

Public Notice: Request for Comments

DEQ Proposes to Renew a Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit for the South County Transfer Station

DEQ invites the public to provide written comment on the proposed renewal permit for the South County Transfer Station.

Notice issued: February 2, 2012.

Summary

Mel's Sanitary Service, Inc. owns and operates a Solid Waste Transfer Station under a DEQ Solid Waste Disposal Site permit #494. On September 12, 2012, DEQ received a permit renewal application from Mel's Sanitary Service.

DEQ proposes to renew the South County Transfer Station Solid Waste Disposal Site permit for Mel's Sanitary Service.

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 permits for certain activities. DEQ issues permits to regulate the type and amount of waste disposed at a regulated facility.

How can I participate?

Submit written comments to DEQ by mail, fax or email.

Written comments due:

Written comments due: 5 p.m. on March 12, 2012.

Where can I send my comments or get technical information?

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Where can I get background information?

Information about this project is viewable online:

- [Draft Permit](#)
- [Review Report](#)
- [Open burn approval letter](#)

You can review hard copies of the draft permit and related documents at the Columbia Gorge DEQ office located at 400 E Scenic Dr., Suite #307, The Dalles, Oregon. For a review appointment, call Liz Clark at 541-278-7255, ext. 221.

What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to renew the South County Transfer Station Solid Waste Disposal Site permit for Mel's Sanitary Service. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to specific conditions within the proposed permit.

Permit expiration

Upon issuance, this permit will be effective for ten (10) years, expiring on March 20, 2022. Oregon law requires facilities with a solid waste permit to apply for renewal of that permit prior to permit expiration.

Who is the applicant?

Mel's Sanitary Service, Inc.
PO Box 248
Tygh Valley, OR 97063

Where is the facility located?

57590 Yew Drive; Tygh Valley, Oregon

Who might have an interest?

Property owners and residents in the vicinity of the facility.

What does the South County Transfer Station do that affects land quality?

Solid wastes have the potential to contaminate storm water and groundwater if improperly managed.

Proper collection and management of these wastes, in strict compliance with Federal, State and DEQ Permit requirements, will avoid the potential for harmful health and environmental impacts.



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What legal requirements apply?

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 459 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 93 give DEQ the authority to issue permits.

How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type of facility, the type and amount of waste disposed and the location of the facility. All applicable regulations must be contained in the permit, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.

What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the solid waste disposed of at the South County Transfer Station?

Solid waste can transmit diseases to humans through transmission by vectors such as birds and insects. Proper operation of the transfer station which complies with permit requirements and their approved operations plan will limit any health or environmental impacts from the facility.

How are the permitted substances measured?

By tons of waste received.

Compliance history:

No compliance issues have been documented for this facility during the current permit period.

What are the distinguishing conditions of this permit?

The permit allows the temporary storage of solid waste and recyclables at this site. The facility is

also allowed to open burn clean wood and land clearing debris 3 times per year under controlled conditions. Periodically, all waste and recyclables are to be removed from the site and disposed at a DEQ permitted solid waste disposal site and, in the case of recyclables, transported to consolidation facilities or directly to markets.

What other DEQ permits are required?

None.

What happens next?

DEQ will consider and provide responses to all comments received by the close of the comment period and may modify provisions in the proposed renewal permit as a result of these comments.

DEQ can only modify conditions of the permit in accordance with state regulations. Participation in the legislative or rulemaking process is the only way to change these statutes or rules. If a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the facility's permit.

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