Intro to Clean Water Act

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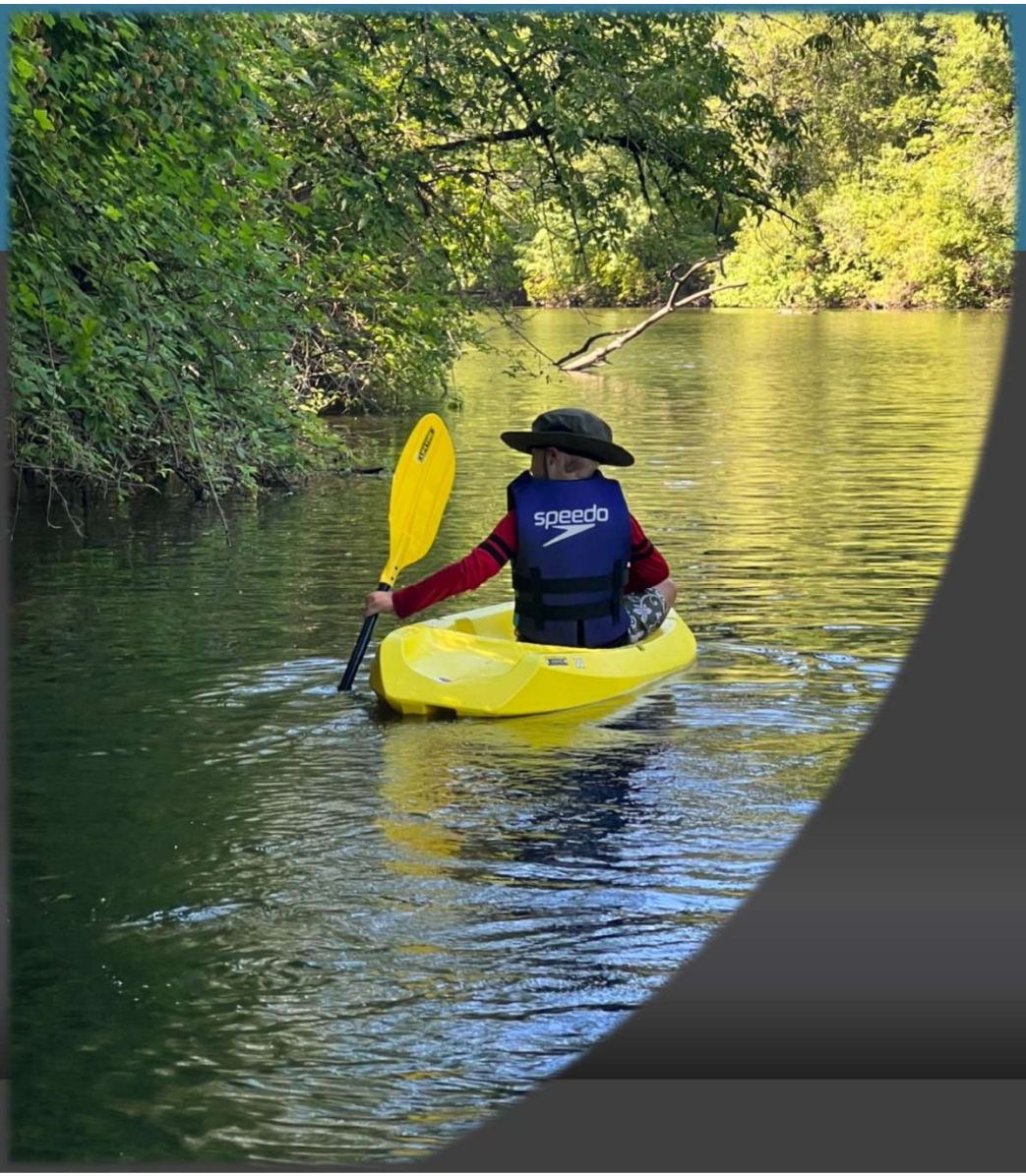


