

Public Notice: Request for Comments

Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Oregon-Canadian Forest Products, Inc. File ID # 108025



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Written comments due: 5 PM, 3 May 2007

Where can I get more information and send comments?

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.

How can I review documents?

You can review the draft permit and permit application at
DEQ NWR
For a review appointment call
503/229-5292.

The draft permit and evaluation are posted at the following website:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/ndvpermitdocs.htm>

What are DEQ's responsibilities?

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the regulatory agency that helps protect and preserve 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 to submit written comments on this proposed permit.

Who is the applicant?

Oregon-Canadian Forest Products, Inc.
PO Box 279
North Plains OR 97133

Where is the facility located?

31950 NW Commercial Avenue
North Plains OR

What is proposed?

To renew a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater discharge permit.

Permit expiration: 2010

What are the special conditions of this permit?

1. Use BMPs for log yards.
2. The permittee shall ensure that all applicable Environmental Best Management Practices are employed at all times.
3. An adequate contingency plan for prevention and handling of spills and unplanned discharges shall be in force at all times. A continuing program of employee orientation and education shall be maintained to ensure awareness of the necessity of good inplant control and quick and proper action in the event of a spill or accident.
4. An environmental supervisor shall be designated to coordinate and carry out all

necessary functions related to maintenance and operation of waste collection, treatment and disposal facilities. This person must have access to all information pertaining to the generation of wastes in the various process areas.

Compliance history:

A Notice of Noncompliance was issued in February 2005 and a Warning Letter in June 2005. There have been several reported instances of non-compliances in 2006. DEQ inspected the facility on 15 February 2006, discussed sampling with Chris Mackin, Purchasing Manager, and concluded the following:

1. Sampling for chemical parameters has been done since the permit was first issued at sampling ports on the two boilers.
2. Temperature and pH sampling have always been done at the locations called out in the permit as Outfall 001 and Outfall 004 in the original permit.
3. Because of a change in personnel about a year ago, the chemical parameters have since then been sampled at the same location as the temperature. DEQ believes that this has led to erroneous exceedances for which a Notice of Noncompliance was issued in February 2005 and a Warning Letter in June 2005.

Who is affected?

Property owners and residents in the vicinity of the facility.

What other DEQ permits are required?

Air Contaminant Discharge Permit.

What legal requirements apply?

ORS 468B.050 and federal Clean Water Act.

What discretionary decisions did DEQ use in deciding to issue the permit?

None.

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 or modified, or deny the permit.

DEQ will hold a hearing if ten people or a group representing ten people asks for one.

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 at 503/229-5696 or toll free in Oregon at 1-800/452-4011.

People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY number, 503/229-5471.

Which of the facility's activities are not under DEQ's jurisdiction?

Transportation related activities.

What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?

None.

What other facilities does this owner operate?

Manufacturing facility in South Carolina.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted substances stored, disposed of, discharged or emitted by the facility?

pH – extremes are corrosive
oil and grease – can be toxic
total suspended solids – can cause abrasion
biochemical oxygen demand – uses up oxygen
temperature – high temperature can be injurious, particularly to salmonids

How are the permitted substances measured?

Standard chemical methods.