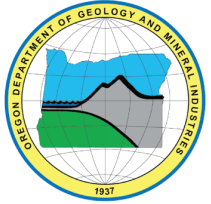


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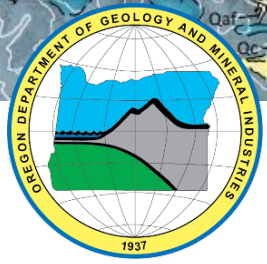
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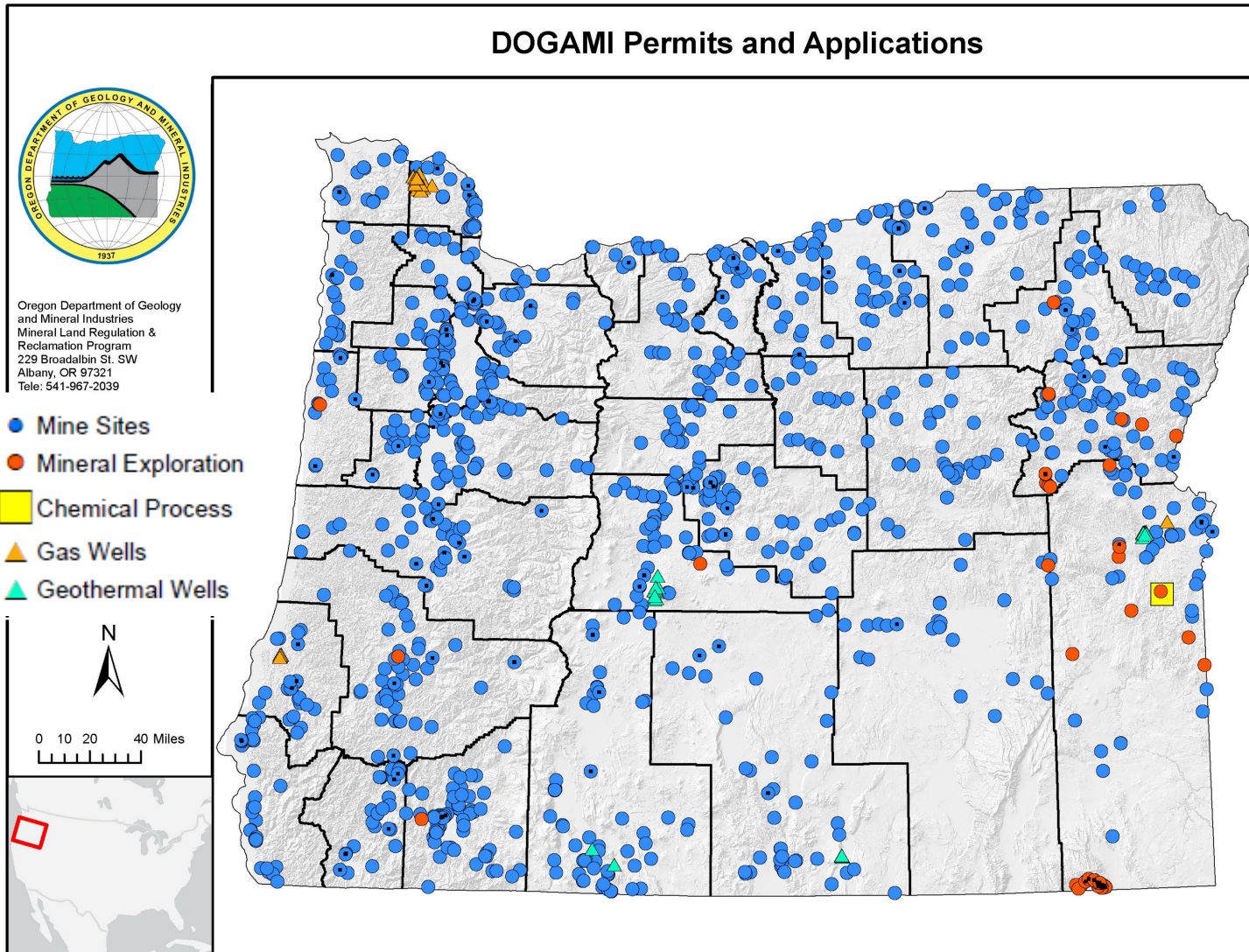
Chemical Process Mining



Oil & Gas, Geothermal Well Drilling, Carbon Storage



Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program (MLRR)