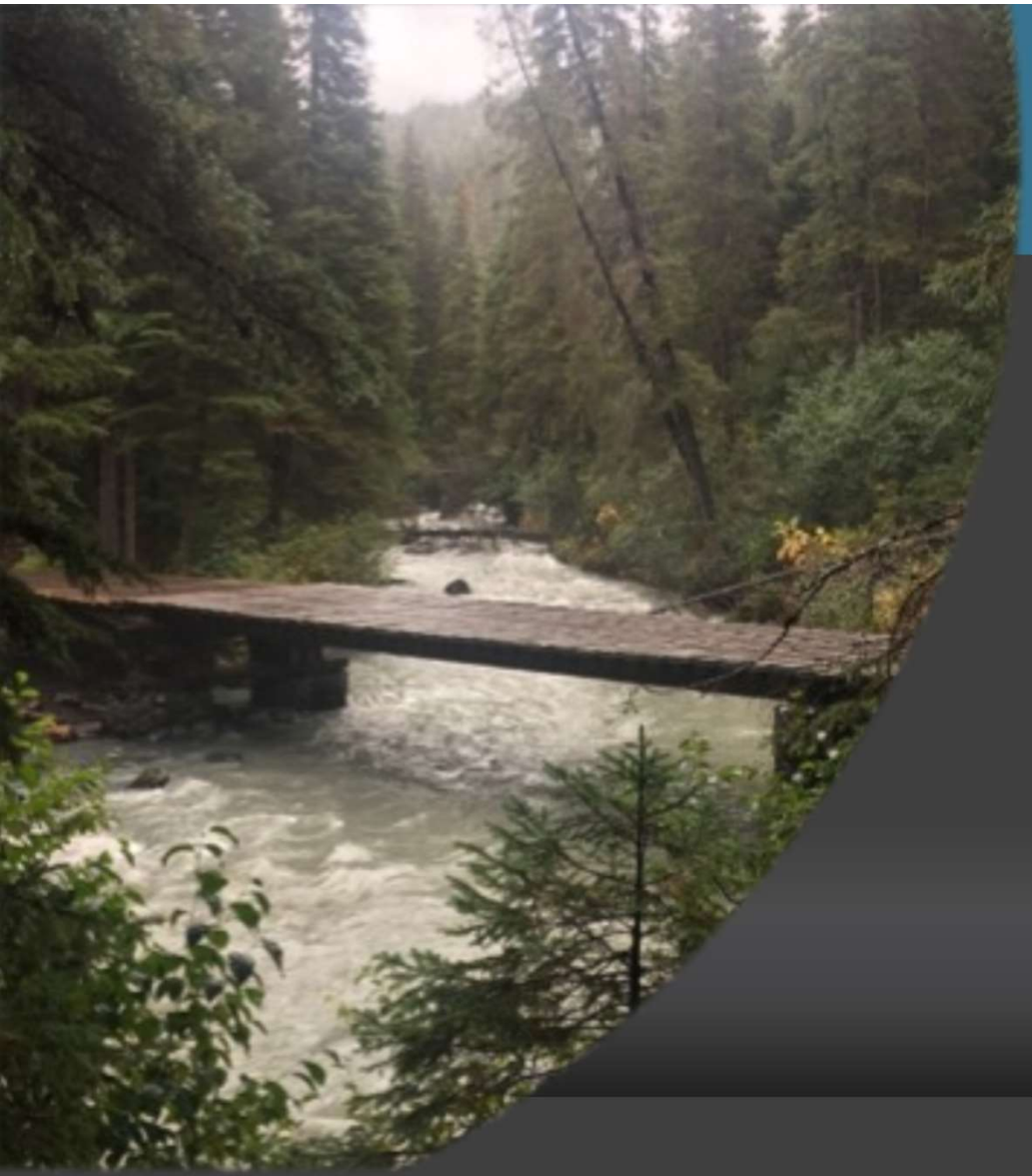
Agenda

- Overview of Federal Clean Water Act
- Permitting Program
- Hot Legal Topics

Overview of Federal CWA

33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)

The discharge of any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters is unlawful, unless a permit is obtained.



Overview of CWA

Key Definitions:

- Point Source
- Pollutant
- Navigable Water

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Permitting Program

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
  - Individual
  - General

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NPDES Program Areas

- Animal Feeding Operations
- Aquaculture
- Biosolids
- Forest Roads
- **Industrial Wastewater →**
- **Municipal Wastewater →**
- National Pretreatment Program
- Pesticide Permitting
- **Stormwater →**
- Vessels Incidental Discharge Permitting
- Water Quality Trading
- Watershed-Based Permitting
- Whole Effluent Toxicity

