Public Notice

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Renewal of Solid Waste Disposal Permit for Metro Central Station

Comments due: 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Project location: 6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland, OR 97210

Proposal: DEQ proposes to renew the Solid Waste Disposal Permit for Metro Central Station.

Highlights: The Metro Central Station consists of a Transfer Station/ Material Recovery Facility that Recology currently operates. The facility accepts putrescible and non-putrescible solid waste from commercial and self-haul customers. The facility also accepts food waste that is stored and prepared for off-site processing.

Metro Central Station also includes a Household Hazardous Waste Facility that is operated by Metro. The facility accepts household hazardous waste from residential customers and hazardous waste from conditionally exempt small-quantity generators. Waste and materials are sorted and stored onsite for varying periods before recycling and disposal.

How to comment: Send comments to DEQ Solid Waste Permit Coordinator, Naveed Mir, at 700 NE Multnomah St, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232 or DEQNWR.SolidWastePermitCoordinator@deq.state.or.us

Find more information: View information about this project by reviewing the DEQ permit evaluation report and the draft permit attached to this notice. If you have any technical questions, please contact Jeremy Fleming at 503-229-5590 or email Fleming.Jeremy@deq.state.or.us.

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Jeremy Fleming at 503-229-5590.

The next step: DEQ considers and responds to all comments received and may modify the proposed permit renewal based on comments.

Alternative formats: DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE PERMIT:
Transfer Station / Material Recovery Facility

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Issued as authorized by ORS 459.245 and in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 459, 459A, Oregon Administrative Rules 340 Divisions 64, 90, 93, 95, 96 and 97 and subject to the Land Use Compatibility Statement referenced below.

Permittee:
Metro Regional Government
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland OR 97232
503-546-3950

Property Owner:
Metro Regional Government
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland OR 97232

Facility name and location:
Metro Central Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility
6161 NW 61st Ave.
Portland OR 97210

Operator:
The operator of the TS/MRF is:
Recology of Oregon
6161 NW 61st Ave.
Portland OR 97210

The operator of the Hazardous Waste Facility is:
Metro Regional Government
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland OR 97232

ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO:
• A solid waste disposal site permit renewal application received July 27, 2018.
• A Land Use Compatibility Statement from City of Portland and dated November 13, 1989.

The determination to issue this permit is based on findings and technical information included in the solid waste disposal site permit renewal application and permit record.

ISSUED BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Audrey O'Brien, Manager
Materials Management Program
Northwest Region

Permitted Activities

Until this permit expires or is modified or revoked, the permittee is authorized to operate and maintain a solid waste disposal site in conformance with the requirements, limitations and conditions set forth in this document, including all attachments.
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ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

1 Waste Receipt and Disposal Authorizations

Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility

1.1 Waste Authorized for Receipt

This permit authorizes the permittee to accept solid waste, as defined in ORS 459.005, for transfer, except waste specifically prohibited in Section 2 (Prohibitions) at the disposal site named Metro Central Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility (facility).

A DEQ-approved Special Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is required for acceptance of certain waste that requires special management due to the threat posed to human health or the environment. The following special wastes have received approval from DEQ:

- Large appliances
- Electronic waste
- Friable and non-friable asbestos containing materials at the HWF

Notes:

1. Wastes that are accepted at the Hazardous Waste Facility (HWF) and discussed in the DEQ approved HWF operations plan do not need a SWMP
2. Even though it is listed in this section, friable and non-friable asbestos is still a prohibited waste at the TS/MRF facility. A SWMP is required for friable and non-friable asbestos containing waste materials to account for these wastes inadvertently accepted in the waste stream.

1.2 Waste Tire Management

This permit authorizes the permittee to accept up to 100 whole tires for storage and removal. This permit authorizes the permittee to accept fewer than 2,000 whole tires for storage and removal if the permittee maintains a continuous contract with a DEQ permitted waste tire carrier to remove the tires from the site.

