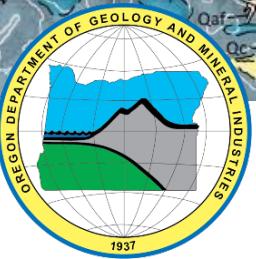
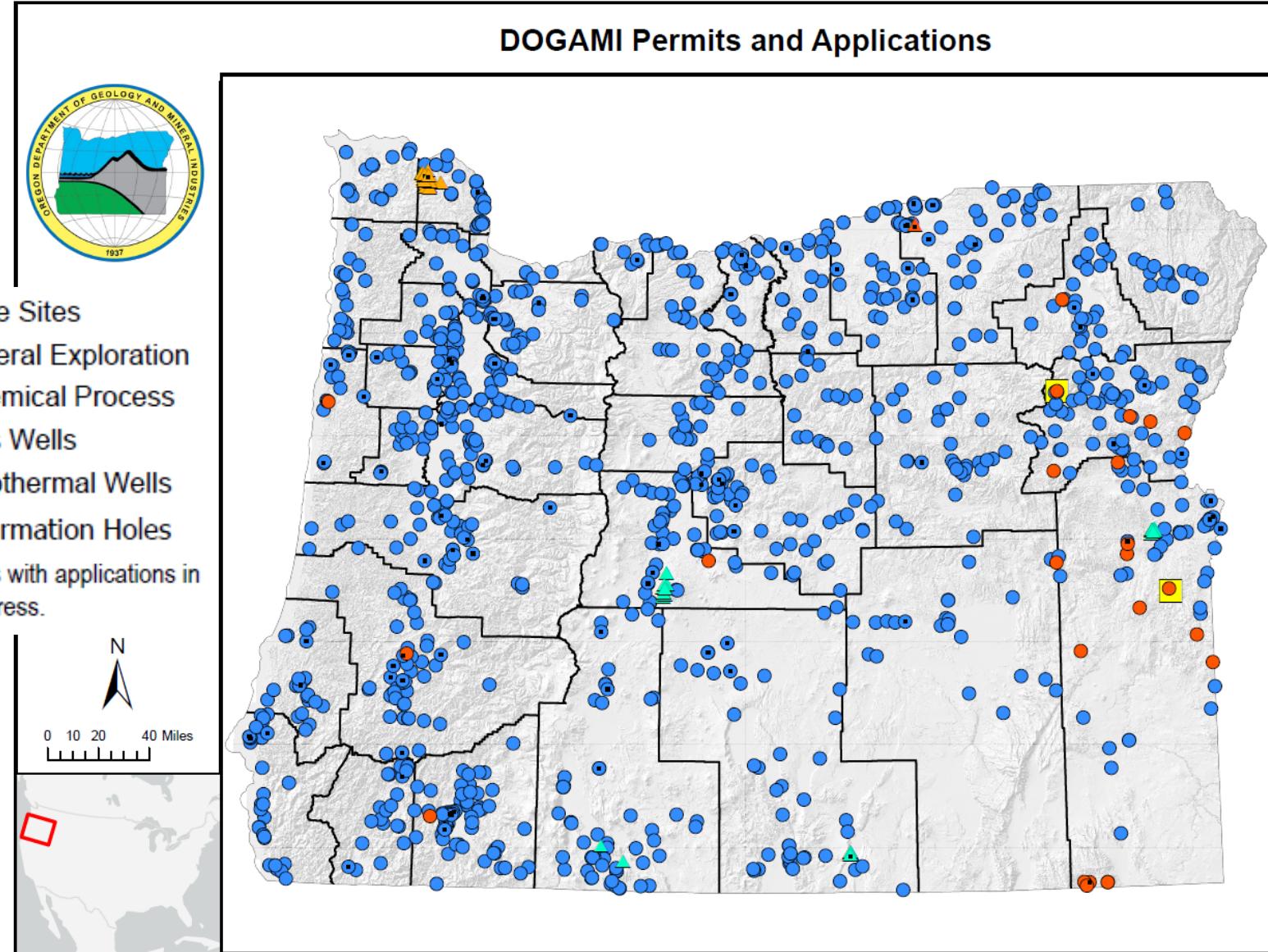