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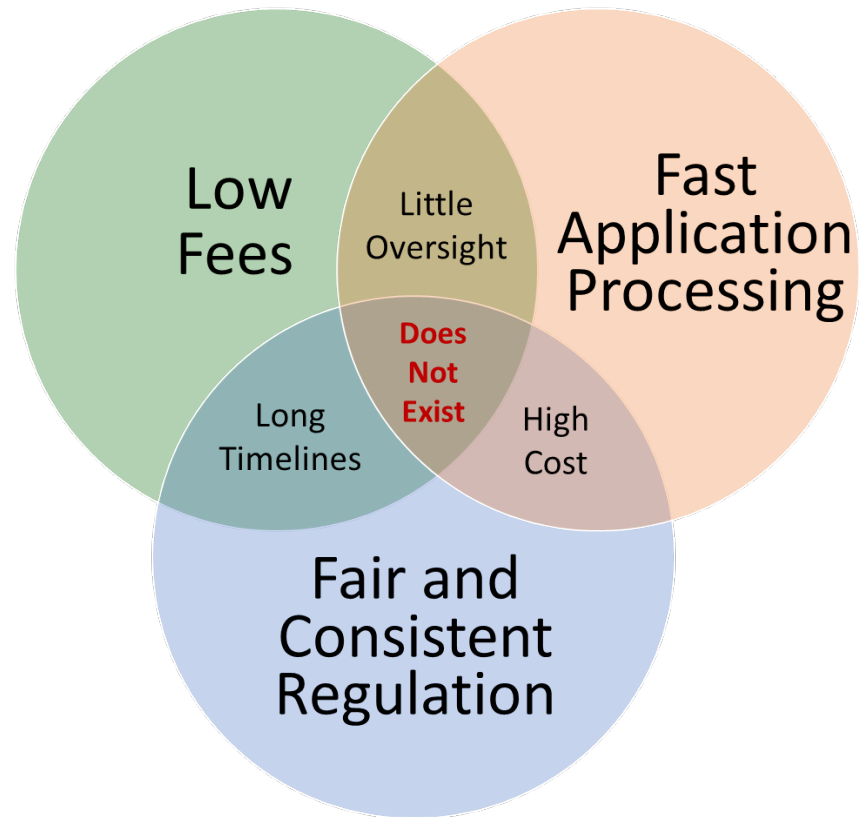
2024 Permits by Type	Number
Operating Permit (OP)	890
Exclusion Certificate (EC)	144
Exploration Permit (XP)	28
Gas Well	75
Geothermal Well	25

2024 Customer Service	Actions
Public Records Requests	167
Complaints Received	35



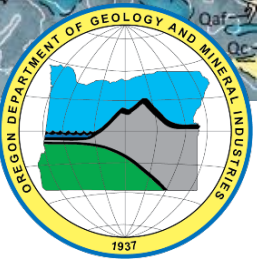
MLRR Program Right-Sizing: POP 103 & SB836

A strategic expansion of the MLRR program is needed to meet regulatory and customer service needs.



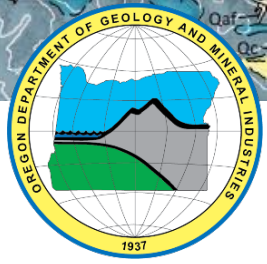
Program Improvements

- Decrease permitting timelines
- Increase site inspections
- Improve response time for complaints and general public inquiries
- More outreach to applicants, permittees and permitting partners