Reference: OAR 340-064-0050

1.3 Authorization to Receive Other Waste

The permittee must not accept any waste excluded from the above authorization at the facility without first submitting the necessary information to DEQ for review, and obtaining DEQ approval in writing.

Reference: OAR 340-095-0020

1.4 Authorization of Activities

The permittee must conduct all facility activities in accordance with the provisions of this permit until permit termination. Once approved by DEQ, any permit-required plans become part of the permit by reference.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0110 and OAR 340-093-0113

1.5 Duration of Authorization

The authorization for the permittee to accept solid waste will end at the time of site closure or if the permit expires and DEQ has not received a timely permit renewal application. After that time, no solid waste may be accepted without written authorization by DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0115
Hazardous Waste Facility

1.6 Wastes authorized for receipt

The HWF is authorized to accept for storage and transfer to an appropriate facility or end use, the following wastes:

1. Household hazardous waste (HHW)
2. Universal waste (UW)
3. Hazardous wastes from conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CEG)
4. Up to two 25 pound bags of asbestos containing wastes per customer

Acceptance of certain wastes is specifically prohibited in Section 2 (Prohibitions)

Reference: HHW is defined in ORS 459.005(12). Universal Waste is defined in 40 CFR 273.1 and OAR 340-113-010. Hazardous waste is defined in ORS 466.005(7). CEG is defined in ORS 459.412 and ORS 465.003(1)

1.7 Waste acceptance limits

The HWF must not accept more than 2,200 pounds of CEG hazardous waste from any one person/entity at any one time or more than 2,640 pounds cumulative from any person/entity within a single calendar year unless such entity/person obtains written permission from the DEQ.

1.8 Management of HHW & CEG waste

HHW and CEG Waste accepted at the HWF that would be defined as hazardous waste under Oregon or federal law had it not been generated by households or CEGs must be managed in a manner consistent with all applicable requirements for hazardous waste collection, storage, transport and disposal.

Exclusions – permittee may accept the following:

- Explosive materials if managed by the Metropolitan Explosive Disposal Unit
- Radioactive wastes if managed by Oregon Radiation Protective Services
- Gas cylinders if returned to the cylinder distributors.
- Reuse of hazardous household products according to the DEQ approved HWF operations plan
- DEQ must approve in within any other exclusions from this section

1.9 Authorization of other wastes

The DEQ may authorize the HWF to accept other wastes if:

- The permittee updates the operations plan that includes a SWMP (if needed) and submits it to the DEQ for review and approval
- The DEQ approves the updated operations plan and SWMP
- The permittee can demonstrate that the materials are not hazardous waste, as defined by state and federal regulations, or otherwise a threat to human health or the environment

1.10 Authorization of activities

All HWF activities must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this permit. Once approved by the DEQ, any permit-required plans become part of the permit by reference. The DEQ may provide notice and opportunity for review of permit-required plans.

1.11 Duration of authorization

The authorization to accept HHW and CEG waste will terminate at the time of site closure. After that time, no HHW or CEG waste may be accepted without written authorization by the DEQ.
2 Prohibitions

Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility

2.1 Prohibited Waste

The waste listed in this section is prohibited from being disposed of at the TS/MRF with municipal solid waste or transferred to a landfill or other disposal site for disposal, and the permittee cannot accept this waste unless otherwise approved in writing by DEQ:

- Liquid waste – Reference: 40 CFR 258.28;
- Radioactive waste – Reference: ORS 469.525 and OAR 345-050-0006;
- PCB or PCB Items regulated for disposal under 40 CFR 761.60(a) through (c), 40 CFR 761.61, 40 CFR 761.63, 40 CFR 761.64, or OAR 340-110-0060.