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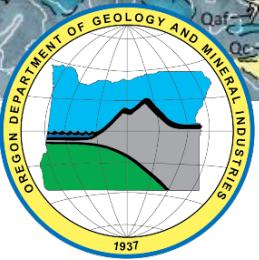
Report to Joint Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
February 4, 2026



# Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program (MLRR)



Permit Type	# of Permits
Operating Permit	901
Exclusion Certificate	148
Exploration Permit	29
Gas Well	70
Geothermal Well	26
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>1,174</b>



# DOGAMI's IT Modernization Project

**Goal:** Implementation of online permitting and payment system for mineral resource regulatory program.

**Objective:** Project leverages existing state resources through partnership with Department of Environmental Quality

## Funding Structure:

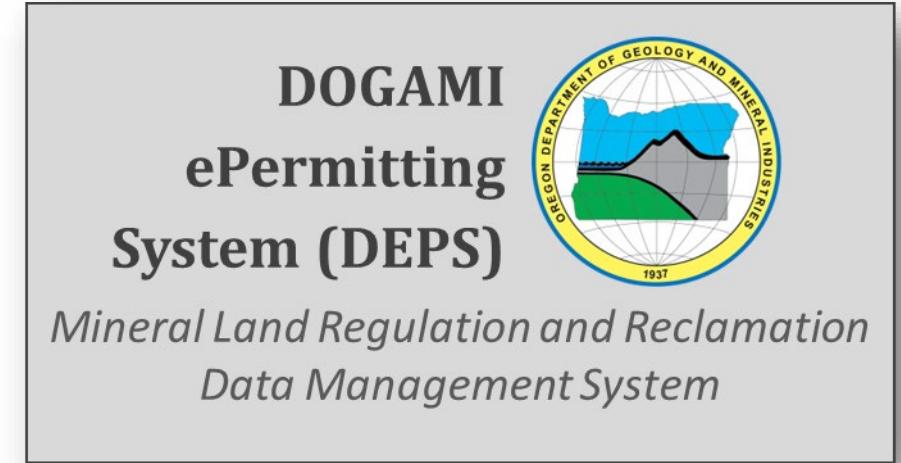
- General Fund to develop and implement system (2023-25 LAB and 2025-27 LAB).
- Ongoing system maintenance and support funded by surcharge on fee payments (SB221 approved in 2023).

