

# Public Notice

## DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Renewal of Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit for Metro South Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility



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**Comments due:** 5 p.m., Nov. 11, 2020

**Project location:** 2001 Washington St. in Oregon City

**Proposal:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality proposes to renew the Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit for Metro South Station for their facility located at 2001 Washington St, Oregon City, OR 97045.

**Highlights:** Recology Oregon Recovery South, Inc., (Recology) operates and maintains the TS/MRF portions of the Facility. Metro operates and maintains the scale houses and the HWF (Hazardous Waste Facility) portions of the facility. All transfer operations take place inside two large warehouse buildings and the HWF is operated in a completely enclosed building.

The facility accepts putrescible and non-putrescible solid waste from commercial and self-haul customers. In general, self-haul customers unload their vehicles in a separate area away from commercial vehicles. Self-haul customers manually sort their own loads. In addition, facility staff also sort self-haul loads. The large TS/MRF building on the southwest side of the property accepts mostly wet and non-recoverable loads.

The HWF facility is on the west side of the property when entering the Facility from the main entrance. The HWF accepts household hazardous waste from residential customers and hazardous waste (HW) from conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CEGs). Inside the HWF building, HWF staff sorts the waste, packs it in drums or containers for recycling or disposal at appropriate HW facilities.

**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](mailto: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 Chris Papinsick at 503-229-5562 or email [Papinsick.Chris@deq.state.or.us](mailto:Papinsick.Chris@deq.state.or.us) .

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Inez Lawson at 503-229-5529

**The next step:** DEQ considers and responds to all comments received and may modify the proposed permit 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](mailto:deqinfo@deq.state.or.us).



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## **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 South Station  
2001 Washington Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
Section 29 T25, R2E, WM

### **Operator:**

The operator of the TS/MRF is:  
Recology of Oregon Recovery South, Inc.  
2001 Washington Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

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 August 14, 2018.
- A Land Use Compatibility Statement from City of Oregon City, dated April 23, 2007.

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**

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Audrey O'Brien, Manager  
Materials Management Program  
Northwest Region

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Date

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### **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 South Station (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
- Used oil
- Liquid waste
- Fluorescent tubes
- Large dead animals
- 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. Asbestos containing wastes from households as described in the facility Operations Plan

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 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 from regulated generators, 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:

- Hazardous waste – Reference: [40 CFR 258.20\(b\)](#), [OAR 340-101](#) and [OAR 340-093-0040](#);
- 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](#).

Reference: [ORS 459.247](#), [OAR 340-093-0040](#), [ORS 459A.080](#), and [OAR 340-090-0090](#)

#### 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**

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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> newspaper  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aluminum              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ferrous scrap metal  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> container glass       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-ferrous scrap metal                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hi-grade office paper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> used motor oil   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tin cans              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> corrugated cardboard and kraft paper<br>(brown paper bags) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

Reference: [ORS 459.235](#), [OAR 340-093-0140](#), and [OAR 340-096-0040](#)

### **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, which 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.

Reference: [OAR 340-093-0150](#)

### **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.

Reference: [OAR 340-093-0220](#).

### 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.

Reference: [OAR 340-096-0040](#)

### 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](#)
- HHW – The permittee must monitor the collection of HHW, universal waste and waste from conditionally exempt small quantity generators at the household waste facility and maintain records of the following required data for a minimum of 3 years:

Item or Parameter	Monitoring Frequency
Name and address of any person delivering more than 1100 lbs HHW, and date waste was accepted	Each occurrence
Name of fully regulated generator disposing of UW, type and amount of UW, and date waste was accepted	Each occurrence
Business name of generator disposing of CEG waste, type and amount of CEG waste, and date waste was accepted	Each occurrence
Inventory of all products that are on site including locations for each container.	Daily
Manifests and certificates of disposal for all waste shipped from site.	Annually
Information on waste spills, including date, volume, type of waste and cleanup response.	Each occurrence

By March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, the permittee must submit a hazardous waste facility annual inventory report for the previous calendar year indicating:

- The number of drums and estimated total weight in each storage area at the beginning of the year.
- The number of drums and estimated total weight shipped off-site from each storage area during the year.
- Disposal method and disposal contractor for each category of waste collected at the facility. Estimated pounds of waste received by waste category on a form provided by DEQ.
- The number of drums and estimated total weight in each storage area at the end of the year.
- The number of private vehicles delivering household hazardous waste to the facility.

