

Request for Comments

Proposed Renewal of the NPDES Permit for the City of Canby's Sewage Treatment Plant, File # 13691

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 a wastewater treatment facility.

Written Comments due:

5 p.m., October 14, 2010

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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 Evaluation Report/Fact Sheet](#)
[Bio-solids Management Plan](#)

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 (503) 229-6826.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew the NPDES permit for the Canby STP 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

The 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 2014.

Who is the applicant?

City of Canby
PO Box 930
Canby, OR 97013

Where is the facility located?

Canby STP
1480 NE Territorial Road
Canby, OR

Who might have an interest?

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

What does Canby STP do that affects water quality?

This facility treats municipal wastewater for discharge to the Willamette River.

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.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the wastewater discharged by the Canby STP?

Wastewater without proper treatment and disposal presents environmental and public health risks due to exposure to the pollutants carried in the water.



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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.

Compliance history:

A review of monitoring reports and the file record indicate that the only compliance activities noted for this facility were addressed via warning letters issued in 2007 and 2008. No formal enforcement actions were noted during this review. The warning letters were for failure to submit an annual report on inflow and infiltration in 2006, for failure to provide flow meter calibration records and for a self reported violation of a bio-solids site authorization. All compliance issues were resolved and the facility is presently considered in full compliance with their permit.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

This permit includes conditions specifically related to their bio-solids program, their pretreatment program, whole effluent toxicity testing and the operator certification requirements for this facility.

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?

Wastewater treatment facilities are located at a number of cities in the vicinity of this facility. The nearest municipal treatment plant is located in the City of Wilsonville.

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 following EPA review.

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