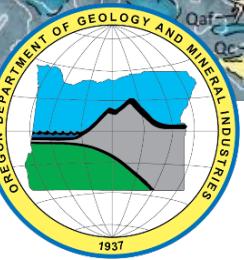
**Project Budget: General Fund**

**\$2,500,000**

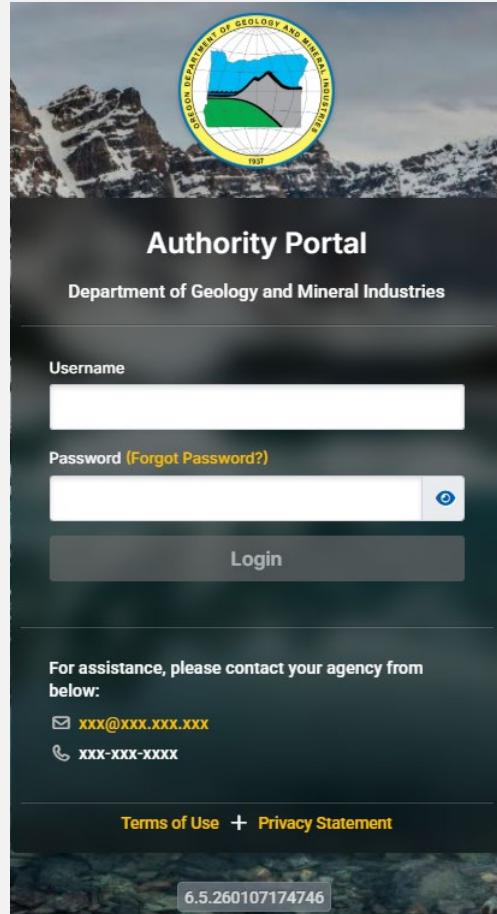
*Other Fund (fees)*

*\$274,000/year for maintenance after project go-live)*





## Internal DOGAMI staff portal



# What is the DOGAMI ePermitting System (DEPS)?

## Mineral Resource Permit Module

- Exploration
- Surface Mining
- Drilling
- Chemical Process Mining

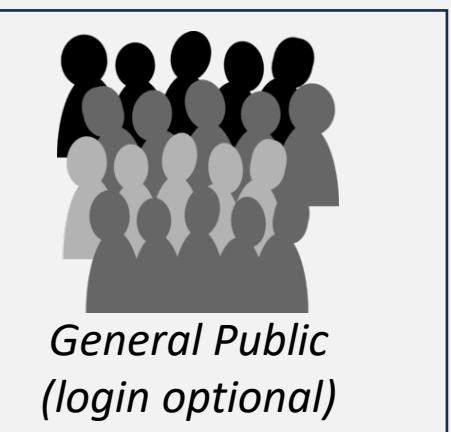
## \$ Financial Module \$

It's a cloud-based permit data management system.

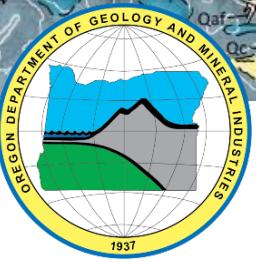
## External (public) entry portal



Permittee & Applicant accounts



General Public (login optional)



# DEPS Project Oversight

## Governance

Steering Committee  
(DOGAMI & DEQ)

DOGAMI IT Governance  
(DOGAMI, DSL & ASCIO)

EIS Stage Gate  
Oversight

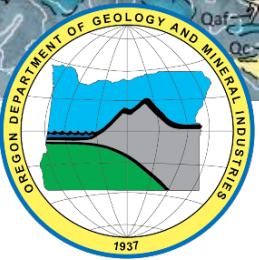
## Management

Project Team (DOGAMI & DEQ)

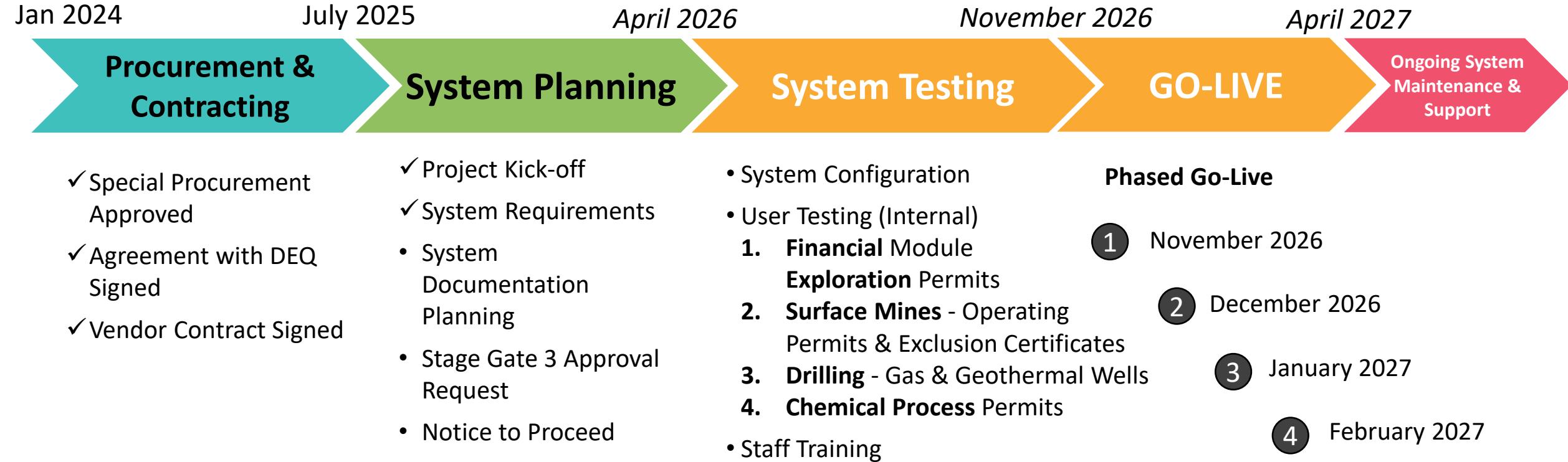
Project Sponsor: CFO  
Project Owner: MLRR  
Program Manager

