

# Air Quality Permitting

### Improvement Initiatives

House Committee on Climate Energy & Environment

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### **Permitting Stationary Sources**

Minor Sources -Air Contaminant Discharge Program

- Around 2500 permitted sources
- Construction permit and operations for minor sources

Major Sources

– Title V

- Around 100
- Pulp and paper mills, power plants, heavy manufacturing

Air Toxics – Cleaner Air Oregon

- Health based emissions standards
- Protect against cancer and non cancer risks

- Permitting
- Technical assistance
- Inspections
- Compliance reviews
- Complaints
- Small business support



### Improvement Initiatives

## Improving timeliness, transparency and consistency:

- 1. Permit streamlining, tools and resources
- 2. Your DEQ Online
- 3. New Permits Teams

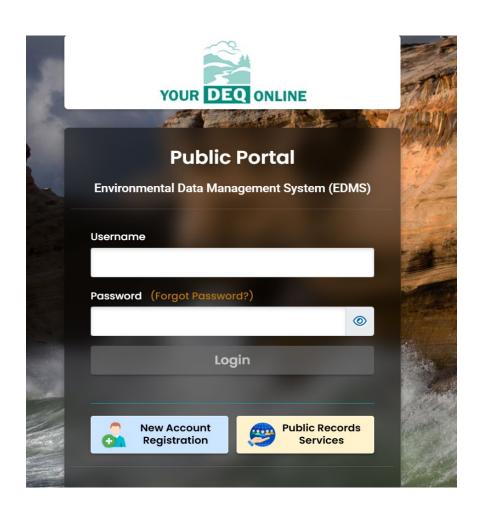


### **Permitting Tools**

- Streamlined permitting processes
  - Air Curtain Incinerator General Permit
  - Data Center Permit Template
- Doubled certain permit terms from 5 to 10 years
- Streamlined construction activities with "Notice and Go"
- NAAQS screening tool for more complex notices of construction.



#### Your DEQ Online



- Single portal for invoicing, payment, reports, status updates
- Transparent access for permittees and public
- Built by permitting staff to incorporate workflows



#### **New Permits Team**

Dedicated Permit Writers

- Focused solely on permit writing
- No inspections, enforcement, or annual reporting reviews

Workload Prioritization

 Prioritize new permit applications and complex modifications

Fully Integrated Process  Permit writers work directly with risk assessors and modeling staff

Adaptive Management

- Identify and address pinch-points
- Continuous improvement



### Thank You

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