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RE: Public Comment on Grimm's Fuel Company, Inc. Solid Waste Facility License Renewal

The City of Tualatin appreciates the opportunity to comment on Grimm's application to renew its license. The Tualatin community has lived side-by-side with Grimm's Fuel for decades, at various times and seasons Tualatin residents have experienced episodes of foul odor emanating from Grimm's Fuel, generating myriad complaints to the City, Metro, and DEQ. The issue came to a head in 2018 when odor events were increasingly noxious, lengthy, and regular. The Tualatin City Council was inundated with hundreds of complaints about the smell. It was the subject of numerous neighborhood meetings, letter-writing campaigns, and research into industry trends.

In response to the outpouring of community feedback, Metro required Grimm's to install an aerated static pile system. That, along with the other measures required during the license renewal process, drastically reduced the foul odor that caused severe livability issues in and around the Grimm's facility. By all accounts, odor control at the facility has been outstanding, for which the entire community is thankful.

We strongly encourage that neither of the requirements be modified as requested. No one wants to be back where we were in 2018. The investments in the Grimm's facility have paid off, returning quality of life to the surrounding community, and it is imperative that the status quo be maintained, if not enhanced.

Of particular concern is the request to remove the 12-inch bio-cover requirement. In the materials that Green Mountain Technologies submitted they recommend that "*enough bio-cover materials be readily available to apply if conditions change and a persistent offsite odor event occurs.*" Instead of being proactive, as has been the case, that recommendation is reactive, suggesting that the piles would be covered in the case of a "persistent offsite odor event." The Tualatin community deserves better than a plan that reacts only after an event occurs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Frank Bubenik

Mayor