## Staffing

Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) Program Staff,  
DOGAMI Business Office Support

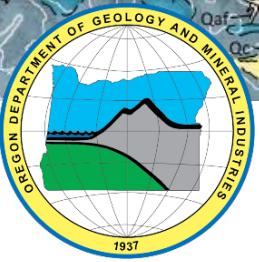


# DEPS Project Phases and Milestones



Outreach to Regulated Community & Public on Project Goals and Development Milestones

Robust Customer Support via Training Seminars, Online Materials & Helpdesk



# DEPS Project Risks & Mitigation

## *Risk*



Permitting Workload Exceeds Program Staff Capacity

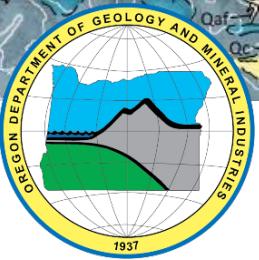
## *Mitigation*

MLRR IT Support Specialist hired Nov 2025. 2025-27 LAB added 6 new positions to MLRR program, hiring to be completed by May 2026.



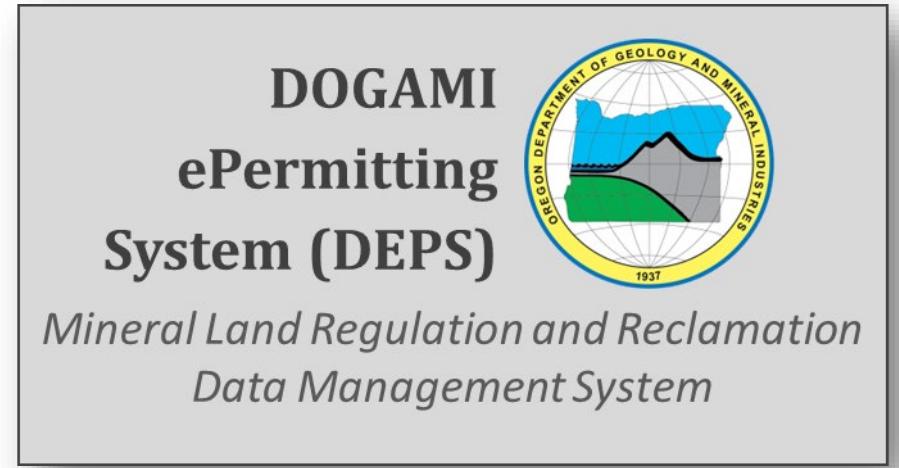
Delay in Project Start Shifted Funding to 2025-27 Biennium

Total project cost (\$2.5M GF) has not increased. Project is on time and on budget.



# DEPS Project Outcomes

- Modern online interface for permitting process.
- Increased ability to provide direct customer service and technical assistance.
- Tracking and transparency for permittees and the public.



# DEPS Project Success and Accountability

- Existing **KPM 4** – Active Mine Sites Inspected and **KPM 5** – Customer Service
- Proposed **new KPM** for 2027-29 - Applications Reviewed within Regulatory Timelines