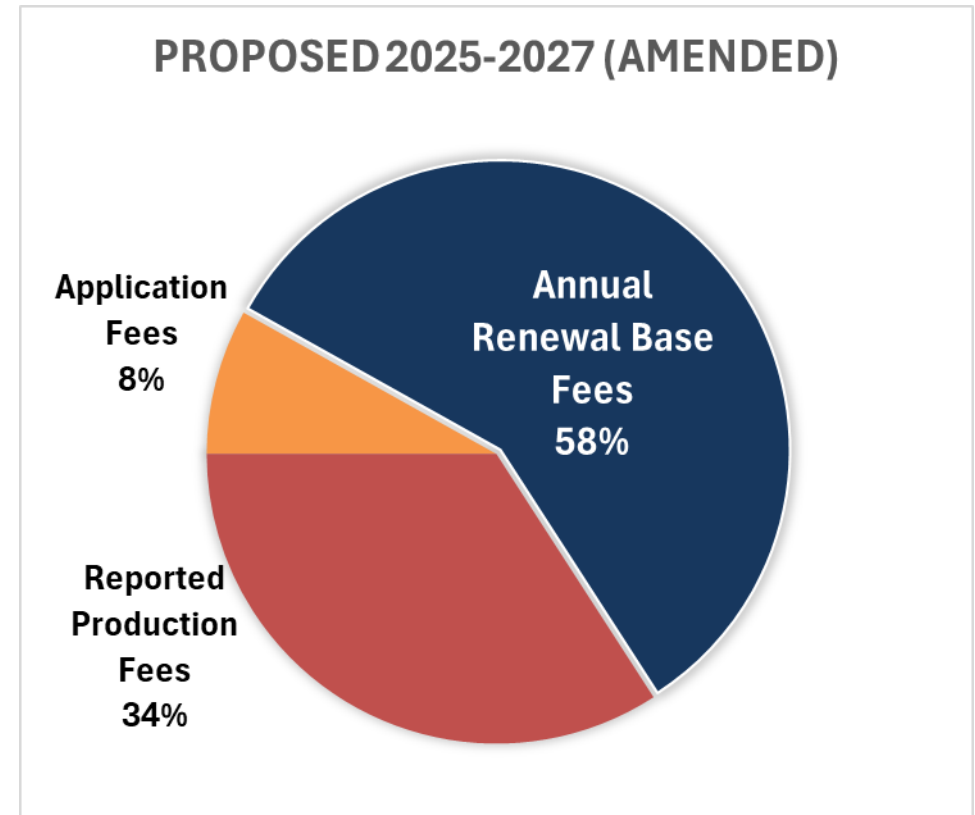
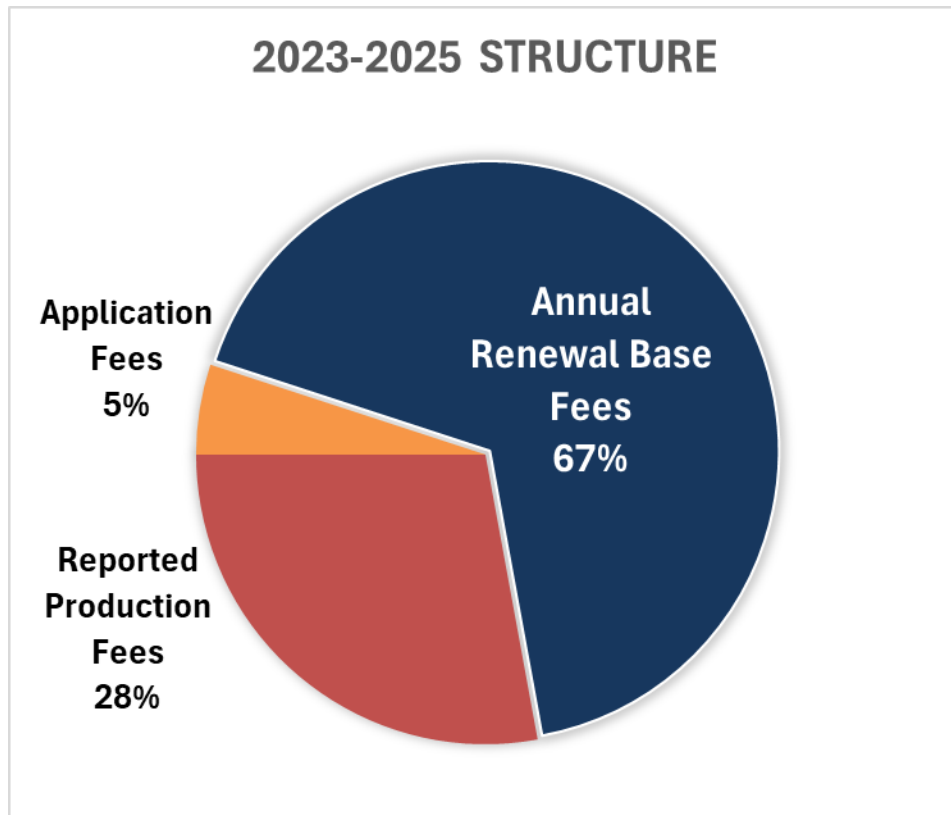


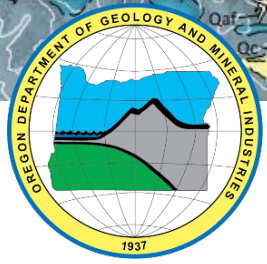
Requested Process Audit

- Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association requested a process audit of surface mine permitting in MLRR Program.
- Moss Adams performed audit completed April 11, 2025.
- Audit documents many years of underfunding and capacity issues.
- DOGAMI accepts audit findings.
- Audit supports SB 836 and advises a multi-year approach.
- DOGAMI and OCAPA discussed an amendment for fee increase to support a 2-year plan with assessment of next steps for 2027-29.



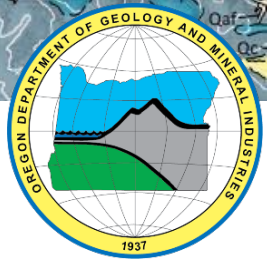
Revenue Model for Surface Mining Fees





Proposed SB 836 and Amended Surface Mining Fees

MLRR Permits & Fees	Proposed Scenarios	
	SB 836 12 new FTE (7 FTE for surface mining)	Amended Bill 6 new FTE (4 FTE for surface mining)
Operating Permit		
Application Fee	\$6,500	\$6,500
Renewal		
no production	\$3,500	\$2,300
<i>w/production</i>		
Base Fee	\$3,500	\$2,300
Tonnage	\$0.03/ton	\$0.03/ton
Exploration App Fee	\$5,000	\$2,000
Renewal Fee	\$3,500	\$1,500



Performance Goals of SB 836 with modification

Improved Surface Mining Outcomes – ~~(7 FTE)~~ 4 FTE

- *Field Specialists* ~~(4 FTE)~~ 2 FTE
- *Reclamationists/Permit Writers* ~~(3 FTE)~~ 2 FTE

~~Operational Efficiency and Timely Customer Service – 3 FTE (Program-wide)~~

- ~~• Supervisory position (1 FTE)~~
- ~~• Operations and Policy Analyst (1 FTE)~~
- ~~• Office Specialist (1 FTE)~~
- **Dedicated Drilling Program – 2 FTE** (Oil & Gas, Geothermal and Exploration Well Permits)