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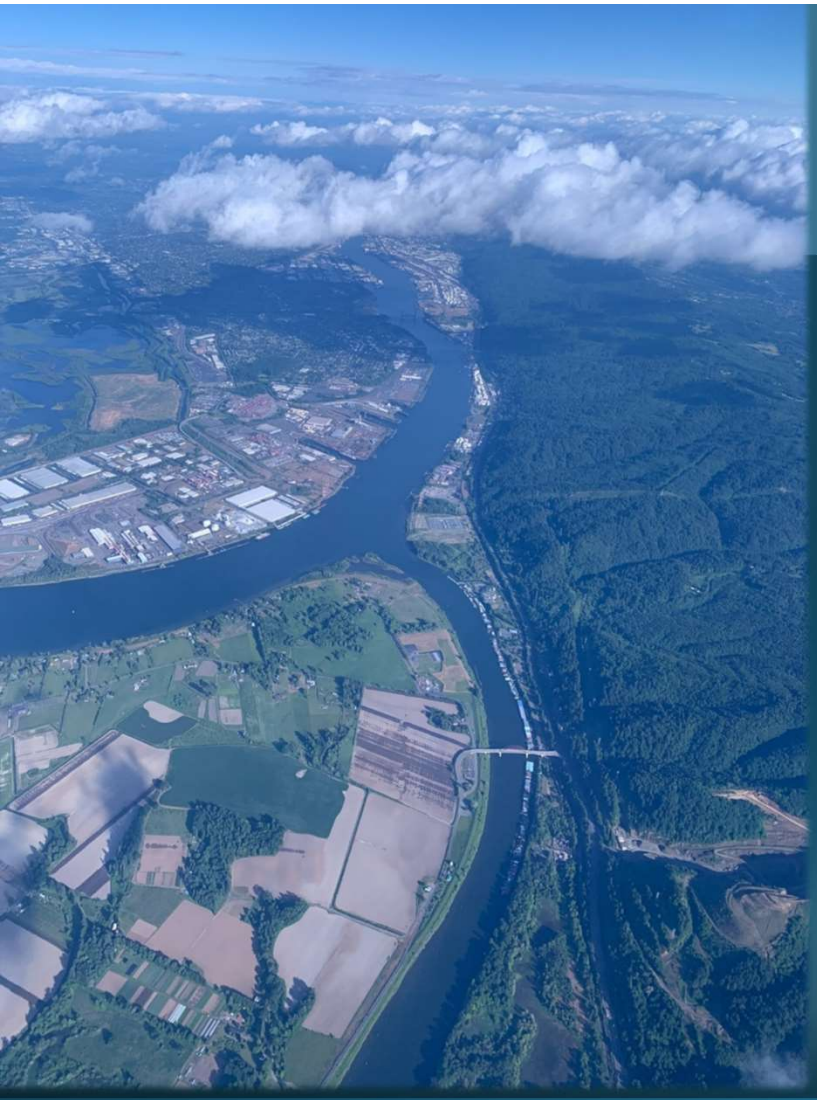

NPDES Program Areas

Industrial Wastewater

- Effluent Guidelines
- Types of Pollutants
- Levels of Control

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NPDES Program Areas

Municipal Wastewater

- Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)
- National Pretreatment Program

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NPDES Program Areas

Stormwater

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)
- Construction Activities
- Industrial Activities

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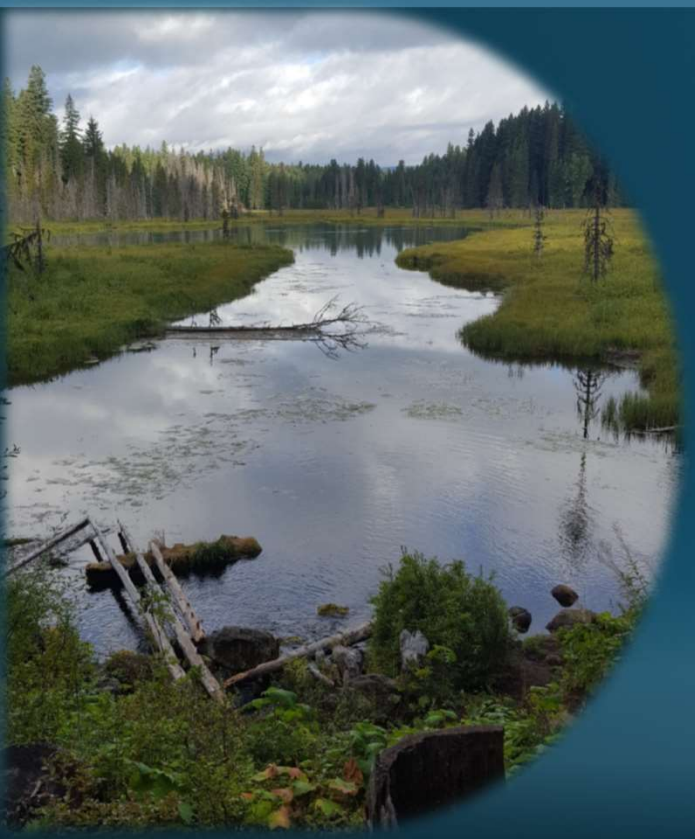
Hot Legal Issues



Jurisdiction: Definition of Waters of the United States

Emerging Contaminants

401 Certification Rulemaking

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