

# Public Notice: Request for Comments

## Proposed Green Permit for Epson Portland Inc., Hillsboro

**Notice Issued:** July 16, 2001

**Written Comments due:** By 5:00 p.m.,  
August 15, 2001

### 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  
Northwest Region Office, 2020 SW 4<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97201.  
Those documents are also available on the  
DEQ web site at:  
[www.deq.state.or.us/programs/greenpermits](http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/greenpermits)

For a review appointment call: Karen Kosnik,  
(503) 229-5554.

### Who is the Applicant?

Epson Portland Inc. (EPI)

### Where is the Facility Located?

3950 NW Aloclek Place, Hillsboro, OR 97124

### What is Proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a Green Environmental  
Management Systems (GEMS) Achiever  
(Tier II) Permit to EPI.

### 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 EPI meets the  
criteria to enter the program at the Tier II GEMS  
Achiever level.

For more information about the Green Permit  
Program, you can also 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:  
[www.deq.state.or.us/programs/greenpermits](http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/greenpermits)

### Permit Expiration

May 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-registered or meets the intent of the  
ISO standards. In addition, the permittee must  
meet ongoing requirements to evaluate  
environmental impacts, set goals that will  
(over)



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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 to the permittee specific incentives, 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, consolidated annual report, alternative 100-J reporting, website reporting, and an alternative fiscal year reporting cycle.

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 EPI complies with regulatory requirements and that its compliance history is consistent with GEMS Achiever Permit requirements for a positive environmental record.

#### **Other Permits Required**

The permittee currently has four permits or registrations related to federal, state and/or local environmental regulatory programs:

- Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator registration (ORQ151160934)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit 100-J (number 103448)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit 1200-Z (number 103448)
- Unified Sewerage Agency Pretreatment Permit (Number 133072).

EPI is also subject to requirements under Oregon's Employee Commute Options program and the Environmental Protection Agency's Toxics Reporting Initiative (TRI).

The proposed Green Permit does not waive, limit or reduce the permittee's obligations under any applicable local state or federal requirements, except as specified in the Green Permit. Where conditions of the proposed Green 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 Green 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 Green Permits and to provide or seek exemptions or waivers from regulatory requirements for facilities that achieve superior results. The proposed Green 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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