2.2 Special Waste

The permittee is prohibited from accepting certain waste materials that, because of their nature, pose potential hazards to human health or the environment and require careful handling at transfer facilities without first obtaining a Special Waste Management Plan approval in writing from DEQ. This waste includes, but is not limited to:

- Infectious Wastes as defined in ORS 459.386;
- Asbestos-containing materials as defined in OAR 340-248-0010.
- Sewage sludge and grit;
- Septage;
- Covered Electronic Devices (CEDs) as defined in ORS 459A.305;
- Industrial solid waste and other materials that may be hazardous or difficult to manage by virtue of their character or large volume, unless special provisions for such disposal are otherwise approved by the DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0190 and OAR 340-095-0020

2.3 Waste Banned from Disposal

The permittee may collect the following waste for storage, management and recycling only; the permittee must not knowingly accept or mix this waste with solid waste or transfer it to a landfill for disposal:

- Discarded or abandoned vehicles;
- Large home or industrial appliances;
- Used oil;
- Whole Tires;
- Lead-acid batteries;
- Computer monitors having a viewable area greater than four inches diagonally;
- Televisions having a viewable area greater than four inches diagonally;
- Desktop computers;
- Portable computers;
- Source separated recyclable material as defined in OAR 340-090-0010.


2.4 Open Burning

The permittee must not conduct any open burning at the facility.

Reference: OAR 340-264-0030 (defines open burning)
Hazardous Waste Facility

2.5 Hazardous Waste

The HWF must not accept any hazardous waste from hazardous waste generators including, but not limited to, small and large quantity generators.

2.6 Non-hazardous Waste

The HWF must not accept non-hazardous waste such as empty containers and regular household trash from customers. These wastes must be disposed of at the TS/MRF facility.

Exceptions: In the operations of the HWF, non-hazardous waste may be generated from the process of bulking and lab-packing. In addition, incidental non-hazardous, non-putrescible waste brought in by customers with their HHW is acceptable to be collected at the HWF.

2.7 Friable and non-friable asbestos containing material

The HWF may only accept small loads of wither friable or non-friable asbestos containing materials defined as a maximum of two (2), 25lb. bags.

Asbestos containing waste material may be accepted when packaged and handled according to the Operations Plan.

2.8 Infectious waste

The permittee must not accept infectious waste at the HWF

Exception: Sharps may be accepted when handled in accordance with OAR 340-93-190(1)(d)(B)

2.9 Electronic waste disposal

The permittee must not accept the following covered electronic devices for disposal:

- Computer monitors having a viewable area greater than four inches diagonally
- Televisions having a viewable area greater than four inches diagonally
- Desktop computers
- Laptop computers

Reference: ORS 459.247 and 459A

3 Recycling

3.1 Recyclable Materials

The permittee must provide a place for receiving the following recyclable materials:

- newspaper
- ferrous scrap metal
- non-ferrous scrap metal
- used motor oil
- corrugated cardboard and kraft paper (brown paper bags)
- aluminum
- container glass
- hi-grade office paper
- tin cans
- yard debris

Reference: OAR 340-093-0160

3.2 Recycling Depot Location
The place for receiving recyclable materials must be located at the facility or at another location more convenient to the population served by the facility. The recycling depot must be available to every person whose solid waste enters the facility.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0160

3.3 Recyclable Material Use

All properly prepared, source separated recyclable materials must be reused or recycled, except for used oil and wood waste which may be collected and burned for energy recovery. The permittee cannot dispose of any source separated recyclable material, as defined under ORS 459.005(19).

Reference: OAR 340-090-0090

3.4 Recycling Information

The permittee must provide, or have available upon request, recycling information for facility users that includes the following:

- The location of the recycling depot at the disposal site or another location;
- The hours of operation of the recycling depot;
- Instructions for correct preparation of accepted source separated recyclable material;
- The material accepted for recycling;
- Reasons why people should recycle.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0160 and OAR 340-090-0030

3.5 Recycling Information Signs

A sign must be prominently displayed which indicates:

- The availability of recycling at the facility;
- The materials accepted at the recycling depot;
- The hours of operation of the recycling depot (if different from facility hours).

