

City of Portland Streamlining Committee Meeting Notes – September 2025 addendum (DEQ follow-up – 9/23/2025)

Via MS Teams

Attendees: Daria Gneckow (DEQ-Construction Stormwater), Delia Negru (DEQ-401), Ronda Fast, Brian Marcum, Stephanie Trujillo, Roslyn Gray, Burke Strobel, Bob Fraley, Tim Brooks

PWB is managing the construction contract, so they will submit under their 1200-CA for this work – a separate project/submittal from the larger Filtration project.

DN inquired about the status of the coordination with PSET. BM noted that PSET did not indicate whether they would issue a formal letter. Through the Nationwide 27, informal coordination with PSET would be sufficient (via James Holm). The coordination with PSET could be more formal if a different Nationwide pathway is used.

BM clarified that USACE and DEQ screening requirements are different, different risk thresholds apply.

DG followed up with Jeremy Fleming with the Materials Management Program who confirmed that given sampling results show that pesticides detections are below clean fill screening levels, no beneficial use determination (BUD) or Solid Waste Letter Authorization (SLWA) will be required.

Outside of construction activities, DN noted that the governing turbidity standard allows for no more than a ten percent cumulative increase in natural stream turbidity, with certain temporary legitimate activities allowed (per [340-041-0036](#) and [Condition 19 of the 401 WQC](#) (template)). DN also recommended notifications for downstream property owners regarding any expected post-project sediment transport. Complaints would be fielded through DEQ's Nonpoint Source Program.

DN recommended including PSET information along with the required 401 Certification application request using the "401 Dredge-Fill Certification Application" submittal template in Your DEQ Online. Include the USACE PCN or JPA application and [Request for Certification Form](#). DN noted that she is generally processing applications more quickly than the 180-day timeline.

BES will send DEQ the sediment and soil sampling report once finalized so that DEQ's 401 program can coordinate document review, benchmarks and sediment testing with PSET and the Cleanup Program to evaluate the feasibility of potentially allowing the stream channel to naturally correct without removing any sediments behind the dam.

Note DN will be out of the office until Oct 20th. If anything is needed during that time, Haley Teach is a back-up contact.