**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 Emergency Response Plan Submittal**

The permittee must keep documentation available in the operating records which demonstrates that the items described below have been accomplished.

- Submit the most recent Operations Plan and Emergency Response Plan, updated emergency contacts list and if appropriate establish response agreements with all appropriate agencies, including as applicable, all local police, fire and local emergency response teams.

### **7.8 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  
[DEQNWR.SolidWastePermitCoordinator@deq.state.or.us](mailto:DEQNWR.SolidWastePermitCoordinator@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.

Reference: [OAR 340-093-0050](#), [OAR 340-012-0160](#) and [ORS 459.995](#).

**END PERMIT CONDITIONS**



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Environmental  
Quality

## Permit Evaluation Report

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Northwest Region Office  
700 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, OR 97232

August 14, 2020

**To:** File  
Metro South Station  
Clackamas County

**From:** Chris Papinsick  
Solid Waste Permit Manager and Inspector – NWR

**Subject:** Solid Waste Permit Evaluation Report  
Metro South Station  
Solid Waste Permit Renewal #350

### Background

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued the original permit for the Metro South Transfer Station (the Facility) on June 9, 1982. The facility opened as Clackamas Transfer and Recycling Center on April 11, 1983. The Hazardous Waste Facility (HWF) opened on February 6, 1982. DEQ issued the most recent permit on April 23, 2009 and this permit expired on April 22, 2019. This permit renewal includes both the transfer station/material recovery facility and hazardous waste facility.

In compliance with regulatory timelines, Metro submitted an application of Solid Waste Disposal Permit #350 on August 22, 2018 which meets the 180-day permit renewal application deadline. Permit #350 continues to be in effect until DEQ takes final action on the permit renewal application. The City of Oregon City issued a land use compatibility statement (LUCS) for the Facility on April 23, 2007.

### The Site

The Facility is located at 2001 Washington Street in Oregon City, Oregon (Section 29, Township 25 North, Range 2 East, W.M. Tax lot 904). Major structures on the site consist of two warehouse-type structures for the TS/MRF, the HWF building, a maintenance building, a separate covered truck wash area, a large tent area for storing appliances and tires, and three scale-houses with five scales. No processing of Freon occurs on site.

The Facility is bordered on the southwest by the railroad right-of-way with industrial businesses beyond that. The Facility is bordered on the southeast by Washington Street and retail businesses including Home Depot which is located on the closed Rossman's Landfill. Highway 213 borders the



property on the northeast. In addition, a railroad right-of-way and wetland drainage area is on the northwest side of the property. Beyond the wetland drainage area is Interstate 205.

Metro South is piloting the collection and densification of polystyrene in collaboration with Agilyx in the tents.

### **Operations**

Recology Oregon Recovery South, Inc., (Recology) operates and maintains the TS/MRF portions of the Facility. Metro operates and maintains the scale houses and the HWF portions of the Facility. All transfer operations take place inside two large warehouse buildings and the HWF facility is operated in a completely enclosed building.

The Facility accepts putrescible and non-putrescible solid waste from commercial and self-haul customers. In general, self-haul customers unload their vehicles in a separate area away from commercial vehicles. Self-haul customers manually sort their own loads. In addition, Facility staff also sort self-haul loads. The large TS/MRF building on the southwest side of the property accepts mostly wet and non-recoverable loads. There are two unloading bays (Bays 1 and 2) with a waste pit in between the bays. There are two compactors (densifiers) at the end of waste pit where waste is compacted into bales and loaded on trailers for transport to the landfill for disposal. Typically, Metro disposes of waste from the Facility at the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. Under certain conditions such as road closures or equipment breakdown, the Facility transports waste for disposal at Cowlitz County, Wasco County, and Coffin Butte landfills.

Bay 3 is located in a second enclosed warehouse building located at the northeast end of the property. Commercial loads that are dry and contain significant portions of recoverable materials are directed to this building. Clean wood is separated inside and sent to market. Yard debris is also tipped inside this building and consolidated before removal. Waste tires are consolidated in dumpsters outside this building for removal. E-waste is palletized and stored under a tent structure. A berm on the uphill side of the tent prevents stormwater from running through the covered tent area.