3.6 Salvaging of Materials

Salvaging of materials is authorized if conducted in a controlled and orderly manner and included in the permittee's DEQ-approved operations plan.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040(4)

OPERATIONS AND DESIGN

4 Operations Plan

4.1 Plan Compliance

The permittee must conduct all operations at the facility in accordance with the approved Operations Plan, including any DEQ-approved amendments. The DEQ-approved Operations Plan is incorporated into the permit by reference.

Reference: OAR 340-095-0020
4.2 Plan Content
The Operations Plan must describe the method of operation of the facility in accordance with all regulatory and permit requirements.
Reference: ORS 459.235 and OAR 340-096-0040

4.3 Plan Maintenance
Prior to commencing any change in operations, the permittee must submit revisions of the Operations Plan to DEQ for review and approval. Additionally, the permittee must revise the Operations Plan as necessary so that it reflects current facility conditions and procedures.

4.4 Special Waste Management Plan
After consultation with DEQ, and prior to accepting wastes listed in Section 2.2, the permittee must submit a SWMP for DEQ review and approval. DEQ approved SWMPs will be incorporated into the approved Operations Plan. The SWMP must address procedures for receipt, handling, storage, spill clean-up and transport for reuse, recovery or disposal at an appropriately permitted facility.
Reference: OAR 340-093-0190

5 Site Design and Construction

5.1 Facility Design and Construction Plan
The facility, including any modifications or additions, must be designed and constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by DEQ and any amendments approved in writing by DEQ. The permittee must consult with DEQ prior to any site modification. DEQ may require the permittee to prepare and submit a modified Facility Design and Construction Plan, stamped by a registered professional engineer. If a new Plan is required, the permittee must receive written approval of the modified Facility Design and Construction Plan from DEQ prior to commencing construction.

5.2 Construction Requirements
The permittee must perform construction in accordance with DEQ-approved plans and specifications, including all conditions of approval by DEQ. Any significant amendments to those plans and specifications must be approved prior to construction in writing by DEQ.
Reference: OAR 340-093-0140

5.3 Construction Documents
Prior to initiating construction, the permittee must submit and receive written DEQ approval of complete construction documents for the project to be constructed. The construction documents submitted must include a Construction Quality Assurance plan describing the measures that will be taken to monitor and ensure that the quality of materials and the work performed complies with project specifications and contract requirements.
Reference: OAR 340-093-0150

5.4 Construction Certification Report Submittal
DEQ may require, upon completion of major or critical construction at the facility, that the permittee submit to DEQ a final project report signed by the project engineer or manager as appropriate. The report must certify that construction has been completed in accordance with the approved plans including any approved amendments thereto.
5.5 Approval to Use

The permittee cannot accept waste in newly constructed facilities or areas until DEQ has approved the Construction Certification Report. If DEQ does not respond in writing to the Construction Certification Report within 30 days of its receipt, the permittee may accept waste at the facility in the newly constructed facilities or areas.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0150

6 Site Operations

6.1 General Site Operations

The permittee must at all times maintain and properly operate all waste collection and disposal facilities to prevent discharges, health hazards, and nuisance conditions and in accordance with the provisions of this permit.

6.2 Waste Removal

The permittee must remove all waste from the facility at least as often as necessary to prevent malodors, unsightliness, and attraction of vectors or other environmental concerns.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0210 and OAR 340-096-0040

6.3 Containers

The permittee must clean all containers on-site, as needed, to maintain a sanitary operating environment and to prevent malodors, unsightliness and attraction of vectors.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0210 and OAR 340-096-0040

6.4 Equipment

The permittee must have readily available equipment of adequate size and design to properly operate the facility at all times and maintain compliance with all permit conditions.

