

# Notice of Public Hearing – June 3, 2009

## Public comment period and public hearing for a proposed Solid Waste Permit for Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery (TVWR)



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

**Notice issued:** May 4, 2009

**Hearing date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2009

**Hearing time:** 6 p.m.

**Hearing location:**

Hillsboro Public Library, Main Branch  
2850 NE Brookwood Parkway  
Hillsboro, OR 97124-5327

**Written comments due:**

5 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2009

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to make oral comments on this proposed permit issuance at a public hearing. You may also comment in writing during the public comment period.

### What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a Solid Waste Material Recovery Facility (MRF) permit for TVWR.

### Permit expiration:

This permit will expire June 30, 2017.

### Who is the applicant?

Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery, Inc., a subsidiary of Hillsboro Landfill, Inc., a Waste Management Company.

### Where is the facility located?

3205 SE Minter Bridge Road  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

### Who might have an interest?

People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

### 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. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 459 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 93 and 96 give DEQ the authority to regulate solid waste facilities and issue permits.

### If I can't attend the hearing, where can I send my comments?

TVWR Comments  
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### Where can I get background information?

Visit these DEQ website links:  
[Permit Evaluation Report](#)  
[Draft Permit](#)

You may also review file copies of the draft permit and related documents at the DEQ Northwest Region office in Portland. For a review appointment, contact Holly Pence at (503) 229-5353, or e-mail [Pence.Holly@deq.state.or.us](mailto:Pence.Holly@deq.state.or.us)

### What will TVWR do that may affect land quality?

This is a new facility, with construction in progress. TVWR will accept materials with a high percentage of recyclables, including wood, concrete, asphalt, metal, yard wastes, glass, and electronics waste. Commercial and industrial customers as well as the general public will use this facility.

### What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the wastes handled by TVWR?

If managed improperly, solid waste facilities can expose the surrounding environment to

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pollutants such as dust, debris, metals and oil, and can harbor nuisance conditions such as odors, noise, and rodents.

**How does DEQ determine what requirements go in the permit?**

Various federal and state regulations apply to a facility depending on the type of industry, the type and amount of wastes disposed or handled, and the location of the facility. The permit must address all applicable regulations, including the appropriate recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting requirements to ensure compliance with these rules.

**What other information about this company is related to this permit?**

Waste Management, Inc., is based in Houston, TX, and is one of the largest companies in the industry. Waste Management owns or operates numerous other disposal and recycling facilities.

**Compliance history:**

This is a new facility, with construction in progress. The facility is using DEQ-approved temporary materials-sorting procedures. DEQ inspections show that the facility is operating according to DEQ requirements and best management practices. No violations have been recorded to date.

**What other DEQ permits are required?**

No other DEQ permits are needed for TVWR under current operating plans. Its parent operation, Hillsboro Landfill, holds current Solid Waste

Permit #112, Stormwater GEN1200-Z NPDES permit, and Air Quality Permit #34-0004-SI-01. HLI is in compliance with these permits.

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

The Hillsboro Landfill operates on the same property. The site is surrounded by residences and farmland. The Tualatin River borders the property on the southwest.

**What happens after the hearing?**

After the comment period closes, DEQ will respond to all comments received. DEQ may modify provisions in the permit, but only in accordance with existing rules and laws. Participation in the rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change those rules or laws. If a facility meets all legal requirements, DEQ will issue the permit.

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