

Request for Comments

Proposed Renewal of NPDES Permit for Blount, Inc.

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 discharge produced at a regulated facility.

Comments due:

Written comments due:
5 p.m., October 14, 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](#)

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

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew an NPDES permit for Blount, Inc. (Blount) 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 NPDES permit to renew that permit every 5 years. Upon renewal, this permit will be effective for approximately 5 years.

Who is the applicant?

Blount, Inc.
P.O. Box 22127
Portland, Oregon 97269-2127

Where is the facility located?

4909 SE International Way
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

Who might have an interest?

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

What does Blount do that affects water quality?

Blount operates a facility in Milwaukie, OR that manufactures chain saw accessories. The facility discharges non-contact cooling water into Minthorne Creek, a tributary of Mt. Scott Creek.

What legal requirements apply?

DEQ is issuing this permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 402, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B.050 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Chapter 340, Division 041.

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 wastewater and 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.

The permit may be reopened and modified if conditions change at the facility.

How are the permitted substances measured?

The permitted substances are required to be measured according to state approved standard methods.



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Compliance history:

During the current permit period (starting in January of 2004) Blount had one permit violation. This violation was due to the loss of monitoring data and resulted in a financial penalty. The situation leading to the violation has been addressed.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

There are three (3) special conditions in Schedule D of the permit. These relate to specific requirements regarding spills, environmental supervision and management, and required DEQ notification.

What other DEQ permits are required?

In addition to this NPDES permit for wastewater discharges, Blount also has a general NPDES stormwater permit (1200Z), an air quality permit (EPA #OR0502624), and a hazardous waste generator permit (EPA ORD010736262).

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

Nearby to where Blount discharges into the Minthorne Creek there are no other permitted non-stormwater discharges.

What happens next?

DEQ will schedule a public hearing 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 will be published to advertise the public hearing.

If a public hearing is not requested, DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received by the close of the comment period. DEQ may modify provisions in the proposed permit, but the permit writers may 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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