

# Public Notice: Request for Involvement

## Proposed Green Permit for 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

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**Response due date:** August 12, 2002

### Where can I send comments and get more information?

DEQ accepts comments and inquiries by mail, fax and e-mail. DEQ staff is available to discuss the application.

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### Who is the applicant?

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard

### Where is the facility located?

211 Arnold Avenue, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Klamath County, OR 97603

### How can I contact the facility?

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### How can I review documents?

You can review the Green Permit application at the DEQ Bend Office, 2146 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bend, OR 97701. For a review appointment, call Erika Adams, (541) 388-6146, ext. 324. The Green Permit application is also available on the DEQ web site at:

### Why is this public notice being sent?

This announcement is the first notice provided under the Green Permits program. It is being sent to persons who have requested information about proposed DEQ permits in the county in which the facility is located. It is also being sent to persons who have requested information about proposed Green Permit applications. The purpose of the notice is to inform the public that the 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing has applied for a Green Permit from the DEQ, and to provide the public with an opportunity to be involved in reviewing the facility's environmental performance and developing the draft Green Permit.

### What is proposed?

Green Permits were created by the 1997 Oregon Legislature as a voluntary program to encourage regulated facilities to achieve environmental results that are significantly better than otherwise required by law. The DEQ has developed the rules and procedures for this program, with the assistance of an advisory committee comprised of regulated businesses, environmental organizations and public citizens. The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission adopted the rules in August 1999.

The Green Permit rules require participating facilities to report on environmental performance. They must also discuss their performance with interested stakeholders and consider stakeholder views in their environmental decision-making. The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing has applied for a type of Green Permit called a Green Environmental Management Systems (GEMS) permit. This type of Green Permit requires implementation of an environmental management system such as the International Standards Organization (ISO) 14001, and a program to achieve superior environmental performance.

Facilities that meet those requirements may be eligible for incentives such as expedited permit

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processing, extended permit terms, regulatory flexibility or waivers, or enforcement discretion. Program requirements and proposed incentives will be incorporated into the draft GEMS permit. The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing has been assigned a team leader within DEQ to coordinate discussions on all environmental issues at the facility. When the facility meets the criteria for approval, DEQ will take final action on issuing the Green Permit.

By this notice, the DEQ is providing an opportunity for the public to be involved in the Green Permit stakeholder involvement process for the 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing. A stakeholder is anyone inside or outside of a facility who may have an interest in or be affected by the facility's environmental performance. Stakeholder involvement may include discussion of the facility's environmental policy, potential environmental impacts and the environmental program designed to achieve superior performance.

#### **Other permits required**

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field currently has the following environmental permits or regulatory obligations:

- Air Quality: DEQ Air Contaminant Discharge Permit #18-0097
- Hazardous Waste: Small Quantity Generator regulatory status, Generator ID # OR3572800040
- Water Quality: City of Klamath Falls NPDES waste-water permit #003-1-B1; DEQ 1200-Z storm-water NPDES permit; required to have SPCC (Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasures) plan
- Environmental Cleanup: Participating in DEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program; also conducting independent cleanup projects
- Other: Regulated under the federal Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); required to file an annual Hazardous Substance Information Survey with the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing's Green Permit application indicates that its Environmental Management System (EMS) is comparable to the standards and requirements of ISO 14001.

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing's Environmental Management Office maintains a public web site on the facility's environmental activities at: <http://www.orklam.ang.af.mil/em/default.htm>

#### **Legal authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes, 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 criteria for Green Permits are in the Oregon Administrative Rules, OAR 340-014-0100 through 340-014-0165.

#### **What happens next?**

DEQ and the 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing will compile and maintain a contact list of persons who wish to discuss the 173<sup>rd</sup> FW's environmental program in more detail. During the stakeholder involvement process, people who have expressed interest will be contacted by the facility and have the opportunity to review early drafts of the Green Permit and to discuss the facility's environmental management program.

The DEQ will issue another public notice for the 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing's Green Permit when the facility has met the criteria for approval of the GEMS Permit, and the final draft permit will be available for public comment.

#### **Accessibility information**

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