6.5 Roads

The permittee must construct and maintain all weather roads from the public highways or roads, to and within the facility. The roads must be constructed and maintained to prevent traffic congestion, traffic hazards, dust, mud, track out and noise pollution.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.6 Vehicles and Truck Covers

All vehicles and equipment operated by the permittee and using public roads, must be constructed, maintained and operated so as to prevent leaking, shifting or spilling of loads while in transit. The permittee must notify all incoming waste haulers that trucks containing loads must be covered or suitably cross-tied to prevent any load loss during shipment.


6.7 Litter Control

The permittee must at all times minimize litter and collect it quickly and effectively such that the entire facility and adjacent lands are maintained virtually free of litter at all times. The permittee must retrieve and properly dispose of any debris from the facility as soon as possible the same operational day.
6.8 Air Quality

The permittee must control dust and malodors resulting from facility construction, operation and other facility activities.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.9 Drainage

The permittee must divert surface and storm water drainage around or away from waste handling and storage areas. The permittee must maintain surface water diversion ditches or structures in a serviceable condition and free of obstructions and debris at all times.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.10 Wastewater Prevention and Management

The permittee must operate the facility in a manner that minimizes wastewater production to the maximum extent practicable; including providing roofs and covers over operating and recycling collection areas. The permittee must collect, remove and manage wastewater in a manner approved by DEQ to prevent malodors, public health hazards and discharge to public waters. Any wastewater or stormwater discharges must be conducted in accordance with applicable WPCF and/or NPDES permits.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0210

6.11 Unloading Area

The permittee must clearly identify the area(s) for unloading of solid waste by signs, fences, barriers or other devices.

Reference: OAR 340-095-0020

6.12 Public Access

The permittee must control public access to the facility, as necessary, to prevent unauthorized entry and dumping.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.13 Legal Control of Property

The permittee must maintain legal control of the property, including maintaining a current permit and contract, or agreement that allows the operation of the facility if the property is not owned by the permittee.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0050 and OAR 340-093-0070

6.14 Fire Protection

Fire protection must be provided in accordance with operations plans approved in writing by DEQ and in compliance with pertinent state and local fire regulations. The permittee must make arrangements with the local fire control agency to ensure the fire control services will be provided immediately when needed. Fires must be immediately and thoroughly extinguished and reported to DEQ within 24 hours.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.15 Signs

The permittee must post signs at the facility, which are clearly visible and legible, providing the following information:

- Facility name;
- Emergency telephone number;
- Days and hours of operation;
- Authorized and prohibited wastes;
- Solid waste disposal site permit number;
- Operator’s address.

6.16 Vector Control

The permittee must provide rodent, insect, bird, and other vector control measures, as necessary, to prevent vector harborage.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040

6.17 Complaints

The permittee must investigate and attempt to resolve all complaints it receives regarding facility operations by doing the following:

- Contact the complainant within 24 hours to discuss the problem;
- Keep a record of the complaint, name and contact information (when possible), date complaint was received, date of facility response, description of facility response;
- Immediately initiate procedures at the facility, when possible, to resolve the problem identified by the complainant;
- For odor, litter or dust complaints, the permittee must report to DEQ as soon as complaints are received from five different businesses and/or individuals within one week, or if an odor event lasts longer than 24 hours without resolution or mitigation.

6.18 Permit Display

The permittee must display this permit, or a photocopy of it, where operating personnel can readily refer to it.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

7 Recordkeeping, Reporting and Fee Payment

7.1 Records

The permittee must keep copies of all records and reports for a minimum of five years from date initially placed in the facility operating record.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040 and OAR 340-095-0020

7.2 Access to Records

Upon request, the permittee must make all records and reports related to the permitted facility available to DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-096-0040 and OAR 340-093-0050

7.3 Disposal and Recycling Data Collection

- Solid waste disposal - The permittee must collect information on a monthly basis on the number of tons or cubic yards of solid waste received from compactor, drop box and private vehicles. Data collected will represent a calendar year.
- Recycling - The permittee must collect information about the amount of each material recovered for composting, recycling or other beneficial purpose each quarter for each year.

