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Mr. Snuffer-Zukas,

DEQ has completed its review of the revised Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) Emissions Inventory (Inventory), revised Modeling Protocol, and Level 3 Risk Assessment (Assessment). The revised Inventory and Modeling Protocol were submitted on November 30, 2021 and the Assessment was submitted on November 4, 2021, by Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. on behalf of Next Renewable Fuels Oregon, LLC (NEXT) for the proposed facility in Clatskanie, OR, in accordance with OAR 340-245-0050(2). The Inventory and Modeling Protocol were previously approved on October 1, 2021. DEQ approves the revised Inventory, revised Modeling Protocol, and Assessment.

The resulting cancer and noncancer risks, as determined by the Assessment for this facility, do not exceed the Source Permit Level of 0.5 for new sources [OAR 340-245-8010, Table 1]. This source meets the definition of a “de minimis” source; therefore, risk limits will not be required in the permit [OAR 340-245-0020(14)].

The next step in the CAO process is to complete the Cleaner Air Oregon Permit Application Form AQ501 (<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/cao/Documents/AQ501Form.pdf>). Because this facility has been determined to be a “new” source, and demonstrates source risk below the Source Permit Level, please submit payment for the “Level 3 Risk Assessment – *de minimis* (no permit required)” Standard ACDP Specific Activity Fee of \$8,200. The application form and fee must be received prior to approval of a completed ACDP Permit application.

DEQ will notify you once the above forms and fees have been received. Please contact Kenzie Billings at (503.866.8741, Kenzie.Billings@state.or.us) if you have any questions. We look forward to your continued assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

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