



## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

Application of Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc. to accept and reload residential yard debris mixed with food waste in conjunction with its existing Metro-licensed material recovery facility located in the Freeway Land industrial park in southeast Portland.

**Notice Issued:** June 29, 2012

**Written comments regarding this application may be submitted through 5 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2012.**

**Applicant:** Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc.

**Name and location of facility:**

Foster Road Recovery Facility  
6400 SE 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Building 4-A  
Portland, Oregon 97266

**Description of facility/application:**

Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc. (ROMR) submitted an application to Metro to reload residential yard debris mixed with food waste in conjunction with their existing Metro-licensed material recovery facility (Foster Road Recovery Facility). The facility occupies a 6.2-acre area within an approximately 100-acre site and has been operating with a Metro license since 2001. ROMR took over ownership and control of the facility in 2009. The facility currently accepts and processes mixed non-putrescible (“dry”) waste to recover and recycle marketable materials. The facility also accepts and reloads other materials including yard debris (not mixed with food waste) and wood waste.

ROMR now proposes to accept residential yard debris mixed with food waste at the facility from the city of Portland’s curbside compost program. According to the city of Portland, the amount of food scraps fluctuate seasonally from ten to twenty percent of the total mix when collected with residential yard debris. The residential yard debris mixed with food waste will be delivered to an enclosed building at the facility designed to mitigate potential odors generated from delivery, consolidation and reload activities. The odor controls inside the building will include a negative aeration system that vents to a biofilter. In addition, any liquid waste (leachate) that may drain from the food wastes will be collected, contained and transported to an approved off-site facility. According to the application, the residential yard debris mixed with food waste will be reloaded within 48-hours of receipt and transported to an authorized composting facility located outside of the Metro region. No composting will occur at this site.

The facility proposes to accept residential yard debris mixed with food waste between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The city of Portland has limited the number of garbage hauler-type trucks delivering food waste to the facility to a maximum of

35 round trips per day. Additionally, the number of truck trips to remove food waste from the facility has been limited to 10 trips (or 5 round trips) per day between the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

#### City of Portland Land Use Approval

According to the City of Portland, the subject property is zoned Heavy Industrial (IH) and General Employment (EG2) which allows a mix of uses with a strong industrial orientation. The proposed food waste reloading activity was approved through a conditional use review process that included public hearings. The conditional use approval was upheld on appeal to both the Portland City Council and the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. The final decision issued by the City of Portland can be viewed online at <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=46574&a=377783>

#### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit

The facility has also applied for a modification to its existing DEQ Solid Waste Permit to transfer the residential yard debris mixed with food waste to an approved composting facility. For more information on the DEQ permit modification process contact Stephanie Rawson at (503) 229-5562 or via email at [rawson.stephanie@deq.state.or.us](mailto:rawson.stephanie@deq.state.or.us).

#### **For more information**

To review the applicant's existing material recovery facility license and its application to reload residential yard debris mixed with food waste, contact Barb Leslie at (503) 797-1835 or view them online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/recologyfoster](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/recologyfoster)

#### **Where to send comments**

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