

PUBLIC NOTICE
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Water Quality 401 Certification

Corps of Engineers No: NWP-2008-188
Oregon Dept. of State Lands No: APP0041271

Notice Issued: Dec. 17, 2014
Written Comments Due: Jan. 16, 2015

WHO IS THE APPLICANT: Oregon Dept. of Transportation - Region 3

LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY: See U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notice.

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WHAT IS PROPOSED: See U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notice on the proposed project.

NEED FOR CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state.

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project.

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: Documents and materials related to water quality issues as a result of the proposal are available for examination and copying at Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator, Northwest Region, 2020 S.W. 4th Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97201-4953. Other project materials are available by contacting the Corps per the attached public notice.

While not required, scheduling an appointment will ensure that water quality documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call DEQ Water Quality at Northwest Region at 503-229-5552.

Any questions on the water quality certification process may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator, at 503-229-6030 or toll-free within Oregon at 800-452-4011. People with hearing impairments may call the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public hearing: Oregon Administrative Rule 340-48-0032 (2) states that “ The Corps provides public notice of and opportunity to comment on the applications, including the application for certification, provided that the department (DEQ), in its discretion, may provide additional opportunity for public comment, including public hearing.”

Written comments:

Written comments on project elements related to water quality must be received at the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on the date specified in the upper right section on page one of this notice. Written comments may be emailed, mailed or faxed as described below:

Email - 401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us

Mail - Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, Northwest Region
2020 S.W. 4th Ave., Ste. 400
Portland, OR 97201-4953
Attn: 401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator

Fax - 503-229-6957

People wishing to send comments via e-mail should send them in Microsoft Word (through version 7.0), WordPerfect (through version 6.x) or plain text format. Otherwise, due to conversion difficulties, DEQ recommends that comments be mailed in hard copy.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, certification of the proposal may be issued as proposed, issued with conditions, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you submit comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION: This publication is available in alternate format (e.g. large print, Braille) upon request. Please contact DEQ Office of Communications and Outreach at 503-229-5317 or toll-free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 to request an alternate format. People with a hearing impairment can receive help by calling the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.