Air Quality General Minor Permit Rule

Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting #1

Docket: 58-0101-2601

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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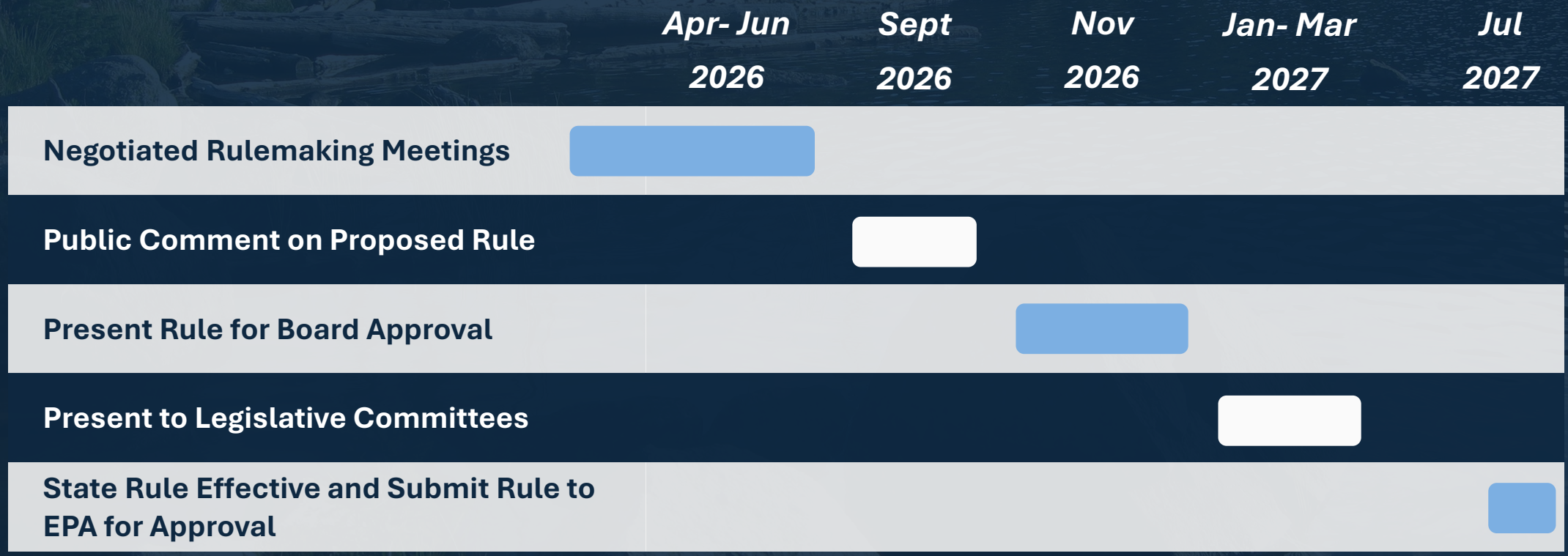
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview
- Discussion
- Next Steps
  - **Comments due April 14, 2026**
  - Next Meetings:
    - May 5, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
    - June 2, 2026 – if needed

Introductions

- Michael Simon- Air Quality Division Administrator
- Zach Klotovich- Stationary Source Bureau Chief
- Aislinn Johns- Rules and Planning Supervisor
- Mary Anderson- Planning Bureau Chief
- Aaron Hoberg- Air Permitting Supervisor
- Diane Cutler- DEQ Rules and Planning Analyst
- Cassidy Pearson- Airshed Management Analyst
- Shane Henderson- Deputy Attorney General

Timeline


Apr- Jun 2026
Sept 2026
Nov 2026
Jan- Mar 2027
Jul 2027
Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings
Public Comment on Proposed Rule
Present Rule for Board Approval
Present to Legislative Committees
State Rule Effective and Submit Rule to EPA for Approval



PURPOSE

DEQ is developing a general minor permit rule to streamline the permitting process for eligible source categories by issuing a standardized general minor permit.

Background

- DEQ has an existing permit to construct program that involves extensive engineering analyses and process time

- Permits by Rule
  - Any changes to a permit by rule require a rulemaking that must be approved by the legislature and EPA
  - Lengthy process that lacks flexibility

- General Minor Permit Rule
  - Gives DEQ to the authority to develop and issue general minor permits for certain source categories
  - General minor permit rule only requires initial rulemaking

What is a general minor permit?