7.4 Data Reporting
• Solid waste disposal – Information collected on solid waste accepted for transfer to a disposal site must be recorded annually on the DEQ form titled: Solid Waste Transfer Report. This completed form must be submitted to DEQ at the address on the form each year.

• Material recovery/ recycling – Recovery/ recycling information collected must be submitted to the address on the survey form provided by DEQ each year for the prior calendar year.

Reference: OAR 340-090-0100

7.5 Non-Compliance Reporting

In the event the permittee violates any condition of this permit or of DEQ’s rules or statute, the permittee must immediately take action to correct the violation and notify DEQ within 24 hours at: DEQ’s Choose Region Region Materials Management Program Office at Choose Telephone No..

7.6 Oil and Hazardous Material Spill Response and Reporting

The permittee must immediately clean up any spill of oil or hazardous material as described in the Operations Plan. If the spill is of a reportable quantity the permittee must immediately report the spill to the Oregon Emergency Response System at 1-800-452-0311 and DEQ.

Reportable quantities include:

- Any amount of oil spilled to waters of the state;
- Oil spills on land in excess of 42 gallons;
- 200 pounds (25 gallons) of pesticide residue;
- Hazardous materials that are equal to, or greater than, the quantity listed in the 40 CFR Part 302 (List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities), and amendments adopted before July 1, 2002. For a complete list of hazardous materials required to be reported, please refer to OAR 340-142-0050.

7.7 Fee Payment

The permittee must pay the solid waste permit compliance fee each year this permit is in effect. DEQ will send an invoice to the permittee indicating the amount of the fee and the due date for fee payment. Fees are based on the tons of solid waste received and transferred for disposal.

Reference: OAR 340-097-0110 and OAR 340-097-0120

8 Permit Modification

8.1 Modification

At any time during the life of the permit, DEQ or the permittee may propose changes to the permit.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0070 and OAR 340-093-0113

8.2 Modification and Revocation by DEQ

DEQ may, at any time before the expiration date, modify, suspend or revoke this permit in whole or in part in accordance with ORS 459.255 for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

- Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit or any applicable statute, rule, standard or order of the Environmental Quality Commission;
- Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
- A significant change in the quantity or character of solid waste received or in the operation of the facility.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0113 and OAR 340-093-0115
8.3 Modification by Permittee

The permittee must apply for a modification to this permit if a significant change in facility operations is planned, there is a deviation from activities described in this permit, or there is a sale or exchange of the facility. The permittee cannot implement any change in operations that requires a permit modification prior to receiving approval from DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0070

8.4 Change in Name or Address

The permittee must report to DEQ in writing any name or address change of the owner or operator of the facility or property within 10 days of the change.

Reference: OAR 340-095-0020

8.5 Transfer, Sale or Exchange of Permit or Facility

The permittee must submit a permit modification application for any transfer, sale, or exchange of the permit or facility prior to completing the transaction.

All permit conditions will remain in effect until such time as a new or modified permit is issued by DEQ. The permittee will remain responsible for the failure by the new owner to abide by the terms of any permit conditions resulting in a violation until a new permit is issued by DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0070

8.6 Public Participation

Significant changes in the permit may be subject to the issuance of a public notice as set forth in DEQ rules for public notification.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0100

9 Administration

9.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, all terms are as defined in OAR 340-090-0010 and OAR 340-093-0030.

