

Harney County/NAWMA Gravel Pit Minimum Standards

Gravel/borrow area shall be free of those noxious weeds and/or undesirable plants species identified in the following list and those weeds declared noxious with in the state of Oregon and Harney County.

1. Gravel/borrow material shall be inspected in the State/Province of origin by proper officials or authority.
2. Gravel/borrow material shall also be inspected in the area of origin (area shall include, but not limited to, surrounding ditches, top soil piles, gravel/sand piles, fence rows, roads, easement, rights-of-ways, working areas, storage areas, and a buffer zone surrounding the area.)
3. Gravel/borrow material shall be inspected prior to movement by the proper officials or authorities.
4. Gravel/borrow area which contains any noxious weeds, or undesirable plant species as identified in the following list, may be certified if the following conditions are met:
 - a. Area upon which the gravel/borrow material was mined was treated to prevent seed formation or seed ripening to the degree that there is no danger of disseminations of the seed, or any injurious portion thereof from such noxious weeds, or undesirable plant species, or the propagating parts of the plant are not capable of producing a new plant.
 - b. Noxious weed (s) or undesirable plant species was treated no later than rosette to bud stage, or boot stage for grass species.
 - c. Treatment method can include but is not limited to: burning, mowing, cutting or rouging, mechanical methods, or chemicals.
 - d. Provide copies of treatment records.
5. An inspection certificate shall document that he above requirements have been met based on a reasonable and prudent visual inspection.

Minimum Guidelines for Gravel/borrow material inspections

The inspector will follow inspection procedures listed below:

1. The entire border shall be walked or driven
2. All storage areas, gravel/sand piles shall also be inspected and meet the standards.
3. Around all equipment, crushers, and working areas must be inspected to meet the standards.
4. Areas shall be inspected regularly – at least twice a year during the growing season.
5. An inspector may not inspect gravel/borrow material of which said inspector has ownership or financial interest.

The Harney County Noxious Weed List and the Oregon Weed List will be used for identification of undesirable plants and noxious weeds.