- Source category specific
  - E.g. Hot Mix Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Auto Coating Industry, Rock Crushers, Cabinetry Coating, Grain Elevators

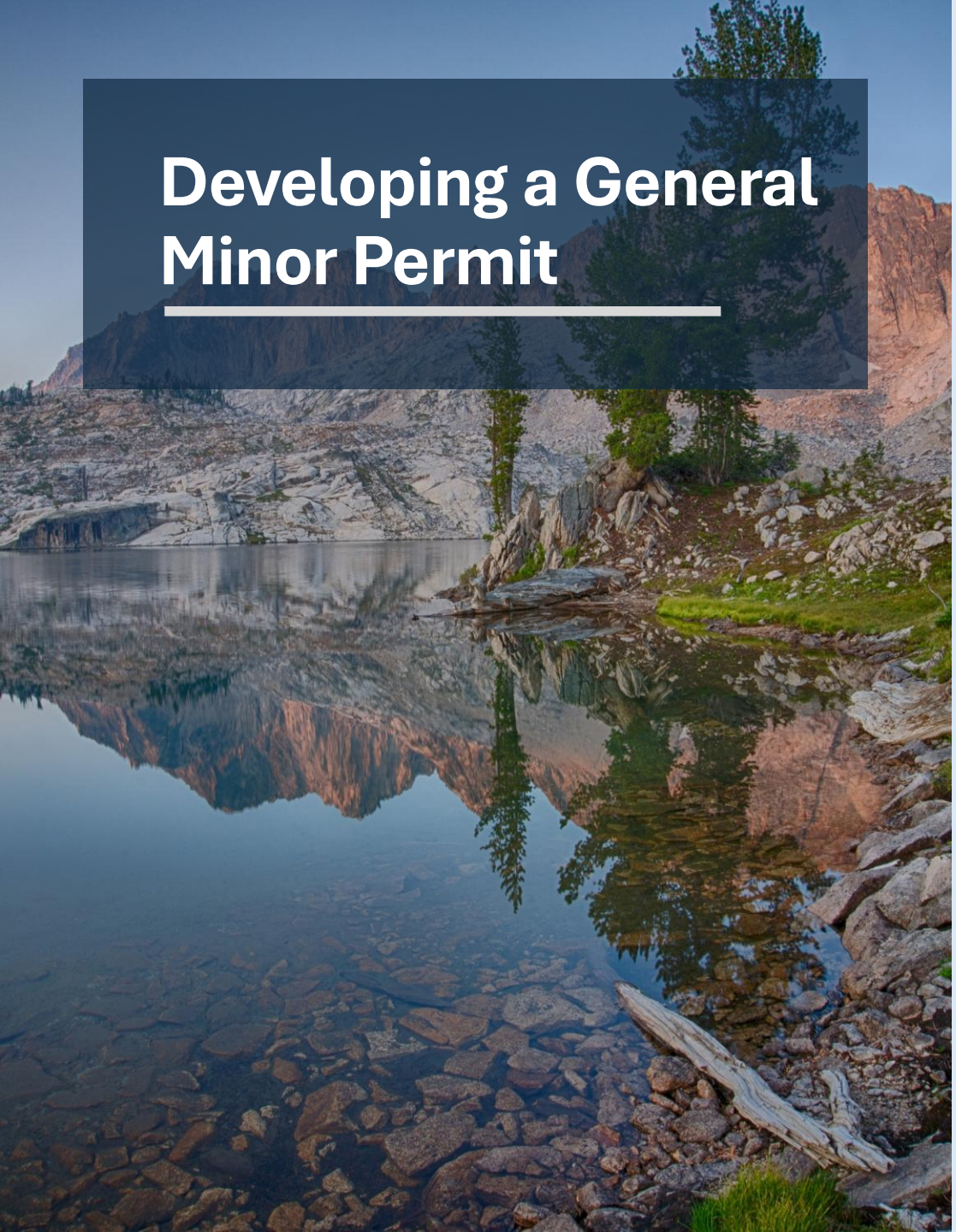
- Standardized requirements
  - emission limits
  - operating requirements
  - monitoring and recordkeeping provisions

- Issued within 15 Days

Applicability

- A general minor permit can be developed by the DEQ for source categories that have similar operations, emissions, and applicable regulatory requirements

- Who is **not** eligible for a general minor permit?
  - Major sources
  - Sources within nonattainment areas

