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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ROOFING AND BUILDING DEMOLITION/REHABILITATION WASTE AT DESCHUTES COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires that all solid waste landfill and transfer station operating plans include procedures to assure that Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) are identified and properly managed at authorized solid waste disposal sites. In accordance with DEQ regulations, certain categories of buildings must be inspected for the presence of ACM prior to any demolition/rehabilitation activities. The DEQ's Building Survey Requirements apply to "All facility owners, including but not limited to manufacturing facilities, public and private building owners, commercial facilities, apartment complexes, residential units with more than four dwelling units, etc., undertaking a demolition or renovation project..." Please refer to the DEQ asbestos web page at www.deq.state.or.us/aq/asbestos/index.htm for additional information on the DEQ's Building Survey Requirements.

It is important to note that the DEQ's Building Survey Requirements do not apply to residential buildings or manufactured homes with four or fewer dwelling units or single family homes. **However, for acceptance at Knott Landfill, ACM must still be identified, isolated and properly handled and managed through the demolition/construction and waste disposal process, regardless as to the nature of its origin to protect the environment and human health, including that of your property occupants and contractors and our customers and staff.** Waste being generated from ANY building demolition or renovation work involving buildings constructed prior to 1990, including single-family homes and manufactured homes, **MUST** be screened for ACM prior to disposal at Knott Landfill or any of Deschutes County's solid waste transfer stations.

Should your building survey or waste screening process identify ACM, it can be accepted at Knott Landfill as a special waste. There are pre-delivery and packaging/handling procedures for the acceptance of ACM at Knott Landfill. Specific details and forms for the acceptance of asbestos are available on the Solid Waste Department website at <http://www.deschutes.org/solidwaste/page/hazardous-waste-management>.

Please note that waste delivered to Deschutes County solid waste facilities is subject to mandatory hazardous waste screening inspections, including random sampling and testing for ACM. If any suspect waste is observed, it is the responsibility of the generator to remove any materials deemed hazardous or demonstrate, at the generator's expense, that suspect material is not a hazardous waste or ACM. The County's operating permit also requires that the County notify the DEQ should a prohibited waste be discovered at any of its facilities for possible enforcement action against the waste generator.

For questions on ACM or hazardous waste regulations and requirements, please contact the Oregon DEQ at (541) 388-6146 or visit their Asbestos Program webpage at: www.deq.state.or.us/aq/asbestos/index.htm. The DEQ's webpage has a variety of publications on the handling and management of ACM as well as lists of consulting firms and inspectors qualified to perform building surveys and ACM identification.