

## **2025 DEQ Installer Meeting Overview and Proposal Package**

Every year each DEQ office that handles direct service onsite septic applications (currently the DEQ Coos Bay, Medford, and Pendleton offices) puts on a meeting for licensed installers, pumpers, and certified maintenance providers.

The agenda can vary from year to year depending on what the DEQ Onsite Septic Program feels should be communicated and emphasized over the coming calendar year. The training goals decided upon for this year include providing information to septic professionals about the transitions of the administration of the onsite septic program from DEQ to county administration and vice versa, help with new online portal databases, awareness of rule and fee changes, changes to the Operation and Maintenance program, and how to create a successful application and overall compliance product. All agenda items are designed to meet Installer and Maintenance Provider recertification CEU requirements including but not limited to a working knowledge of onsite rules, working understanding of permits, technical drawings, and field layouts [OAR 340-071-0650 (3) & (5)]. The training goals are addressed specifically with this year's agenda focused as follows:

- DEQs new online data management system, also known as Your DEQ Online (YDO), which is used for registrations, licensing, renewals, reporting, and many other functions. This is the last year of having to transition existing licensees to the YDO platform.
- Onsite Septic Program administration is transferring from the DEQ to Harney County for Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties, from DEQ to Coos County for Coos County, and from Josephine County to DEQ for Josephine and Curry Counties. The changes to administration, processes, and contacts will be discussed in detail. Other more general changes and updates, including but not limited to new inspectors, office staff, office procedures, and Septic Smart will be addressed as well.
- Onsite Rule Changes for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), sewer availability, fees, and others that are being proposed for adoption.
- Stricter and more defined application processing and requirements.
- Minimum requirements for site plans, along with tools and tricks for creating a better product.

The meetings will be hybrid in-person and virtual for those who are not able to attend in person and consist of four hours of training/instruction, a 15-minute introduction period, and a 30-minute lunch break. Attendance for virtual attendees will be determined based upon answering a question during each hour of the meeting. There will also be a DEQ employee monitoring the online attendees during the meeting.

Initial proposed meeting dates are as follows:

DEQ Coos Bay (in Coquille), Monday, April 21, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm (DEQ Rep: Dan Wiltse)

DEQ Medford, Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 9:00am – 2:00pm (DEQ Rep: Andrew Forbes)

DEQ Pendleton (in La Grande), Friday, May 2, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm (DEQ Rep: David Hurley)

As the proposed sponsor, Oregon DEQ is requesting that a total of 0.4 CEUs be issued for attendance of the meeting and completion of the four hours of training for both Installer and Maintenance Provider Certifications.

Enclosed with this proposal is a copy of the agenda and OESAC Instructor Background and Information Forms for all three of the instructors, all DEQ inspectors, in support of our proposal.