

State of Oregon
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Land Use Evaluation Statement

Rulemaking Proposal

RULE CAPTION

Water Quality Standards Revision, West Division Main Canal near Hermiston, Oregon

1. Explain the purpose of the proposed rules.

The draft proposed rule revisions are needed to correct and more accurately designate beneficial uses and their associated water quality criteria for the West Division Main Canal (WDMC). The current beneficial uses were broadly designated for the area, including uses that are not existing or feasibly attainable in the canal. In addition, the corrected standards, which are less stringent, make possible the planned discharge of treated wastewater by the City of Hermiston to the canal.

2. Do the proposed rules affect existing rules, programs or activities that are considered land use programs in the DEQ State Agency Coordination (SAC) Program?

Yes No

a. If yes, identify existing program/rule/activity:

b. If yes, do the existing statewide goal compliance and local plan compatibility procedures adequately cover the proposed rules?

Yes No (if no, explain):

c. If no, apply the following criteria to the proposed rules.

In the space below, state if the proposed rules are considered programs affecting land use. State the criteria and reasons for the determination.

Revisions to the water quality standards rules could affect land uses; however, these proposed changes are adequately covered by the existing statewide goals. In addition, the proposed rules amend existing rules in a manner that reduces needed compliance efforts of existing programs. DEQ will coordinate with local governments to ensure compatibility as provided in Part IV of DEQ's State Agency Coordination agreement.

- 3. If the proposed rules have been determined a land use program under 2. above, but are not subject to existing land use compliance and compatibility procedures, explain the new procedures the Department will use to ensure compliance and compatibility.**

Not applicable.