

Grimm's Fuel Company October 30, 2018

Compost facilities in Metro region

Balancing business and local community needs with the need to preserve composting capacity in the region.



Community Conversation May 7, 2018

Panelists included:

- Metro
- DEQ
- City of Tualatin
- Washington County Health and Human Services
- Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.



Oregon Air

"We can move forward towards a solution that protects our air quality while also allowing Grimm's to continue providing a valuable service for our community, our region, and our planet."

- Brett Hamilton, Oregon Air President, neighbor



CASE (Clean Air Safe Environment)

"All we are asking for is for Grimm's to modernize its operations so as to eliminate dust and odor beyond its property boundaries. Our neighborhoods deserve the clean air."

- Ted Saedi, CASE President, neighbor



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"While it is impossible to operate a composting facility without producing some odors, we are confident that an aerated system will further lessen our impacts and we look forward to working with Metro, DEQ, and our neighbors to achieve this goal."

- Jeff Grimm, General Manager, Grimm's Fuel Company



February 7, 2018

Green Mountain Technologies performing field audits with Metro observing.



Proposed amendments

- Pile height limit of 14' by December 31, 2019
- Must design, operate and maintain an aeration system
- Cover required for aerobic active composting piles
- Adequate bulk density required within piles
- Disturbance of the materials prohibited within 15 days upon placement in aerobic active composting piles
- Must establish training program including continuing education

Proposed amendments (continued)

- Air over processing equipment must be captured and treated
- Oxygen levels must be monitored and recorded in aerobic active composting piles
- Temperature levels must be monitored and recorded in composting piles
- Composting monitoring parameters must be tracked and recorded
- Pathogen reduction must be achieved on all compost processed at the facility
- The facility must establish a community engagement plan

Due dates

- Fire Code 40' pile heights January 1, 2019
- Updated operating plan January 31, 2019
- Community engagement plan March 4, 2019
- Fire Code pile heights April 30, 2019
- Metro 14' pile height December 31, 2019

Bark chip cover placed on pile as temporary odor control measure



Air capture and treatment system (bio-filter) under construction



Air capture and treatment system



October 25, 2018 – piles reduced in volume

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