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Streamlining Oregon's UIC Program

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Program Development

- Updating website and outreach materials
- Updating UIC database and working on development of Exchange Network
- Finalizing program re-delegation package to EPA
- Initiating rulemaking process for UIC program (OAR 340-044), including groundwater rules (OAR 340-040)



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Rulemaking Process

Policy discussion

- Identify issues and initiate rulemaking process
- Establish advisory committees – technical and rulemaking
- Establish internal rulemaking team
- Present advisory committee recommendations to Environmental Quality Commission



Rulemaking Process (cont.)

Rulemaking

- Develop amended rules and work through public notice process, including responding to comments
- Present proposed rules to Environmental Quality Commission

Rule Implementation

- Outreach/training
- Technical assistance



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Permit Template

- Revised template posted on DEQ UIC Webpage
- Template revisions are based on science and data
 - Peer reviewed Risk-Based Pollutant Attenuation “models;” more conservative than DEQ RBDM guidance on DEQ Cleanup webpage
 - 75,000 statewide stormwater data point analysis by Kennedy-Jenks for ACWA
 - Independent review of published literature supporting “model” assumptions
- One template for municipal and private UICs
- Expect to resume issuing permits by June 1, 2012



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Major Template Revisions

- Streamlined - reduced to 12 pages
- Discharge limits – increased for many parameters
- Monitoring – reduced number of parameters
- Representative monitoring – 10% of system or statistical representation, whichever is less
- Annual report required
- Provisions to allow “Wet Feet” UICs
- Retrofitting existing UICs in most cases not required if UICs maintained



Program Implementation Changes

- Rule Authorization (RA) –
 - Costly retrofits not required for most UICs if maintained
 - Developing web-based tool to allow UICs with <10 feet vertical separation from groundwater
 - Backlog of “high-risk” rule authorized systems eliminated
 - Initiated enforcement action against owners who failed to respond to repeated requests to comply
 - Revised authorizations letters clearly state owner requirements and condition to maintain authorization



Program Implementation Changes

- Streamlined RA application review process
 - Updated RA applications to clarify information required
 - Quicker application turn-around
 - Increases time for technical assistance
 - Expect full implementation by December 2012
- MAO in lieu of permit for small communities and small businesses until DEQ develops general stormwater UIC permit