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PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON:

APPLICATION OF RECOLOGY OREGON MATERIAL RECOVERY, INC.
TO OPERATE A FOOD WASTE RELOAD FACILITY

Notice Issued: July 14, 2011

Written comments regarding this application may be submitted through 5 p.m. on: August 5, 2011

Applicant: Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc.

Name and location of facility:

Suttle Road Recovery Facility
4044 North Suttle Road
Portland, Oregon 97217

Description of facility/application:

Recology Oregon Material Recovery, Inc. has applied to amend its existing Metro Solid Waste Facility License to accept, consolidate and reload commercial food waste and residential food waste mixed with yard debris at its Suttle Road Recovery Facility. According to the application, the food waste will be received and reloaded inside a new building to be constructed at the subject property. The Suttle Road Recovery Facility is currently authorized by Metro to accept yard debris, wood debris, construction and demolition debris and other non-putrescible materials for recycling.

According to the City of Portland, the subject property is zoned IHch, Heavy Industrial zone with the Environmental Conservation and Aircraft Landing overlay zones. The proposed activity is considered a Waste-Related use by the City of Portland and a conditional use permit was required. On May 16, 2011 the applicant received a conditional use permit that approved the proposed activities with conditions issued by the City of Portland Decision of the Hearings Officer LU 10-203967 CU AD. The City approval did not include the acceptance of commercial food waste at the Suttle Road Recovery Facility.

If approved by Metro, the Suttle Road Recovery Facility will be authorized to accept, consolidate and reload source-separated residential food waste mixed with yard debris. The food waste mixed with yard debris will be delivered to the site in garbage trucks collected from residences that participate in the City of Portland's residential food scrap recycling program. Food waste mixed with yard debris will also be accepted from private self-haulers and the general public. The Suttle Road Recovery Facility will operate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Metro license application submitted by Recology states that the food waste mixed with yard debris will be reloaded within 48 hours of receipt. The reloaded food waste and yard debris will then be transported to a composting facility that is authorized by Metro and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to accept and compost food waste. The Suttle Road Material Recovery Facility is prohibited from composting yard debris or food waste on-site.

The Suttle Road Recovery Facility is owned and operated by Recology, a solid waste management company headquartered in San Francisco, California. Recology is the owner and operator of two other Metro-licensed solid waste facilities in the region and is the contract operator of the Metro Central Transfer Station. The company also operates a composting facility in North Plains, Oregon that is currently in a performance trial with Washington County as a food waste composting operation.



Site Location- Suttle Road Recovery Facility, 4044 N Suttle Road

DEQ public hearing:

The DEQ is evaluating a solid waste permit application for the proposed food waste reloading activity at the Suttle Road Recovery Facility. The DEQ has scheduled a public hearing on a modified DEQ permit for the facility to reload the food waste. The DEQ public hearing is scheduled to be held at the St. Johns Community Center on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Metro staff will also attend the hearing to answer questions about Metro's processing of the license application. For more information on the DEQ public hearing please contact Stephanie Rawson at (503) 229-5562.

For more information:

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