

# Public Notice - Request for Comments

## Proposed Renewal of the NPDES Permit for Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association, File # 115018

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 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 pollutants discharged from an industrial or commercial facility.

### Comments due:

Written comments due:  
5 p.m., October 13, 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](#)

[Draft Fact Sheet/Evaluation Report](#)

You can review hard copies of the draft permit and related documents at the nearest DEQ office in Portland. For a review appointment call Marjorie Holland at (503) 229-6826.

### What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew the NPDES permit for Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association to discharge treated foundation water (groundwater) 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.

The permittee is not proposing changes to the wastewater discharge limits in the renewal permit.

### Permit expiration

Clean Water Act requires that NPDES permits be issued for no more longer than five years. Upon renewal this permit will be effective for no more than five years, expiring in 2015.

### Who is the applicant?

Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association  
c/o Multi Services, Inc.  
1500 NE Irving St, Suite 414  
Portland, OR 97232

### Where is the facility located?

Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association  
1255 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97209

### Who might have an interest?

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

### What does Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association do that affects water quality?

This facility is discharging treated foundation water from a site where groundwater was previously remediated. Soil and groundwater at this site had been contaminated by historical petroleum spills from the railroad yards and had been remediated to compliance levels. Presently, foundation dewatering occurs with treatment and testing of the groundwater prior to discharge.

### 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.

### How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type and amount of wastewater treated and 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.



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by: Nancy Stellmach

**What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the wastewater discharged by Pinnacle Condominium Owners Association?**

Wastewater without proper treatment and disposal presents environmental and public health risks due to exposure to the pollutants carried in the water. The Pinnacle Condominium discharge is limited for metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, benzene and acidity. In excess quantities, these can be deleterious to aquatic life. The Pinnacle Condominium discharge contains acceptable quantities of these parameters. These parameters are tested regularly.

**How are the permitted substances measured?**

Wastewater must be treated to meet specific limitations and must be monitored for specific pollutants in accordance with standards approved by the Department. Quarterly and annual water samples are collected and tested; results are reported to the DEQ.

**Compliance history:**

A review of monitoring reports and the files indicates that the permittee had all monitoring results within the previous permit limits and thus received no warning letters or enforcement actions during the previous permit cycle.

**What are the special conditions of this permit?**

This permit includes special conditions specifically related to arsenic quantification in accordance with the DEQ Interim Procedure for Addressing Naturally Occurring Arsenic in NPDES Permits.

**What other DEQ permits are required?**

No other DEQ permits are required for this facility.

**What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?** None.

**What happens next?**

DEQ will schedule a public hearing on this permit action if one is requested by 10 or more people, or by an authorized person representing an organization of at least 10 people. An additional public notice would be published to advertise a public hearing.

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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