

Request for Comments

Draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan for the new Union, Baker, Wallowa Household Hazardous Waste Program



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The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on the draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan for the new Union, Baker, Wallowa Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program.

DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring operations and emergency response plans for locally operated household hazardous waste collection programs. These approved plans become a part of the permits for currently regulated facilities. In this case these facilities are the Waste Pro Transfer Station in La Grande, the Baker Sanitary Service Landfill in Baker County, and the Ant Flat Landfill in Wallowa County.

Comments due: By no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, September 24, 2010.

Where can I send my comments?

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Where can I get technical information?

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How can I review documents?

You can review electronic versions of the draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan and Review Report at:

[Draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan Review Report](#)

Electronic versions of the attachments are available upon request.

You can review hard copies of the draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan and Review Report at the following locations:

F. Maxine & Thomas W. Cook Memorial Library
2006 Fourth St. La Grande, OR
(541) 962-1339
Hours: Mon. 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tues. – Sat. 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed Sun.

Baker County Public Library
2400 Resort St.
Baker City, OR
(541) 523-6419
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sun. 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Enterprise City Library
101 NE First St.
Enterprise, OR
(541) 426-3906
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed Fri., Sat. and Sun.

or, at the Pendleton DEQ Office at 700 SE Emigrant, Suite 330 in Pendleton, OR. For a review appointment, call Bob Marshall at (541) 228-4600.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to approve an Operations and Emergency Response Plan for the new Union, Baker, Wallowa HHW Program and is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action.

During the comment period the public is invited to make comments on the draft Plan.

Who is the applicant?

Union County Solid Waste District
1106 K. Ave.
La Grande, OR 97850

Where will the facilities for this new Program be located?

Union County Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
Waste Pro Transfer Station
3412 Highway 30
La Grande

Baker County Satellite Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
Baker Sanitary Service Recycling Depot
3048 Campbell St.
Baker City

Wallowa County Satellite Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
Ant Flat Landfill
County Road 593
Enterprise

Who might have an interest?

People who work, live, and recreate in the areas near the proposed facilities.

What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) Chapter 459.415 requires Department approval for a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and the submittal of a proposal, which is represented by this draft Plan.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the Plan?

DEQ has developed a Guidance Document and a Plan template, based on applicable statutes and regulations, which were provided to the Union, Baker, Wallowa Household Hazardous Waste Program. These documents have been utilized by the Program in the development of their draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan which you are now being asked to review.

This draft Plan must comply with federal and state statutes and regulations which apply to locally operated Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs. Once this Plan has been finalized and approved by the DEQ (after this comment period has ended), the final Plan will become part of the following DEQ issued permits: Waste Pro Transfer Station Permit; Baker Sanitary Service Landfill Permit and, the Ant Flat Landfill Permit.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the hazardous materials that will be collected and temporarily stored by this new Program?

Household Hazardous Wastes include a variety of leftover household products that can be harmful to human health and the environment, either in their use and/or their disposal. These leftover products can be toxic, flammable, combustible, corrosive, caustic, reactive or explosive.

Examples include mercury and mercury-containing items, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, solvents, fuels, some types of batteries, and certain cleaning products.

The intent of this Program is to divert these wastes from being landfilled, poured down the drain or on the ground, or being burned in backyard burn barrels.

The implementation of this Program in accordance with this draft Operations and Emergency Response Plan is meant to ensure that the collection and temporary storage of these wastes is protective of human health and the environment.

Compliance history:

Since this is a new Program, there is no compliance history.

What are the special conditions of this Plan?

The Program will:

- Provide initial and on-going training to all Site Managers and Employees involved with the collection and temporary management of these Household Hazardous Wastes;
- Utilize impervious surfaces, berms and secondary containment structures to contain any spilled or leaking wastes;
- Conduct daily inspections to monitor all temporarily stored wastes;
- Store collected wastes for no longer than 180 days at the Permanent Facility;
- Store collected wastes for no longer than 90 days at the Satellite Facilities;
- Contract with a Licensed Hazardous Waste Contractor for the removal and final disposal/treatment/recycling of the collected wastes; and
- Work closely with all area emergency and environmental service responders to ensure that any site accidents, injuries, spills, or other incidents, are promptly responded to and addressed.



What happens next?

DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received at the close of the comment period.

DEQ may modify provisions in the draft Plan based on comments received.

Once the Plan has been finalized, it will be approved in writing by DEQ and added to the current Permits for the Waste Pro Transfer Station, the Baker Sanitary Service Landfill and the Ant Flat Landfill.

The approved Plan will then become an enforceable part of each of these permits.

DEQ will then primarily regulate this new Program against the requirements in this Operations and Emergency Response Plan.

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