

Public Notice: Request for Comments

Proposed Issuance of a Solid Waste Compost Registration Permit for Winter Green Farm, LLC, Lane County

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed registration permit issuance.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a Solid Waste Disposal Site Compost Registration Permit for Winter Green Farm, LLC for a period of not more than 10 years.

Winter Green Farm, LLC, is located on 22481 W. Sheffler Road, in Noti, Oregon. The farm uses biodynamic farming methods to produce organically grown vegetables, fruits and herbs. Acreage is planted for farmers markets, their community farm (CSA), for other specialty crops, and a significant portion is allocated for pasture. A sizeable segment is also designated as natural/wildlife habitat.

The farm has been in existence since 1980 and the operator has been composting on the property for many years. Winter Green Farm composts vegetative material and manures for application on their agricultural fields.

In September 2009, new rules required new and existing compost facilities to submit information to DEQ for an environmental and human health risk assessment which would determine the type of oversight needed for their operations. Winter Green Farm, LLC submitted a timely application.

Based on DEQ's current information, Winter Green Farm, LLC compost operations pose a low risk to the environment and public health. Low risk facilities are required to operate under a Compost Registration Permit.

DEQ is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to specific conditions within the proposed permit.

Who is the applicant?

Winter Green Farm, LLC
89762 Poodle Creek Road
Noti, OR 97461

Where is the facility located?

Winter Green Farm, LLC
22481 W. Sheffler Road
Noti, OR 97461
T17 S, R6 W, S7; Tax Lot 100
44° 06' 49" Latitude, -123° 27' 21" Longitude

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Written Comments due: September 30, 2010, 5:00 pm

Where can I send my comments?

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How can I review documents?

You can review electronic versions here:

- [Permit](#)
- [Evaluation Report](#)

or by going online to:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/news/publicnotices/pn.asp>

You can review the draft permit and permit application at the DEQ Salem Office
750 Front Street NE, Suite 120
Salem, OR 97301.

For a review appointment, call Fran Holman at: (503) 378-5047.

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



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of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities and facilities that may present a potential threat to the environment if not properly managed. DEQ issues composting permits in order to regulate operation of these facilities to minimize nuisance conditions, and/or any impacts to the environment or public health.

Compliance history:

This is a new permit for an existing compost facility. There have been no documented compliance issues at this site.

Who is affected?

Property owners and residents near the facility in Lane County. People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

What other DEQ permits are required?

No additional DEQ permits are currently required.

What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?

No other composting facilities are in the nearby vicinity. However, some agricultural activities occur on surrounding property.

What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 459.205 requires a DEQ permit for any solid waste disposal site. ORS 459.245 authorizes DEQ to issue solid waste disposal site permits. Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340 Division 93-97 provides further clarification of permit issuance requirements.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted substances stored, disposed of, discharged or emitted by the facility?

Improperly managed compost operations have the potential to pollute surface and groundwater and can create objectionable odors. However, DEQ has conducted an environmental screening for Winter Green Farm, LLC compost

operations regarding these concerns and has determined that their operation poses a low environmental risk.

No impacts to groundwater or surface water have been noted and none are anticipated.

How are the permitted substances measured?

The permitted substances are measured by the ton or by the cubic yard.

What are the special conditions of this permit?

The permittee must meet performance standards as stated in Oregon Administrative Rules 340-096-0070 and submit an annual report to DEQ.

What happens next?

DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, DEQ may issue the permit as proposed or modified, or deny the permit.

Participation in rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change the rules or statutes. Ultimately, if a facility meets all current legal requirements, DEQ will issue the permit.

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