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Re: DEQ Solid Waste Permit Application Request
Ridwell Inc. Portland Facility

Dear Taylor,

Thank you for meeting with DEQ staff and showing DEQ your facility on June 30, 2021 and explaining Ridwell's processes. DEQ is writing to request that Ridwell apply for a DEQ solid waste material recovery facility permit for Ridwell's Portland facility located at 7006 NE 79th Ct. Portland, OR 97218 by October 15, 2021. Application materials can be found at this link:

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterPermitsDocs/MMSWapp.pdf>.

Based on the information provide and DEQ's tour of the facility, Ridwell collects solid waste for sorting and recovery at the facility in question. This type of facility meets the definition of a material recovery facility disposal site. The facility does not appear to meet the criteria for a permit exemption because Ridwell is not collecting "recyclable materials," as defined in law, at the facility. As a result, per Oregon law, Ridwell is required to obtain a DEQ solid waste permit to operate the facility.

If Ridwell plans to open similar facilities in Oregon, Ridwell will also need to apply for a permit for each of those facilities before operating.

DEQ appreciates Ridwell's efforts to collect hard to recycle items at this facility and to keep household hazardous waste out of the waste stream and serve as a community resource. If Ridwell needs any assistance on the permit application process, please contact Chris Papinsick at 503-970-4890 or chris.papinsick@deq.state.or.us.

Sincerely,

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