

Public Comment Period Extended to August 12, 2013

Public hearings about the Coyote Island Terminal LLC proposed air quality, storm water and water quality permits remain the same date: Tuesday, July 9 in Hermiston and Portland

DEQ has extended the public comment period for the proposed Coyote Island Terminal LLC coal export project at the Port of Morrow in Boardman. The 30-day extension means interested persons now have until 5 p.m. on **Monday, August 12** to submit comments on the three draft permits DEQ has issued for the project.

The extension does not affect the public hearings on the project, which are listed below. DEQ advises people sign up to secure a speaking spot at the public hearings, which will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. (See "How do I participate?" below.)

DEQ invites the public to attend a public hearing and to comment on the conditions of the Coyote Island Terminal LLC proposed air and water quality permits, officially known as a Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit, Water Pollution Control Facilities Permit and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater General Permit.

Summary

The company proposes to construct and operate an enclosed coal bulk transfer facility to be located at the Port of Morrow in Boardman, Oregon. Other state, local or federal permits/certifications may apply to this facility.

How do I participate?

There are several ways to provide public comment.

[Submit a comment online.](#)

[Register to provide comment](#) during a specific two-hour time period at a public hearing.

You can also submit written comments by mail or fax.

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Comments due: 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2013

Hearing details

When: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9

Where: Blue Mountain Community College,
Room 134
975 SE Columbia Drive
Hermiston, OR 97838

Oregon Convention Center
Rooms C 120 and C 125
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Portland, OR 97232

About the facility

Coyote Island Terminal, LLC located at 72000 Dewey West Lane in Boardman has applied for:

- Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit
- Water Pollution Control Facilities Permit
- Construction Stormwater Permit.

The applicant proposes to operate a coal transfer station where up to 8,800,000 tons per year of sub-bituminous coal would arrive by railcar and be transferred to barges on the Columbia River.

DEQ regulates the following components of the facility under the proposed air permit: loaded railcars inside the facility, an indoor rotary railcar unloading station, enclosed transfer conveyor system with enclosed conveyors, three enclosed coal storage buildings and an enclosed telescoping loading chute.

The water pollution control facilities permit would regulate wastewater resulting from several dust suppression systems. These include dust extractors, fogging sprayers and wash-

Air Quality Permit

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Water Quality Permit

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down systems. This wastewater will be treated on site within a closed-loop system, meaning no wastewater will be discharged off site. The process also includes separating and filtering solid materials from the wastewater, then shipping the solids along with the rest of the coal.

Domestic sewage will be discharged into a separate municipal sewer collection system.

The stormwater discharge permit covers the facility during construction activities including clearing, grading, excavation, material or equipment staging and stockpiling that may discharge stormwater to surface waters of the state.

What pollutants do these permits regulate?

This air permit regulates visible emissions and pollutants listed in the table at the end of this notice.

The water permit prohibits discharge from the closed loop wastewater system. DEQ will require the company to monitor the flow from various points in the system and follow up with inspections to ensure that the system remains closed-loop.

During construction the stormwater general permit requires control measures for wind and soil erosion to prevent sediment transport to the Columbia River.

How does DEQ determine permit requirements?

DEQ evaluates types and amounts of pollutants and the facility's location, and determines permit requirements according to state and federal regulations.

What special conditions are in this permit?

The permittee must notify DEQ of phases of operation and construction, is restricted to unloading, transferring or storing sub-bituminous coal and accepting and transferring coal that has had a topping agent applied to all railcars prior to shipping. In addition, the permittee is required to notify DEQ of any complaints related to the facility operations. For more details on these and other special conditions, see Section 6 of the air permit review report.

How does DEQ monitor compliance with the permit requirements?

The permits would require the facility to monitor pollutants using federally-approved monitoring practices and standards, and submit results as required by permit conditions.

What happens after the hearing?

DEQ considers and responds to all relevant comments received and may modify the proposed permits and erosion and sediment control plans based on comments. If a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the facility's air and water quality permits.

Where can I get more information?

Find out more and view the air and water draft permits and reports [online](#) or contact the permit writers using the following contact information:

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View the applications and related documents [online](#) or in person at the DEQ office in Bend or Pendleton. The draft documents are also available at the Oregon Trail Library District, Boardman Public Library at 200 S. Main Street in Boardman.

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To make these arrangements, contact DEQ Communications and Outreach in Portland at 503-229-5696 or call toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-4011; fax to 503-229-6762; or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.

People with hearing impairments may call 711.



Air Emissions Limits

Criteria Pollutants: Table 1 below presents maximum allowable emissions of criteria pollutants for the facility. The current emission limit reflects maximum emissions the facility can emit under the proposed permit. The limits are based on DEQ rules for small emissions sources that have potential emissions below levels that would otherwise require an air quality impact analysis. Typically, a facility's actual emissions are less than maximum limits established in a permit. For this facility, the source's potential emissions are substantially less than the limits, as shown in the table.

Table 1

Criteria Pollutants	Proposed Limit (tons/yr)	Potential Emissions (tons/yr)
Particulate matter	24	1.2
Small particulate matter	14	<1
Fine particulate matter	9	<1

For more information about criteria pollutants, go to:

www.epa.gov/air/urbanair/

Hazardous Air Pollutants:

This facility is not a major source of hazardous air pollutants. The HAP emissions detail for the proposed Coyote Island Terminal is listed below:

Table 2

Hazardous Air Pollutants	Potential Emissions (tons/yr)
Manganese	.0000036
Selenium	.00000015
Uranium	.00000018
<u>Various Other HAPs</u>	<u>.0000028</u>
Total HAPs	.0000067

For more information about hazardous air pollutants, go to:

www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/hlthef/hapindex.html