORS - Oregon Revised Statutes &
OAR - Oregon Administrative Rules)

If you are conducting Surface Mining:

- **ORS 517.790(1)** A landowner or operator may not allow or engage in surface mining on land not surface mined on July 1, 1972, without holding a valid operating permit...for the surface mining operation. A separate permit is required for each separate surface mining operation.
- **ORS 517.750 (16)(a)** “Surface mining” includes: (A) All or any part of the process of mining minerals by the removal of overburden and the extraction of natural mineral deposits thereby exposed by any method by which **more than 5,000 cubic yards of minerals are extracted or by which at least one acre of land is affected within a period of 12 consecutive calendar months**, including open-pit mining operations, auger mining operations, processing, surface impacts of underground mining, production of surface mining refuse and the construction of adjacent or off-site borrow pits, except those constructed for use as access roads.
- **ORS 517.755** Notwithstanding the yard and acre limitations of ORS 517.750 (16), as soon as any mining operation begun after July 1, 1975, affects **more than five acres** of land the provisions of ORS 517.702 to 517.989 apply to the mining operation.

...you need an OPERATING PERMIT from DOGAMI

- **ORS 517.753 (1)** Notwithstanding the yard and acre limitations of ORS 517.750 (16), a person may not engage in surface mining 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** except in compliance with an exclusion certificate... Except as provided in ORS 517.755, a mining operation subject to a valid exclusion certificate is not subject to the operating permit or reclamation requirements set forth in ORS 517.702 to 517.989.

...you need an EXCLUSION CERTIFICATE from DOGAMI

If you are conducting Mineral Exploration:

- **ORS 517.705 (1)** A person may not engage in onshore *exploration that disturbs more than one surface acre or involves drilling to greater than 50 feet* except in compliance with a [exploration] permit...
- **ORS 517.750 (5)** “Exploration” means all activities conducted on or beneath the surface of the earth for the purpose of determining presence, location, extent, grade or economic viability of a deposit. “Exploration” **does not include prospecting** or chemical processing of minerals.

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A COMMONLY ASKED QUESTION:

Question: How do I request public information on a DOGAMI permitted mining site?

Answer: **Email Becky** - mlrr.info@dogami.oregon.gov! She is our program Public Records Coordinator and is always happy to help with requests/request-related questions. Public Records Requests must be submitted in writing per public record laws, and must include the requestor’s first and last name, contact information, and a detailed description of the records being requested. Email is the easiest way for this to occur, or you can mail a hardcopy letter to the Albany address on the reverse side of this newsletter.