

Request for Comments

Proposed Renewal of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Town of Lakeview

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed permit issuance.

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 discharge produced at a regulated facility.

Comments due:

Written comments due: 5 p.m.
August 23, 2010

Where can I get technical information and send my comments or get technical information?

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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 Bend. For a review appointment, call Lisa Clark at (541) 633-2013.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew the NPDES permit for this facility. The permittee is authorized to operate a wastewater treatment system according to the NPDES permit.

Permit expiration?

Oregon law requires facilities with a NPDES permit to renew that permit every 5 years. This permit renewal will be in effect until December

31, 2014, which allows consistency with the watershed cycle.

Who is the applicant?

Town of Lakeview
525 North First Street
Lakeview, Oregon 97630

Where is the facility located?

One mile southwest of Lakeview

Who might have an interest?

Property owners and residents in the vicinity of the facility.

What does Lakeview do that affects water quality?

The Town of Lakeview owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment facility servicing the residents of Lakeview.

What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 045 give DEQ the authority to issue permits.

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, or the type and amount of wastewater disposed of 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.

The Department reviewed the compliance history of the facility and evaluated the treatment facility and believes that the facility is capable of complying with the terms of the renewal permit.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the substances disposed by Lakeview?

Sewage effluent, if improperly treated and controlled may contain disease-causing organisms which could affect people using the river. The effluent could also contain toxics that could affect fish.



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How are the permitted substances measured?

The pollutants are measured using approved test procedures, including those specified in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater."

Compliance history:

This facility was last inspected April 16, 2009.

The monitoring reports for this facility were reviewed for the period since the current permit was issued, including any actions taken relating to effluent violations. The permit compliance conditions were reviewed and all inspection reports for the same period were reviewed. The Department has taken the following actions with regards to compliance of the existing permit:

- May 4, 2004-Notice of Noncompliance (NON) for TSS percent removal violation.
- August 12, 2005-Warning Letter (WL) for discharging beyond the discharge period.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

The City must meet specific effluent limitations that ensure that water quality standards are met for the protection of fish and recreationists that use the river.

What other DEQ permits are required?

None

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

The closest similar system would be the sewage treatment plant that serves South Suburban Sanitary District.

What happens next?

DEQ will hold a public hearing if 10 or more people or an organization representing 10 or more people request one.

If a public hearing is not requested, 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 NPDES permit.

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