Air Quality General Minor Permit Rule

Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting #2

Docket: 58-0101-2601

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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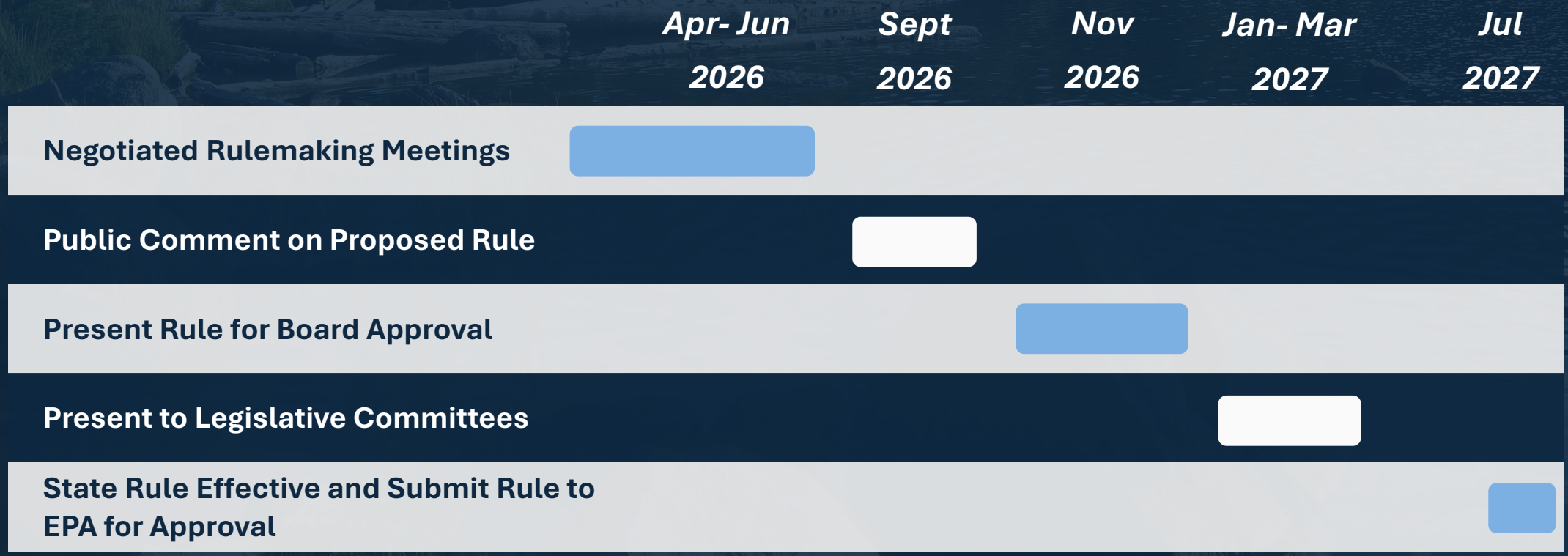
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Comments Received
- Discussion on Changes
- Next Steps
  - **Comments due May 12, 2026**
  - Next Meetings:
    - June 2, 2026 – at 1:30 p.m. MT

Introductions

- 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.

Developing a General Minor Permit Option for Concrete Batch Plants

1. 

Industry Identifies Need for GMP Option

2. 

Industry Submits Request to DEQ

3. 

DEQ Evaluates Request

4. 

DEQ Works with Stakeholders

5. 

DEQ Develops Technical Analysis for Permit Template

6. 

Public Comment Period

7. 

DEQ Finalizes Permit Template

8. 

Application Submission

9. 

Permit Issuance within 15 days



Permit Comparisons

	Permit to Construct	Permit By Rule	General Minor Permit
Applicability	Any stationary or portable source	Portable non-metallic rock crushers, dairies	Specific nonmajor source categories outside of a nonattainment area
Initial Permit Development	Specific to each application, pre-application meeting, possible modeling	A new PBR would require rulemaking, DEQ board and legislative approval	DEQ develops GMP template with stakeholder involvement, and provides 30-day public comment period
Time to Issuance	150-365 days including public comment opportunity	15 days	15 days
Pros	Specific to individual facility needs	Once effective, easy registration and permit issuance	Permit template changes don't require rulemaking, fast issuance once established
Cons	Takes a long time to issue, requires a lot of engineering resources	Inflexible, any change to the permit conditions require rulemaking (~1.5 yr process)	Only addresses certain source categories, limited scenarios

Summary of Comments Received

- Comments of support for streamlining the process
- Clarify the process, timelines, and differences from permits by rule
- Wording changes to the rule

Summary of Comments Received

- Request that other approaches be considered by the agency to improve the minor new source review process
  - **e.g., additional exemptions, refinement of toxic air pollutant reviews, consideration of thresholds for requiring modeling, addressing administrative revisions to existing permits, simplifying permit content that reflects federal rules, clarifying public communication to anticipate needs for compliance assistance and supporting information**
- Question about eligibility of projects at major sources (that are not major modifications) for general permits
  - **e.g., storage tanks, generators, repairs, maintenance, replacements**



Discussion and Rule Language

Considerations for Draft 3

- Clarifying differences between developing general minor permit template and issuing a general minor permit

- Adding language to give DEQ the authority to deny a general minor permit to be consistent with other permits (PTC, Tier I Operating Permits, etc.)

- Reviewing the timing and scope of judicial review for this rule
  - When and what can be contested with regards to general minor permit issuance for a specific facility

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, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. MT

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