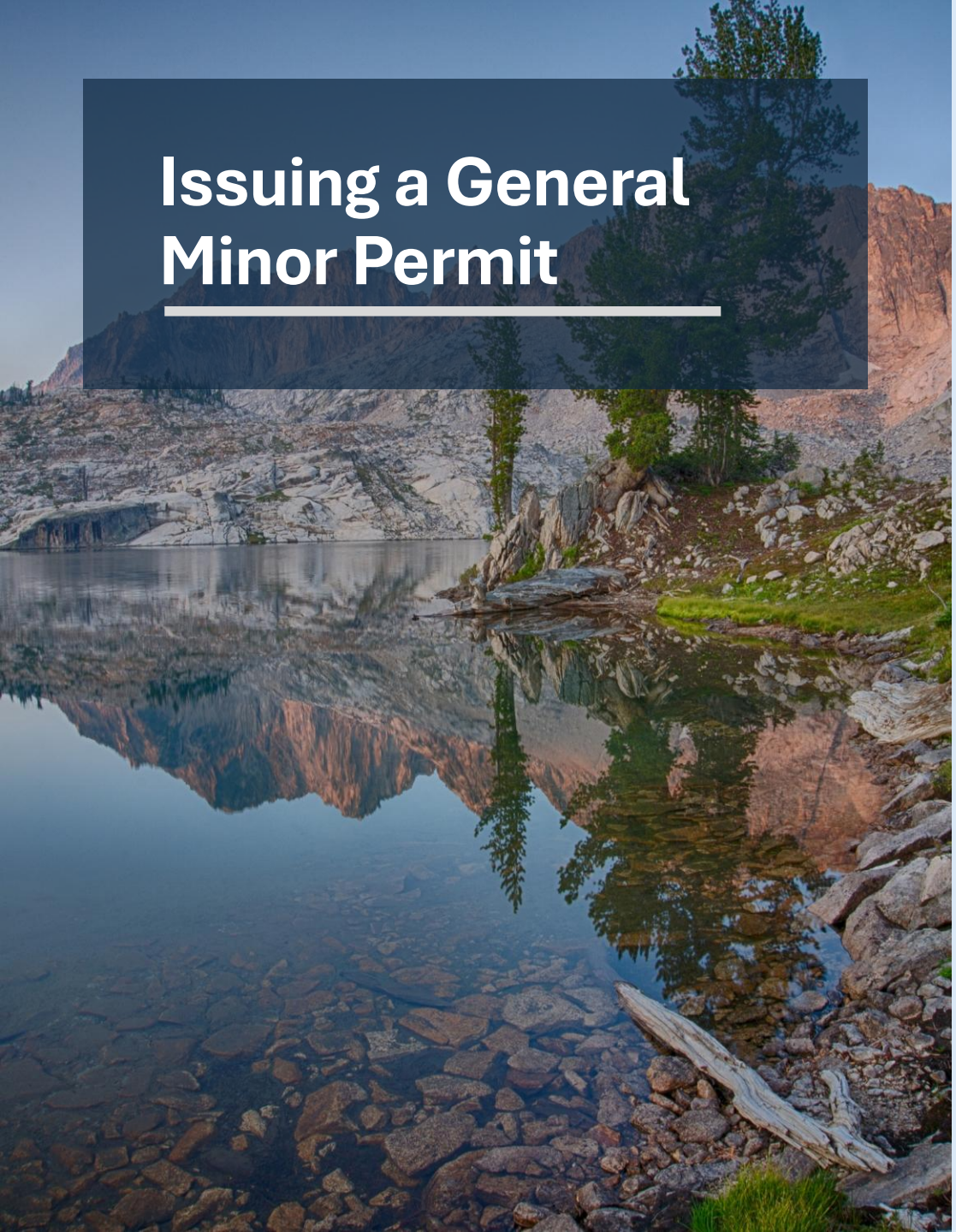


Developing a General Minor Permit

- **DEQ initiates or is petitioned to develop a new general minor permit**
  Required information must be included in the petition
- **DEQ develops new general minor permit**
  DEQ works with stakeholders to conduct modeling and develop the permit application materials
- **DEQ provides notice of general minor permit**
  30- day public comment period
- **DEQ makes general minor permit available on website**
  Includes required application materials

Public Notice

- DEQ would provide a 30-day comment period on any **new or modified** general minor permit for a source category
- DEQ considers and responds to comments within 45 days of notice
- DEQ evaluates whether an extension of the comment period is necessary
- DEQ posts the general minor permit, statement of basis, response to comments, and application on the website



Issuing a General Minor Permit

- Source submits complete application and fees
- DEQ reviews application and issues general minor permit within 15 days
- All issued permits are posted on DEQ's website

Permitting Efficiency

General minor permits are streamlined compared to traditional permits to construct

- Modeling and engineering analysis done in advance
- Permit conditions are standardized
- Public comment opportunity is done is advance during general permit development





Discussion and Rule Language

Next Steps and How to Comment

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- Upcoming meeting information, rule drafts, and rulemaking status will be posted on the DEQ website or use the QR code on this slide
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. MT

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