The HWF facility is on the west side of the property when entering the Facility from the main entrance. The HWF accepts household hazardous waste 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 of HW. 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.

Metro has currently suspended fee collection from households due to COVID-19. Prior to the pandemic, fees were collected at a rate of \$5/35 gallons of waste presented. Fees collected from CEG customers reflect handling and disposal of the wastes collected. Fees collected are a policy decision made by Metro Council.

### **Environmental Controls**

Stormwater drains from the onsite pavement and roofs to a series of catch basins throughout the site. The catch basin network drains into an onsite stormwater detention/wetland pond which drains to Clackamas Cove and eventually the Clackamas River. Catch basins, sumps and oil water separator on site are cleaned regularly an outside contractor. The liquids removed are transported off-site for management.

Wastewater that is collected in the truck wash area is collected and goes through an oil-water separator to a sampling manhole designated as the point of compliance (POC). Then the liquid drains by gravity to the sanitary sewer system which terminates at the Tri City Service District pre-treatment facility.

Since most of the waste handling happens under the cover of the TS/MRF buildings, and the site is paved, in general, stormwater does not come into contact with the waste. Any liquid that does come into contact with the waste is handled as leachate. There is a sump under the garbage pit between Bays 1 and 2. However due to the large volume of waste that moves through the Facility, drier waste usually absorbs most excess liquid in the waste. The sumps are pumped out regularly by an outside contractor and the liquid is sprayed on the waste that will be disposed in a landfill. The dry portions of the waste absorb the liquid. The drains under the loading dock for the transfer trailers are isolated and drain to the same manhole POC that the truck wastewater is pumped to.

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.

The concrete floor of the facility protects the ground under the site from contamination. The waste that is going to be disposed at a landfill is transferred from the densifiers into transfer trailers. Once the trailer is loaded, the waste is the responsibility of a contractor hired by Metro. The current contractor, Walsh Transport, sometimes temporarily stores trailers full of waste on the property. There is a potential for these trailers to leak if they are not maintained properly. Because of the large volume and the variety of waste handled at the HWF and the limited storage space inside the HWF, some wastes are stored outside. Waste that is stored outside may include batteries, compressed gas cylinders, low hazard liquids such as latex paint and vegetable oil, solids such as sharps, asbestos and fertilizers, and usable products for the reuse program. All waste stored outside has appropriate protection, such as secondary containment and protection from weather.

### **Facility History**

The permittee is not undergoing any enforcement actions at this time. The following summarizes recent changes and inspections:

#### ***Operations Plan update, January 10, 2020 and May 19, 2020***

Metro submits draft operations plan to DEQ.

#### ***Operator change, January 2, 2020***

Recology Oregon Recovery South, Inc. starts as TS/MRF operator. Metro remains as HWF operator.

***Inspection, November 11, 2019***

DEQ conducted an unannounced inspection of the TS/MRF and HWF facility. No violations were found.

***Inspection, October 11, 2018***

DEQ unannounced inspection of the TS/MRF and HWF facility. No violations were found.

***Inspection, November 23, 2015***

DEQ solid waste conducted an unannounced inspection of the TS/MRF and HWF facility. No violations were found.

***Permit renewal, March 31, 2009***

TS/MRF permit renewed until March 31, 2019.

**Current Permits**

Hazardous Waste Generator (ID #6505)

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 facility does not count toward the Facility's HW generator status.

Stormwater (File #116824)

The Facility has maintained 1200-Z NPDES Industrial Stormwater General Permit coverage since May 17, 2007. The facility is required to comply with the permit conditions at all times. For questions concerning the stormwater permit, contact the DEQ Northwest Region Stormwater office at 503-229-5438.

Metro maintains an Industrial Waste Water Permit (02T-004-0) with Clackamas County (Tri-City Waste Environmental Services to discharge wastewater.

**Recommendation**

DEQ recommends that a public notice be issued to receive comments on the draft permit renewal. The Facility will be inspected regularly by DEQ staff to assess compliance with the permit.