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RE: Proposed Application of Biosolids as Fertilizer Amendment

[Your facility name], has applied to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to land apply biosolids on a property near you. The property currently proposed to receive the biosolids is located at: Township, Range, Section, Tax lot (or street address if available). Please see attached map.

Biosolids are a byproduct of domestic wastewater treatment which contains valuable nutrients. Various processes stabilize the biosolids, kill harmful bacteria and control odors. The treated biosolids are frequently used instead of chemical fertilizers and because many of the nutrients in the biosolids are less mobile in the soil, they are absorbed by the plants and are less likely to adversely affect our water resources. Additionally, the biosolids improve soil tilth, water-holding capacity, and provide micronutrients not found in most chemical fertilizers.

The reuse of biosolids is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to protect public health and the environment. DEQ inspects each proposed field and must approve the site prior to application. As part of this approval, DEQ establishes buffer zones from sensitive areas such as wells, streams, roads, houses, etc.

[Your facility name] has land applied biosolids for over XX years. Enclosed is a brochure on Biosolids recycling and a DEQ fact Sheet. If you have any questions about [Your facility name] biosolids program, please contact [Your facility contact] (XXX-XXX-XXXX). You may also learn more about the DEQ Biosolids Program on their website at: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/programs/Pages/Biosolids.aspx>

If you are not the resident or occupant of the property adjacent to this site but are the owner, please notify anyone who resides at this property of this proposed activity.

Sincerely,