I've talked with the PMT about this and they are in support of adding a category in the $1000 matrix for solid waste violations. This category would apply very similar to the "residential owner-occupant" as in open burning, but we need to adjust the language a bit to allow for those owner-occupants that also collect some solid waste as a way to support themselves (primarily scrap metal), so they may have a few vehicles, appliances, and an excess of things that would normally come from one household. These are really more appropriately county code enforcement issues that DEQ has started responding to in counties that can no longer afford to do that work.

We (the PMT, SW staff, and me) haven't been able to come up with the perfect label for this category of folks yet, but if you need a placeholder now, let's start with:

"Any violation of ORS Chapter 459 or other solid waste statute, rule, or related order committed at a residence by the owner or occupant of the residence."

I think this language may be a bit too inclusive, but considering that respondents at residential properties with solid waste violations are almost never financially able to correct the violation, let alone the penalty, I'd rather err on this side of things. There's always the $8K matrix for "a person that has or should have a solid waste disposal permit," which could be used for the largest-scale operations that are taking in significant quantities of especially commercial waste from off-site or are operating a "legitimate" business at the residence.

Your thoughts are welcome!! If we have time for roundtable, I'll bring this up at the next staff meeting in hopes that others might have suggestions.

Thanks,
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