

Recycling Modernization Act: Limited Sort Facility Listening Session Meeting Summary

Dec. 19, 2024: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (PT)



Schedule

1:00 p.m.	Welcome Justin Gast with DEQ opened the listening session with a welcome and an overview of the agenda.
1:05 p.m.	LSF permitting process Justin and Steven Chang (in DEQ's NW Region) provided context behind the need to define limited sort facility, reminding attendees that LSFs are not considered commingled recycling processing facilities, per ORS 459A.863(3)(b) and OAR 340-096-0300(2). Justin then provided the definition of a LSF upstream and downstream of a CRPF, per 340-093-0030(65). Steven then walked attendees through the differences between a reload facility, a LSF and a CRPF, including the requirements for each facility in the RMA system. Steven also provided details of the permitting process for facilities that may or may not already hold a current Transfer Station/MRF Disposal Site permit. It should be noted that, unlike the new CRPF permit program, the LSF permit will not be a new standalone permit. Any facility being permitted as a LSF will be permitted under DEQ's existing Transfer Station/MRF Disposal Site permit, which will recognize the new LSF permit requirements. If a facility looking to be permitted as a LSF is already operating under an existing TS/MRF permit, that facility will have their existing permit amended to recognize the new LSF requirements. DEQ then answered questions from attendees related to the permitting process, most notably answering a couple questions related to newly approved rule language that establishes a February 1, 2025 deadline for application submittal from existing facilities that are already operating in a manner that would make the facility a LSF or from facilities that know now they want to become a LSF.
1:20 p.m.	LSF permit program requirements Steven addressed all requirements under the new LSF permit program, requirements that take effect as of July 1, 2025. These requirements include the outbound contamination rate performance standard; use of responsible end-markets, including screening/verification of those markets; quarterly material disposition reporting; reporting and recordkeeping requirements; environmental and public health standards; and, handling of construction and facility modifications (environmental and public health standards and construction/modification requirements already exist under DEQ's current TS/MRF permit). DEQ then answered a couple questions from attendees.

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1:35 p.m.	PRO funding Justin reminded attendees that reload facilities and limited sort facilities (as long as the LSF is also operating as a reload facility) are eligible for transportation cost reimbursement funding from the producer responsibility organization, but not funding associated with the Processor Commodity Risk Fee and the Contamination Management Fee. Justin also addressed newly approved rule language that allows a PRO to no longer be responsible for covering costs described in [459A.890(3), .929(1) and .959] if the PRO is undertaking a DEQ-approved contamination evaluation procedure to meet the requirements of ORS 459A.929(2)(b). The exception to this is any costs the PRO and the local government or a local government's service provider have agreed the PRO will fund or reimburse. There were no questions related to PRO funding.
1:45 p.m.	Open discussion There were no questions from participants.
2:30 p.m.	Public input There was no public comment.
2:35 p.m.	Adjourn

Meeting Attendees

Justin Gast, DEQ	Heather Bucher, Waste Connections	Sal Navarro, Republic Services
Steven Chang, DEQ	Joe Wonderlick, Waste Connections	Erica Haitisma, Republic Services
Caitlyn Peake, DEQ	Breeana Sheffield, Waste Connections	Kenneth Larson, Republic Services
Audrey O'Brien, DEQ	Vinod Singh, Far West Recycling	Travis Comfort, Republic Services
Bob Barrows, DEQ	Frank Nelson, Recology	Brian Oatway, Republic Services
Cat Rhoades, DEQ	Dutch Daetwiler, Recology	Dave Larmouth, Dahl Disposal
Colin Teem, DEQ	Brendan Flath, Recology	Rich Kuehn, Dahl Disposal
Craig Filip, DEQ	Kade Klienstuber, Recology	Lexi Howell, North Lincoln Sanitary Service
Telicia Hixson, DEQ	Fred Hanks, Recology	Mike McHenry, Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc.
Marissa Meyer, DEQ	Dan Blue, Recology	Kristin Leichner, Pride Disposal & Recycling
Laurie Gordon, DEQ	Russ Goff, WM	Bruce Heiberg, Heiberg Garbage and Recycling
Justin DeMaagd, DEQ	Rob Jones, WM	Angie Marzano, Lane County
Jeff Murray, EFI	Ariel Oliver, WM	Kennedy Jantzi, Marion Resource Recovery Facility
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Jason Hudson, Waste Connections	Robin Schaefer, Bulk Handling Systems	Hannah Carleson, City of Portland
Jody Snyder, Waste Connections	Jim Webb, Bulk Handling Systems	Beth Vargas Duncan, Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association
Laura Leebrick, Waste Connections	Gary Weber, Bulk Handling Systems	Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling Association
Aaron Donley, Waste Connections	Marina Stuckey, Bulk Handling Systems	Greg Ryan, Circular Action Alliance
Nathan Smith, Waste Connections	Philip Dodson, Bulk Handling Systems	Joel Schoening, RRS
Kevin Miracle, Waste Connections	Mark Andersen, Bulk Handling Systems	Sun Mor, Frog and Toad Hauling
Jim Winterbottom, Waste Connections	Matt Glastetter, Westrock	Sarah Glathar, GeoEngineers
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