

Public Notice: Request for Comments

Proposed NPDES Permit Renewal for Shell Oil Products Company LLC in Halsey

Notice issued: January 31, 2007

Written comments due: 5 p.m., March 6, 2007

Where can I get more information and send comments?

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How can I review documents?

You can review the draft permit and permit application at:

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For a review appointment in the Salem Office call (503) 378-5080.

Or
DEQ-Eugene Office, 1102 Lincoln Street,
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For a review appointment in Eugene call (541) 687-7344.

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?

Shell Oil Products Company LLC
PO Box 261517
Highland Ranch, CO 80130

Where is the facility located?

I-5 and HWY 228
Halsey, Oregon

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater discharge permit. The permittee does not currently utilize the discharge to Courtney Creek through Outfall 001. The proposed permit allows the permittee to discharge year around through Outfall 002 to an on-site drainfield.

Prior to allowing any discharge through Outfall 001 to Courtney Creek, the permittee will be required to get written authorization from the Department and complete several Schedule C Compliance Conditions in the permit.

Permit type: NPDES

Permit expiration: Not longer than five years from date of issuance.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

The permittee will be required to meet several Schedule C compliance conditions prior to discharging any treated effluent to Courtney Creek through Outfall 001.

Compliance history:

This facility was last inspected May 18, 2001 and was found to be operating in compliance.



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The monitoring reports for this facility were reviewed for the period since the current permit was issued, including any actions taken relating to effluent violations. The permit compliance conditions were reviewed and all inspection reports for the same period were reviewed. No violations of the permit were documented during the period when the current permit was in effect. Therefore, this facility is considered to have operated in compliance with the current permit.

Who is affected?

The proposed actions will affect the property owners and residents in the vicinity of the facility. They will also affect users of Courtney Creek downstream of river mile 1.7.

What other DEQ permits are required?

None.

What legal requirements apply?

The NPDES permit is required in accordance with ORS 468B.050 and the federal Clean Water Act in order to discharge treated wastewater to public waters.

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

An examination of the compliance history and Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data indicates that the permittee will be able to meet the proposed permit limits and compliance conditions.

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 provide opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments on the proposed permit if prior to the close of this public notice period:

- The submitted comments indicate significant public interest, or
- Written requests from ten or more persons are received, or
- An organization representing at least ten persons requests a public hearing.

Accessibility information

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

Employee health and safety issues are regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Facility siting locations are under the jurisdiction of local zoning authorities. Associated building (excavation, grading, plumbing and electrical) permits are under the jurisdiction of local building authorities.

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

None.

What other facilities does this owner operate?

None.

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

The impacts to the environment (mostly in stream dissolved oxygen demand and solids deposition) are minor due to the fact that the permittee does not currently discharge to Courtney Creek through Outfall 001.

The proposed permit allows treated effluent to indirectly discharge to groundwater from the soil absorption field. The wastewater includes several pollutants of potential concern if it is not handled properly.

These pollutants of potential concern include nitrates, and bacteria. Nitrates in drinking water can pose a health hazard if levels are too high.

How are the permitted substances measured?

Schedule B of the permit requires monitoring of various influent and effluent parameters at specified minimum frequencies. Monitoring must be performed in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR Part 136) unless otherwise specified in the permit.