Stormwater Enforcement: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order Addressing Pope County Quarry

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ("ODEQ") issued a December 30, 2025, Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order ("Notice") to CPM Development Corporation d/b/a RiverBend Materials ("CPM") addressing alleged violations of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Stormwater and Mine Dewatering Discharge Permit ("Permit"). See Case No. WQ/SW-WR-2025-523.

The Notice states that CPM operates a mining facility known as Dalton Quarry ("Quarry") in Pope County, Oregon.

The Quarry is stated to have been assigned coverage under the previously referenced Permit. It is stated to have been inspected on January 31, 2025.

The inspection is stated to have identified a pipe discharging turbid stormwater from a settling pond into an unnamed creek that flows to Rickreall Creek. Such discharge is stated to have caused a turbid plume that that was visible in the unnamed creek and at its confluence with Rickreall Creek. Such pipe is stated to have not been a permitted discharge point nor included in the Quarry stormwater pollution control plan as a discharge point.

The inspection is also stated to have determined that turbid stormwater was seeping from a infiltration area to an unnamed stream. Such seepage is stated to have caused a turbid plume in the unnamed stream, causing "pollution" as defined by the Permit.

The Notice proposes a civil penalty of $16,000.

A copy of the Notice can be found here.