9.2 Submittals

Unless otherwise specified on the forms provided by DEQ, all submittals required under this permit must be sent to:

Environmental Partnerships Manager
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
700 NE Multnomah St., Suite 600
Portland, OR 97232-4100
503-229-5353
DEQNWRSolidWastePermitCoordinator@deq.state.or.us

9.3 Permit Term

The effective date of this permit is the date this document is signed by DEQ. The expiration date of the permit is indicated at the top right of this document. The authorization to accept solid waste at the facility will end
when this permit expires, is terminated, or revoked. After that time, the permittee cannot accept solid waste at the facility.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0070 and OAR 340-093-0115

9.4 Permit Renewal

The permittee must submit an application for permit renewal if the permittee intends to continue operation beyond the expiration date of this permit. A complete solid waste disposal site permit renewal application must be submitted to DEQ at least 180 days before the existing permit expires. All permit conditions will remain in effect until such time as a new permit is issued by DEQ. Failure by a permittee to abide by the terms of any permit conditions will be a violation.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0070 and OAR 340-093-0115

9.5 Permittee Initiated Termination of Permit

After facility closure, the permittee must request, in writing, to DEQ that the permit be terminated. Permittee must demonstrate to DEQ that the facility no longer requires a permit under OAR 340-093-0050 before DEQ will terminate the permit.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0050 and OAR 340-093-0115

9.6 Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights.

9.7 DEQ Liability

DEQ, its officers, agents or employees do not sustain any liability because of the issuance of this permit or because of the construction, maintenance, or operation of facilities pursuant to this permit.

9.8 Documents Superseded

This document is the primary solid waste permit for the facility, superseding all other solid waste disposal site permits issued for this facility by DEQ.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0115

9.9 Binding Nature

Conditions of this permit are binding upon the permittee. The permittee is liable for all acts and omissions of the permittee’s contractors and agents.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0050

9.10 Access to Facility

The permittee must allow representatives of DEQ access to the facility at all reasonable times, for the purpose of:

- Performing inspections;
- Surveys;
- Collecting samples;
- Obtaining data;
- Reviewing records;
- Carrying out other necessary functions related to this permit.

Reference: OAR 340-093-0050

9.11 Other Compliance

Issuance of this permit does not relieve the permittee from the responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations.
9.12  **Penalties**

Violation of any condition of this permit or any incorporated plan may subject the permittee to civil penalties for each day of each violation.


**END PERMIT CONDITIONS**
To: File SWDP# 409  
Metro Central Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility  
Multnomah County  

From: Jeremy Fleming  
Natural Resource Specialist – NWR  

Subject: Solid Waste Permit Evaluation Report  
Metro Central Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility  
Solid Waste Permit Renewal  

Background  
The Metro Central facility was originally issued a Solid Waste Disposal Permit on June 11, 1990 and the facility opened on January 14, 1991. The permit was amended on September 14, 1992 to provide for a Household Hazardous Waste facility. The most recent permit was issued on February 6, 2009 and expired on February 4, 2019.  
In compliance with the regulatory timelines, Metro submitted an application for renewal of Solid Waste Disposal Permit (SWDP) #409 on July 27, 2018, which is within the 180-day permit renewal application deadline. Permit #409 continues to be in effect until DEQ takes final action on the permit renewal application.  

The Site  
The Facility is located at 6161 NW 61st Avenue in Portland, Oregon. (Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, W.M. Tax lot 600). Prior to serving as a solid waste facility, the site was used as a warehouse by a series of steel companies from at least 1924.  
The site is bordered on all sides by industrial facilities. The railroad is approximately 500 feet to the southwest of the site and the Willamette River is approximately 1,400 feet to the northeast of the site. The site is 10.43 acres in size.  
The overall site includes a 165,000 square foot warehouse type structure that houses the transfer station/material recovery facility (TS/MRF), four scales with three associated scale houses, the 3,600 square foot household hazardous waste facility (HWF) and several small office buildings.  

Operations  
The Facility consists of a TS/MRF that is currently operated by Recology. The scale houses and the HWF are operated by Metro.
With the exception of storage of inert materials, the TS/MRF operations take place inside the large warehouse building. The Facility accepts putrescible and non-putrescible solid waste from both commercial and self haul customers. In general, self haul vehicles are directed to unload their vehicles in a separate area from commercial vehicles. The self haul loads are sorted manually by Facility staff.

