

Request for Comments

Proposed Renewal of WPCF Permit for the City of Pilot Rock, Oregon

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed Water Pollution Control Facilities (WPCF) permit renewal.

DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities. DEQ issues permits to regulate the type and amount of wastewater disposed of at a regulated facility.

Comments due:

Written comments due: 5 p.m., August 9, 2010

Where can I send my comments?

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Where can I get background information?

Information about this project is viewable online by clicking the following link(s):

[Draft Permit Evaluation Report](#)

You can review hard copies of the draft permit and related documents at the nearest DEQ office in Pendleton. For a review appointment, call Jackie Ray at (541) 278-4605.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew a WPCF permit for the City of Pilot Rock and is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to specific conditions within the proposed permit.

Permit expiration

Oregon law requires facilities with a WPCF permit to renew that permit every ten years. Upon renewal, this permit will be effective for not more than ten years.

Who is the applicant?

City of Pilot Rock
P.O. Box 130
Pilot Rock, OR 97868

Where is the facility located?

Approximately 1½ miles north of Pilot Rock, Oregon

Who might have an interest?

People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

What does the City of Pilot Rock do that affects water quality?

The City of Pilot Rock operates a domestic wastewater (sewage) treatment and disposal system.

What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 45 give DEQ the authority to issue permits. OAR Chapter 340 Division 49 requires certification of sewage treatment plant operators.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type of industry, the type and amount of pollutants discharged and the location of the facility. All applicable regulations must be contained in the permit, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.

DEQ exercised discretion in establishing permit limitations, monitoring requirements, and compliance conditions and schedules.



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What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted substances disposed of or discharged by the City of Pilot Rock?

The proposed permit allows the City to dispose of treated, but nondisinfected, effluent by seepage and evaporation. Bacteria and other human pathogens may be present in the effluent. However, discharge to waters of the State is prohibited. Other conditions are included in the proposed permit to ensure that impacts on public health, groundwater, or surface waters are prevented.

How are the permitted substances measured?

The proposed permit requires the Permittee to monitor the lagoons to ensure compliance with the permit.

Compliance history:

There have been no violations documented since the last permit renewal.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

The proposed permit authorizes the Permittee to operate a wastewater disposal system in accordance with the proposed permit. Discharge of wastewater to waters of the State is prohibited. Moreover, the proposed permit establishes groundwater limits on fecal coliform, chloride, nitrate, and sulfate and concentration limit variances (CLVs) on Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS).

What other DEQ permits are required?

None

What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?

None

What other information about this permittee is related to this permit?

None

What happens next?

DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received at the close of the comment period. DEQ may modify provisions in the proposed permit, but the permit writers can only modify conditions of the permit in accordance with the rules and statutes under the authority of DEQ. Participation in the rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change the rules or statutes. Ultimately, if a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the facility's WPCF permit.

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