

Item F: Corrections to 2020 Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking

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Overview of Approved July 2020 Fee Increase

- 21% proposed increase to water quality fees for fiscal year 2021 on most water quality permit fees.
 - 3% increase that ORS 468B.051 authorizes.
 - 18% increase to support program enhancements authorized in policy option packages 122 and 127 of the 2019-21 Legislatively Adopted Budget in the 2019 Oregon legislative session.
 - The annual MS4 permit fees are excluded from the 18 percent increase, but not the 3 percent fee increase allowable by statute.
- Adopted in Two Phase:
 - 13% Increase Effective August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021
 - Additional 8% Increase Effective August 1, 2021



July 2020 Water Quality Fee Increase Typographical Errors

- 10 Fees were incorrect
- 1 Fee had an extra comma
- Phase I fee expiration date



Table	Section	Number of Permits (8/1/20-6/30/21)	2020 Adopted Fee	Proposed Corrected Fee	Deviation	Total
70A Tier 1	Major Modification	<5	38,357	38,457	100	500
70B	B-8Tier 1 Annual Fees	2	13,633	15,405	1,772	3,544
70B	B-10Tier 1 Annual Fees	1	13,633	15,405	1,772	1,772
70H	Counties, Phase I	1	10,069	10,609	540	540
70G	1700A App Fee (NEW)	0	501	696	195	0
701	UIC 1200-U General App Fee	~8	616	696	80	640
701	UIC 1200-U General Annual Fee	20	633	714	81	1,620
701	UIC 1900-B Geothermal App Fee	0	616	696	80	0
701	UIC 1900-B Geothermal Annual Fee	1	633	714	81	81
70B	B-20 Tier 1	8	77,989	7,989	70,000	(560,000)



Permitting program

340-045-0075 Permit Fee Schedule

(1) OAR chapter 340, division 71 contains the fee schedule for onsite sewage disposal system permits, including WPCF permits, and graywater reuse and disposal system WPCF individual permits.

(2) Two sets of fee tables are provided. The first identifies fees effective August 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 June 30, 2021. The second establishes the fee amounts effective starting July 1, 2021



DEQ recommends that:

The commission adopt the proposed rule amendments associated with the staff report as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules Divisions 45.

"I move that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt the proposed rules as seen in accompanying fee table **Attachment A and rule language Attachment B** of the staff report for this item as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules Division 45."