Commercial loads that are dry and contain significant portions of recoverable materials are directed to a separate area in the building and the waste is sorted for recoverable materials on the floor of the building using manual labor and skid loaders. The remaining non-recoverable waste from the sorting operations as well as loads of non-recoverable waste are loaded into the compactors. After compaction, the waste is loaded in trailers for transfer to the landfill for disposal. Loads of wood waste are offloaded in the wood waste area of the building. This wood waste and the wood waste from the sorting operations are both ground into hog fuel.

The HWF accepts household hazardous waste (HHW) from residential customers and hazardous waste (HW) from conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CEGs). Residential customers are not generally charged a fee, unless they bring in containers of 10 gallons or more. CEG customers are charged a fee for disposal of their HW. Inside the HWF building, HWF staff sorts the waste, packs it in drums or containers for recycling or disposal at appropriate HW facilities.

The site maintains regular working hours and is appropriately fenced and locked when it is not open. In addition, when the operator is not on site, there is a security guard on site patrolling the facility.

**Potential Environmental Risks**

The TS/MRF facility is operated in a building that is mostly enclosed on 3 sides and has a concrete floor. The HWF is in a completely enclosed building.

Stormwater drains from the onsite pavement and roofs to a manhole with a gate valve to isolated drainage. This connects to the storm drain on NW Front Avenue. Waste water, including truck wash water, is sent to the City of Portland sanitary sewer system.

Since the waste handling happens under the cover of the TS/MRF building, and the site is graded, in general, stormwater does not come into contact with the waste. Any liquid that comes into contact with the waste is handled as leachate. Any leachate that is in the waste is collected in sumps that are under the conveyors that lead to the compactors. These sumps are pumped out periodically by an outside contractor and the liquid is sprayed on the waste that is going to be disposed in the landfill. The dry portions of the waste absorb the liquid.

Liquid that is collected in the truck wash area is sent to the City of Portland sanitary sewer system. The TS/MRF uses adequate dust control measures to control impacts to the air. In addition to having fans in the ceiling of the facility to properly exchange the air in the building, they have misters that apply water to the waste as needed to keep the dust down.

Some of the materials recovered during the sorting operations in the TS/MRF are stored outside. The only materials that are stored outside the building are rubble, glass, empty propane tanks and plastic bottles. These materials are not a threat to the environment when stored outside.
Waste destined for landfill is transferred from the compactors into transfer trailers. There is a potential for these trailers to leak if they are not maintained properly.

**Compliance History**

DEQ has not issued any enforcement actions for solid waste or hazardous waste violations at the facility. The facility was last inspected on March 5, 2020 and was found to be in compliance with their permit.

Metro’s contractor for transporting the waste to the landfill, CSU Transport, was issued a Warning Letter, with opportunity to correct, on August 25, 2008 because of trailers leaking on their site. This enforcement action required that they implement measures to protect the environment from trailers that leak. DEQ has not identified any leakage since these corrections were made.

**Current Permits**

**Environmental Cleanup (ECSI Operation ID #1398)**
The site was established as a contaminated site prior to opening of the Facility. The contamination is in the groundwater and was determined to be due to the neighboring Rhone-Poulenc site which is in DEQ’s Cleanup Program. DEQ does not recommend any additional action be taken at this site until the Rhone-Poulenc site cleanup has been completed.

**Hazardous Waste Generator (ID #1281)**
The Facility is a conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CEG) due to the small amounts of HW generated by the Facility operation such as vehicle maintenance. HW dropped off by customers at the HWF does not count toward the Facility’s HW identification.

**Stormwater (File #110646, Permit #16465)**
The Facility has a GEN1200-Z NPDES Industrial Stormwater permit that is administered by the City of Portland. The permit was issued October 22, 2018.

**Public comment**

DEQ recommends that a public notice be issued to receive comments on the draft permit renewal.