

Public Notice: Request for Comments

Proposed Green Permit for Louisiana-Pacific, Hines

Notice Issued: September 29, 2000

Written Comments Due: By 5 p.m.,
November 1, 2000

Where Can I Send Comments and Get More Information?

DEQ accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail.

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(Email comments will be acknowledged immediately. If there is a delay between servers, e-mails may not be received before the deadline.)

DEQ Responsibilities

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the regulatory agency that protects and preserves Oregon's environment. 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. The purpose of this notice is to invite you submit written comments on this proposed permit.

How Can I Review Documents?

You can review the draft permit, review report and permit application at the DEQ Bend office, 2146 NE Fourth St., Bend, OR 97701. Those documents are also available on the DEQ web site at:
www.deq.state.or.us/programs/greenpermits

For a review appointment call: Erika Adams,
(541) 388-6146 extension 324.

Who is the Applicant?

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (L-P Hines)

Where is the Facility Located?

Louisiana-Pacific
Engineered Wood Products Plant
Highway 20 West, Milepost 128.4
Hines, Harney County, OR

What is Proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a Green Environmental Management Systems (GEMS) Achiever (Tier II) Permit to the LP-Hines facility.

Permit Type

Oregon's Green Permits program encourages companies to go beyond compliance with environmental standards and actively improve their environmental performance. A "tiered" approach offers different types of green permits in which facilities with increased levels of performance receive increased benefits. DEQ is authorized to modify regulatory requirements for facilities that qualify. Facilities must qualify for these benefits by demonstrating that they exceed requirements, by implementing environmental management systems that incorporate environmental concerns into business decision-making, and by communicating with the public about their environmental performance.

The Department has verified that L-P Hines meets the criteria to enter the program at the Tier II GEMS Achiever level. L-P Hines was one of three pilot facilities in the DEQ Green Permits program.

For more information about the Green Permit Program, you can contact Marianne Fitzgerald at DEQ Headquarters in Portland, (503) 229-5946 or toll-free (800) 452-4011, or go to the DEQ web site at:

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Permit Expiration

November 1, 2010

What are the Special Conditions of this Permit?

The permittee must: maintain and improve a robust environmental management system that is ISO 14001-certified or meets the ISO standards. In addition, the permittee must meet ongoing requirements to evaluate environmental impacts, set goals that will achieve superior environmental performance, establish performance measures, demonstrate continual environmental performance improvements, and implement an effective stakeholder involvement plan. The permittee must submit a GEMS update report annually that addresses those requirements.

DEQ will provide specific incentives to the permittee, subject to conditions documented in the permit and permit review report. These incentives include: DEQ Single Point of Contact for environmental issues, technical assistance, public recognition, expedited review of permit actions, an extended air contaminant discharge permit interval, air permit flexibility for process changes and construction, and consolidated compliance reporting.

DEQ and the permittee will follow the "Internal Management Directive for GEMS Enforcement Response" when compliance issues arise. The Directive encourages use of the EMS to correct potential compliance issues and prevent them from re-occurring.

Who is Affected?

Property owners and residents in the vicinity of the facility.

Compliance History

DEQ has determined that LP-Hines complies with regulatory requirements and that its compliance history is consistent with GEMS Achiever Permit requirements for a positive environmental record.

Other Permits Required

LP-Hines holds the following environmental permits:

- DEQ Air Contaminant Discharge Permit No. 13-0016
- DEQ Water Quality National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit No. 500-J
- DEQ Water Quality National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit No. 1200-Z

The proposed permit does not waive, limit or reduce the permittee's obligations under any applicable local state or federal requirements, except as specified. Where conditions of the proposed permit replace provisions of the permittee's existing permits, the conditions become part of those permits.

What Happens Next?

DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, DEQ may issue the permit as proposed, modify, or deny the permit.

DEQ will hold a hearing if significant public interest is exhibited or if the Department receives written requests from 10 persons or a group representing 10 or more persons during the public notice period.

What Legal Requirements Apply?

ORS 468.501 through 468.521 authorize the DEQ to issue permits and to provide or seek exemptions or waivers from regulatory requirements for facilities that achieve superior results. The proposed permit is issued under the authority of ORS 468.020.

Accessibility Information

DEQ is committed to accommodating people with disabilities at our hearings. Please notify DEQ of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in large print, Braille or another format. To make these arrangements, contact DEQ Public Affairs toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-4011.

People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY number, (local office TTY).



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